
SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8406

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Snyder, McCaslin, Franklin and Goings)

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1 WHEREAS, On January 8, 1993, Grant Anderson was sworn in as a judge
2 for the Superior Court of the State of Washington, Pierce County; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1989, then-attorney Anderson became personal
4 representative for the estate of Charles Hoffman, the assets of which
5 estate included Pacific Lanes, Inc., owner of a Tacoma bowling alley;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Commission on Judicial Conduct concluded under a
8 clear, cogent, and convincing evidence standard that Judge Anderson
9 violated several Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct concerning his
10 actions as personal representative by: (1) Failing to remove himself
11 as president of two corporations owned by the Hoffman estate while he
12 served as a judge; (2) accepting compensation from the purchaser of an
13 estate asset; and (3) failing to report such compensation to the Public
14 Disclosure Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, On April 3, 1998, the Commission on Judicial Conduct
16 ordered that Judge Anderson be censured; and recommended that the
17 Supreme Court suspend Judge Anderson for four months without pay; and

18 WHEREAS, The Legislature maintains the authority to remove a judge
19 from office under Article IV, Section 9 of the State Constitution;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
21 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the

1 respective House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, either
2 individually or jointly at their discretion, shall report to the
3 Legislature by March 31, 1999, to recommend whether the Legislature
4 should commence proceedings under Article IV, Section 9 to remove Judge
5 Anderson, and, if so recommended, to set forth charges that may be
6 incorporated into a joint resolution.

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