
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8404

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By Senators Honeyford and Schmidt

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1 WHEREAS, The commission on judicial conduct works to protect the
2 integrity of the judicial process and to promote public confidence in
3 the courts; and
4 WHEREAS, The public interest requires a fair and reasonable process
5 to address judicial conduct and disability;
6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
7 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
8 select committee on judicial conduct be established to review the
9 conduct of investigations and hearings, the timeliness and scope of
10 investigations and processes, the rules of evidence used during the
11 hearings, and the application of judicial conduct rules to part-time
12 judges and those from different courts; and
13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of the following
14 members: One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the
15 Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and one member from
16 each of the two largest caucuses of the House of Representatives,
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
18 committee shall invite participation as full, voting members of the
19 committee a justice of the Supreme Court or the court of appeals,
20 recommended by the chief justice of the Supreme Court; a Superior Court

1 judge, selected by the Superior Court judges' association; a district
2 or municipal court judge, selected by the Washington state district and
3 municipal court judges' association; and two lawyers admitted to
4 practice in the state of Washington selected by the state bar
5 association; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff support be provided by senate
7 committee services judiciary committee staff; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
9 conclusions to the legislature at the 2004 regular session.

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