2023 SESSION

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 17.1-905 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Judicial Inquiry and 3 Review Commission; annual report; breach of Canons of Judicial Conduct; disciplinary action.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

7 1. That § 17.1-905 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: 8

§ 17.1-905. Annual report.

9 On or before December 1 of each year, the Commission shall publish a report detailing the activities 10 of the Commission for the prior year. The report shall include the number of complaints filed with the Commission; the number of complaints originating from attorneys, judges, court employees, or the 11 12 general public; the number of complaints dismissed based on (i) failure to fall within the jurisdiction of 13 the Commission, (ii) failure to state a violation of the Canons of Judicial Conduct, or (iii) failure of the Commission to reach a conclusion that the Canons were breached; the number of complaints for which 14 15 the Commission concluded that the Canons of Judicial Conduct were breached; and the number of cases from which the staff or any member of the Commission recused himself due to an actual or possible 16 conflict. The report shall also include (a) the name of any judge who the Commission concluded 17 18 breached the Canons of Judicial Conduct and took disciplinary action against as a result of such 19 conclusion, if the date on which the Commission reached such conclusion was after the previous annual 20 report was published; (b) the specific Canons of Judicial Conduct breached by such judge; and (c) the 21 disciplinary action taken against such judge by the Commission.

2. That the provisions of this act shall apply only to disciplinary actions taken on or after July 1, 22 23 2023.

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