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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 676)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 9, 2022)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to access to confidential records of the
2 commission on judicial qualifications by standing committees
3 of the general assembly.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 602.2103, Code 2022, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **602.2103 Operation of commission.**

4 A quorum of the commission is four members. Only those
5 commission members that are present at commission meetings
6 or hearings may vote. An application by the commission to
7 the supreme court to retire, discipline, or remove a judicial
8 officer, or discipline or remove an employee of the judicial
9 branch, or an action by the commission which affects the final
10 disposition of a complaint, requires the affirmative vote of
11 at least four commission members. Notwithstanding [chapter 21](#)
12 and [chapter 22](#), all records, papers, proceedings, meetings,
13 and hearings of the commission are confidential, but if the
14 commission applies to the supreme court to retire, discipline,
15 or remove a judicial officer, or to discipline or remove an
16 employee of the judicial branch, the application and all of the
17 records and papers in that proceeding are public documents.
18 If an investigation by any standing committee of the general
19 assembly is undertaken pursuant to section 2.15, subsection
20 1, paragraph "b", related to a charge that was brought before
21 the commission, the standing committee shall have access to
22 confidential information held by the commission, including
23 all documents and actions taken regarding the issue under
24 investigation by the standing committee.