HOUSE FILE 2485
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 676)

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

A BILL FOR

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

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

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

602.2103 Operation of commission.

A quorum of the commission is four members. Only those commission members that are present at commission meetings or hearings may vote. An application by the commission to the supreme court to retire, discipline, or remove a judicial officer, or discipline or remove an employee of the judicial branch, or an action by the commission which affects the final disposition of a complaint, requires the affirmative vote of at least four commission members. Notwithstanding chapter 21 and chapter 22, all records, papers, proceedings, meetings, and hearings of the commission are confidential, but if the commission applies to the supreme court to retire, discipline, or remove a judicial officer, or to discipline or remove an employee of the judicial branch, the application and all of the records and papers in that proceeding are public documents. If an investigation by any standing committee of the general assembly is undertaken pursuant to section 2.15, subsection 1, paragraph "b", related to a charge that was brought before the commission, the standing committee shall have access to confidential information held by the commission, including all documents and actions taken regarding the issue under investigation by the standing committee.