

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1138

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to call a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives to consider and act upon the recommendation to remove Andrewnetta Melissa Boyd of Shelby County from the office of Criminal Court Judge in the Thirtieth Judicial District as provided in Article VI, Section 6 of the Tennessee Constitution.

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 6 of the Tennessee Constitution provides:

"Judges and Attorneys for the State may be removed from office by a concurrent vote of both Houses of the General Assembly, each House voting separately; but two-thirds of the members to which each House may be entitled must concur in such vote. The vote shall be determined by ayes and noes, and the names of the members voting for or against the Judge or Attorney for the State together with the cause or causes of removal, shall be entered on the Journals of each House respectively. The Judge or Attorney for the State, against whom the Legislature may be about to proceed, shall receive notice thereof accompanied with a copy of the causes alleged for his removal, at least ten days before the day on which either House of the General Assembly shall act thereupon."; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 25, 2024, the Board of Judicial Conduct recommended that Judge Andrewnetta Melissa Boyd of Shelby County be removed from the office of Criminal Court Judge in the Thirtieth Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2024, the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives appointed Ad Hoc Committees to review the recommendation of the Board; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2024, the Ad Hoc Committees met and unanimously recommended that Judge Boyd be removed from office for cause, the causes being the circumstances enumerated in the January 25, 2024, letter from the Board and information presented at the March 14, 2024, hearing; and

WHEREAS, the reports of the Ad Hoc Committees have been filed with the respective Clerks, and it is appropriate for the Senate and House of Representatives to consider and act upon the recommendation to remove Judge Boyd from office at this time; and

WHEREAS, Judge Boyd may attend the joint convention and present oral argument in her defense; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the House of Representatives and the Senate meet in joint convention on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) in the chamber of the House of Representatives to consider and act upon the recommendation to remove Andrewnetta Melissa Boyd of Shelby County from the office of Criminal Court Judge in the Thirtieth Judicial District as provided in Article VI, Section 6 of the Tennessee Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the reports of the Ad Hoc Committees be forwarded to Judge Andrewnetta Melissa Boyd and her counsel of record.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be prepared and forwarded to Judge Andrewnetta Melissa Boyd and her counsel of record.