

# State of Tennessee

# **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 922**

## HOUSE BILL NO. 2931

#### By Mr. Speaker Sexton and Representative Howell

#### Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2793

### By Senators Gardenhire, Mr. Speaker McNally, Taylor

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16 and Title 17, relative to the board of judicial conduct.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 17-5-303, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

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(1) Prior to entering into a deferred discipline agreement, the investigative panel must require the judge to sign an affidavit stating that:

(A) The judge consents to the recommendation of the investigative panel;

(B) The consent is freely and voluntarily rendered;

(C) There is a pending proceeding involving allegations of misconduct, which must be specifically set forth in the affidavit; and

(D) The facts set forth in the affidavit are true.

(2) The affidavit must be filed with the board upon its approval by the investigative or hearing panel.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ April 15, 2024

CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this  $3^{1}$  day of Muy\_\_\_\_ 2024

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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR