

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
2 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

3 (1) That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee or
4 statutory committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to study the structure,
5 duties, and operation of the Judicial Standards Commission.

6 (2) That the Legislative Audit Committee be requested to prioritize a performance audit of the Judicial
7 Standards Commission to determine whether the commission is effectively and efficiently processing
8 complaints against judicial officers.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee study:

10 (1) review the history, structure, and operation of the Judicial Standards Commission and other topics
11 selected by the interim committee;

12 (2) examine methods used by other states to resolve complaints against judicial officers; and

13 (3) involve the public and other stakeholders identified by the committee.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Legislative Audit Committee conducts an audit of the Judicial
15 Standards Commission, the interim committee assigned to conduct the interim study also reviews the resulting
16 audit report and requests legislation, if needed, to enact any recommendations from the audit.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the interim committee study is assigned to staff, any findings or
18 conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the interim committee study and the performance
20 audit, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2022.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
22 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 68th Legislature.

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