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Referred: Judiciary

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 722

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the Commission on Judicial Qualifi-  
7 cations."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 22.30.010 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 22.30.010. COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS. The  
11 commission on judicial qualifications [COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL QUALIFI-  
12 CATIONS] shall be known as the commission on judicial conduct and shall  
13 consist of nine members as follows: one justice of the supreme court,  
14 elected by the justices of the supreme court; three judges of the  
15 superior court, elected by the judges of the superior court; one judge  
16 of the district court, elected by the judges of the district court; two  
17 members who have practiced law in this state for 10 years, appointed by  
18 the governing body of the organized bar; and two citizens who are not  
19 judges, retired judges, or members of the state bar, appointed by the  
20 governor and subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of  
21 the legislature in joint session. Commission membership terminates if  
22 a member ceases to hold the position that qualified him for appointment.  
23 No person may serve on the commission and on the Judicial Council simul-  
24 taneously. The commission [COMMISSION] shall elect one of its members  
25 to serve as chairman for a term prescribed by the commission. A vacancy  
26 shall be filled by the appointing power for the remainder of the term.

27 \* Sec. 2. AS 22.30.070(c)(2) is amended to read:

28 (2) admonish, reprimand, censure or remove a judge for action  
29 occurring not more than six years before the commencement of his current

1 term which constitutes wilful misconduct in the office, wilful and per-  
2 sistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conduct  
3 in violation of any of the provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct as  
4 promulgated by rule of the supreme court, or conduct prejudicial to the  
5 administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.

6 \* Sec. 3. AS 22.30.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (f) If the commission finds that an incident of misconduct is not  
8 of sufficient gravity to require action under (c) of this section, it  
9 may privately admonish or reprimand the judicial officer involved, sub-  
10 ject however, to his right of appeal to the supreme court if he is un-  
11 willing to accept the admonition or reprimand.

12 \* Sec. 4. AS 22.30.080(1) is amended to read:

13 (1) "commission" means the Commission on Judicial Conduct  
14 [QUALIFICATIONS] provided for in sec. 10, art. IV, Constitution of the  
15 State of Alaska and this chapter;  
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