
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the judiciary commission's authority with respect to reviewing the deliberative process of judges and other matters.

Present law (Const. Art. V, §25) provides for the censure, suspension, removal from office, or forced retirement of a judge found guilty of willful misconduct; willful and persistent failure to perform his duties; or persistent and public conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute, malfeasance in office, conduct while in office which would constitute a felony, or conviction of a felony.

Present law (R.S. 13:32 et seq.) provides for a judiciary commission charged with the duties of conducting investigations and hearings related to allegations of misconduct by a judge.

Present law (R.S. 13:36) authorizes the judiciary commission to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, examine witnesses under oath, and require the production of books, records or documents that are relevant to an investigation or hearing related to allegations of misconduct by a judge.

Proposed law retains present law but prohibits the judiciary commission from reviewing a decision made during the deliberative process, a discretionary determination, or the outcome of any application of law to the facts.

Proposed law provides for retroactive and prospective application.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:36)