

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3150

To amend chapter 16 of title 28, United States Code with respect to the effect of a vacancy of office on complaints against judges.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2025

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ROSS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend chapter 16 of title 28, United States Code with respect to the effect of a vacancy of office on complaints against judges.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transparency and Re-
5 sponsibility in Upholding Standards in the Judiciary Act”
6 or the “TRUST Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECT OF A VACANCY OF OFFICE ON COMPLAINTS**
2 **AGAINST JUDGES.**

3 (a) REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS BY CHIEF JUDGE.—
4 Section 352 of title 28, United States Code, is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) EFFECT OF VACANCY OF OFFICE.—The resigna-
7 tion, retirement from office under chapter 17, or death
8 of a judge who is the subject of a complaint under section
9 351 shall not be grounds for—

10 “(1) dismissing the complaint under subsection
11 (b)(1); or

12 “(2) concluding that action on the complaint is
13 no longer necessary under subsection (b)(2).”.

14 (b) SPECIAL COMMITTEES.—Section 353(c) of title
15 28, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) by striking “Each committee” and inserting
17 the following:

18 “(1) INVESTIGATION.—Each committee”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(2) EFFECT OF VACANCY OF OFFICE.—Each
21 committee appointed under subsection (a) shall com-
22 plete the investigation and file a report under para-
23 graph (1) without regard to the resignation, retire-
24 ment from office under chapter 17, or death of the

1 judge whose conduct is the subject of the com-
2 plaint.”.

