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- Tennessee Lawmakers Mull Judge Melissa Boyd's Removal After Substance Abuse Admission (BNN Breaking, 2/28/2024)
  - Judge Melissa Boyd in Tennessee faces potential removal due to her admission of substance abuse issues. State House of Representatives Speaker Cameron Sexton and Lt. Gov. Randy McNally have appointed committees to scrutinize the Board of Judicial Conduct's findings and recommendations regarding Boyd, highlighting the principles of legislative oversight and judicial accountability. The scheduled meeting on March 7 is anticipated to be a pivotal moment, with Judge Boyd granted the right to be present and have legal representation.
- After second botched execution this year, Dems call for legislative oversight, GOP for change (Tennessee Lookout, 10/2/2026)
  - After Tennessee's second failed execution in five months, lawmakers from both parties called for changes, while Gov. Bill Lee paused executions through the end of 2026 and ordered an independent review. Senate Minority Leader Raumesh Akbari urged the General Assembly to exercise oversight of the Department of Correction, arguing that an outside review cannot replace legislative scrutiny of execution protocols. Republican Sen. Tom Hatcher, who chairs a

Senate corrections subcommittee, supported the review and said lawmakers should consider changes to death penalty laws, including alternatives to lethal injection.