IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 02-___9060

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

On this day the Court considered the Agreed Motion for Order of Abatement filed by the Commission and Respondent regarding Misc. Docket No. 02-9023 and Misc. Docket No. 02-9003.

The Court is of the opinion that such motion should be granted. It is therefore ordered that the suspension matter pending before this Court is hereby abated for a period not to exceed six (6) months, pending further action requesting relief by the Commission, with an opportunity for Judge Chisum to file a response.

As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

With the Seal thereof affixed at the

City of Austin

day of March, 2002 This_7

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AGREED MOTION FOR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

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TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

COME NOW the undersigned counsel for the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (hereinafter the "Commission") and Respondent's counsel, and request that this Honorable Court abate making any decision on the Commission's December 18, 2001 request that the Court suspend, with pay, the Honorable Billy Ray Chisum, Justice of the Peace for Precincts 1 and 2, Leakey, Real County, Texas, and would show the Court as follows:

The Commission and Respondent have entered into an agreement whereby Judge Chisum has agreed to take a voluntary leave of absence from his responsibilities as judge and to cooperate with the Commission and its *Amicus Curiae* Board in an effort to resolve the issues presently pending before the Commission in CJC No. 02-0172-JP. In conjunction with Judge Chisum's voluntary leave of absence, the parties have obtained the written consent of the Real County Judge and Commissioners who have agreed to accommodate Judge Chisum during the period of his absence from the bench.

In an effort to facilitate compliance with the terms and conditions of such agreement, the parties respectfully request that this Honorable Court abate the suspension case currently pending before it until such time as the Commission determines whether Judge Chisum's efforts to work with the Commission and its *Amicus Curiae* Board have, or have not, been successful.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the undersigned counsel for the Commission and for Respondent respectfully request that this Honorable Court issue an order of abatement in the suspension case pending against Judge Billy Ray Chisum, for a period not to exceed six (6) months, pending further action requesting relief by the Commission, with an opportunity for Judge Chisum to file a response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the "Agreed Motion for Order of Abatement" has been sent to Judge Billy Ray Chisum, by and through his attorney of record, John R. Gladney, Arena Tower Two, 7324 Southwest Freeway, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77074, on this the day of February, 2002, via facsimile transmission and certified mail, return receipt requested.

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The Supreme Court of Texas

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RE: Inquiry Concerning CJC No. 02-0172-JP.

The agreed motion for abatement in the referenced matter was this day granted by the Court. A copy of the order is enclosed.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk