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SENATE BILL 5247

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By Senators Spanel and Haugen; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

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1            AN ACT Relating to superior court judicial positions; amending RCW  
2 2.08.065; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.065 and 1999 c 245 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            There shall be in the county of Grant, three judges of the superior  
7 court; in the county of Okanogan, two judges of the superior court; in  
8 the county of Mason, two judges of the superior court; in the county of  
9 Thurston, eight judges of the superior court; in the counties of  
10 Pacific and Wahkiakum jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the  
11 counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens jointly, two judges of the  
12 superior court; ~~((and))~~ in the ~~((counties))~~ county of San Juan one  
13 judge of the superior court; and in the county of Island ~~((jointly))~~,  
14 two judges of the superior court.

15            NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The two judicial positions serving San Juan  
16 and Island counties jointly are allocated to Island county effective  
17 the date upon which the judge for San Juan county superior court

1 assumes office. The additional judicial position created by section 1  
2 of this act is allocated to San Juan county and becomes effective only  
3 if:

4 (1) San Juan county, through its duly constituted legislative  
5 authority, documents its approval of the additional position and its  
6 agreement that it will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement  
7 from the state, the expenses of the additional judicial position as  
8 provided by state law or the state Constitution; and

9 (2) Island county, through its duly constituted legislative  
10 authority, documents its approval and its agreement that it will pay  
11 out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state, the expenses  
12 of the two judicial positions currently serving San Juan and Island  
13 counties jointly as provided by state law or the state Constitution.

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