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HOUSE BILL 1112

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By Representatives Farivar, Davis, Berry, Reed, Macri, Bergquist, and Scott

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1 AN ACT Relating to removing the city residency requirement for  
2 judges pro tempore in municipalities with a population of more than  
3 400,000 inhabitants; and amending RCW 35.20.200.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.20.200 and 2000 c 55 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The presiding municipal court judge shall~~((, from attorneys~~  
8 ~~residing in the city and qualified to hold the position of judge of~~  
9 ~~the municipal court as provided in RCW 35.20.170,))~~ appoint judges  
10 pro tempore who shall act in the absence of the regular judges of the  
11 court or in addition to the regular judges when the administration of  
12 justice and the accomplishment of the work of the court make it  
13 necessary. The presiding municipal court judge may appoint, as judges  
14 pro tempore, any full-time district court judges serving in the  
15 county in which the city is situated. The term of office must be  
16 specified in writing.

17 (2) A judge pro tempore must be an elector of this state and an  
18 attorney admitted to practice law before the courts of record of this  
19 state. A judge pro tempore need not be a resident of the city in  
20 which the municipal court is located.

1       (3) While acting as judge of the court, judges pro tempore shall  
2 have all of the powers of the regular judges. Before entering upon  
3 his or her duties, each judge pro tempore shall take, subscribe and  
4 file an oath as is taken by a municipal judge. Judges pro tempore  
5 shall not practice before the municipal court during their term of  
6 office as judge pro tempore. ((Such ~~municipal~~))

7       (4) Municipal judges pro tempore shall receive such compensation  
8 as shall be fixed by ordinance by the legislative body of the city  
9 and such compensation shall be paid by the city except that district  
10 court judges shall not be compensated by the city other than pursuant  
11 to an interlocal agreement.

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