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By Representatives Appelwick, Winsley, Wineberry, Locke, Ferguson, Scott and Forner.

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1            AN ACT Relating to warrant servers; and amending RCW 35.20.270.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.20.270 and 1977 ex.s. c 108 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5            (1) The position of warrant server (~~(is hereby)~~) may be created and  
6 maintained by the city either within the courts created by chapter  
7 35.20 RCW or within the city police department. The number and  
8 qualifications of said warrant servers shall be fixed by ordinance, and  
9 their compensation shall be paid by the city.

10           (2) Said warrant servers shall be vested only with the special  
11 authority to make arrests authorized by the warrants which they have  
12 been directed to serve by courts created by chapter 35.20 RCW.

13           (3) All criminal and civil process issuing out of courts created  
14 under this title shall be directed to the chief of police of the city  
15 served by the court and/or to the sheriff of the county in which the

1 court is held and/or the warrant servers of the court and be by them  
2 executed according to law in any county of this state.

3 (4) No process of courts created under this title shall be executed  
4 outside the corporate limits of the city served by the court unless the  
5 person authorized by said process shall first contact the applicable  
6 law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the process is to be  
7 served.

8 (5) Upon a defendant being arrested in another city or county the  
9 cost of arresting or serving process thereon shall be borne by the  
10 court issuing said process including the cost of returning the  
11 defendant from any county of the state to the city.

12 (6) Said warrant servers shall not be entitled to death, disability  
13 or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on the basis of  
14 service as a warrant server as described in this section.