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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5467

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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Smith, McCaslin, Gaspard, Deccio, Wojahn, Snyder, Haugen, Morton, Long, Hale, Rinehart, Newhouse, Loveland, McDonald, Bauer, Oke and Winsley; by request of Supreme Court)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the size of the state supreme court; and
- 2 amending RCW 2.04.070.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.04.070 and 1909 c 24 s 1 are each amended to read as 5 follows:
- 6 When a vacancy on the supreme court occurs under RCW 42.12.010 or
- 7 <u>if two weeks before the period of filing for the office, an incumbent</u>
- 8 certifies in writing to the secretary of state she or he is not seeking
- 9 reelection, it will not be filled until the number of judges on that
- 10 court has been reduced to seven. Thereafter, the supreme court((, from
- 11 and after February 26, 1909,)) shall consist of ((nine)) seven judges.

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