
HOUSE BILL 1197

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1 AN ACT Relating to a municipal court defendant incarcerated at a
2 jail facility in the county but outside the city limits; and amending
3 RCW 35.20.100.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.20.100 and 1984 c 258 s 71 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 There shall be three departments of the municipal court, which
8 shall be designated as Department Nos. 1, 2 and 3(~~(= PROVIDED, That)~~).
9 However, when the administration of justice and the accomplishment of
10 the work of the court make additional departments necessary, the
11 legislative body of the city may create additional departments as they
12 are needed. The departments shall be established in such places as may
13 be provided by the legislative body of the city, and each department
14 shall be presided over by a municipal judge. However, notwithstanding
15 the priority of action rule, for a defendant incarcerated at a jail
16 facility outside the city limits but within the county in which the
17 city is located, the city may, pursuant to an interlocal agreement
18 under chapter 39.34 RCW, contract with the county to transfer
19 jurisdiction and venue over the defendant to a district court and to

1 provide all judicial services at the district court as would be
2 provided by a department of the municipal court. The judges shall
3 select, by majority vote, one of their number to act as presiding judge
4 of the municipal court for a term of one year, and he or she shall be
5 responsible for administration of the court and assignment of calendars
6 to all departments. A change of venue from one department of the
7 municipal court to another department shall be allowed in accordance
8 with the provisions of RCW 3.66.090 in all civil and criminal
9 proceedings. The city shall assume the costs of the elections of the
10 municipal judges in accordance with the provisions of RCW 29.13.045.

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