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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6492

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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Newhouse, Deccio, Johnson, Loveland and McCaslin; by request of Board for Judicial Administration)

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1 AN ACT Relating to superior court judges; amending RCW 2.08.062 and  
2 2.08.063; amending 1996 c 208 s 2 (uncodified); creating a new section;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 "Sec. 1. RCW 2.08.062 and 1996 c 208 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 There shall be in the (~~counties~~) county of Chelan (~~and~~) four  
8 judges of the superior court; in the county of Douglas (~~jointly, five~~  
9 judges) one judge of the superior court; in the county of Clark  
10 (~~seven~~) eight judges of the superior court; in the county of Grays  
11 Harbor three judges of the superior court; in the county of Kitsap  
12 seven judges of the superior court; in the county of Kittitas one judge  
13 of the superior court; in the county of Lewis (~~two~~) three judges of  
14 the superior court.

15 "Sec. 2. RCW 2.08.063 and 1992 c 189 s 3 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 There shall be in the county of Lincoln one judge of the superior  
18 court; in the county of Skagit, three judges of the superior court; in

1 the county of Walla Walla, two judges of the superior court; in the  
2 county of Whitman, one judge of the superior court; in the county of  
3 Yakima (~~(six)~~) eight judges of the superior court; in the county of  
4 Adams, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Whatcom, three  
5 judges of the superior court.

6 **Sec. 3.** 1996 c 208 s 2 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The three judicial positions serving Chelan and Douglas  
8 counties jointly are allocated to Chelan county, effective upon  
9 appointment of a judge to the Douglas county superior court. The  
10 additional judicial positions created by section 1 (~~(of this act are)~~),  
11 chapter 208, Laws of 1996, are allocated one to Chelan county and one  
12 to Douglas county and each position becomes effective only if ((Chelan  
13 and Douglas counties jointly)) each county, through ((their)) its duly  
14 constituted legislative ((authorities)) authority, documents ((their))  
15 its approval of the additional position((s)) and ((their)) its  
16 agreement that ((they)) it will pay out of county funds, without  
17 reimbursement from the state, the expenses of the additional judicial  
18 position((s)) as provided by state law or the state Constitution.

19 (2) The judicial positions created by section 1 (~~(of this act)~~),  
20 chapter 208, Laws of 1996, shall be effective January 1, 1997.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The additional judicial position created  
22 by section 1 of this act for the county of Clark takes effect on the  
23 effective date of this act, but the actual starting date for this  
24 position may be established by the Clark county commissioners upon the  
25 request of the superior court.

26 (2) The additional judicial position created by section 1 of this  
27 act for the county of Lewis takes effect on the effective date of this  
28 act, but the actual starting date for this position may be established  
29 by the Lewis county commissioners upon the request of the superior  
30 court.

31 (3) The additional judicial positions created by section 2 of this  
32 act for the county of Yakima take effect on the effective date of this  
33 act, but the actual starting dates for these positions may be  
34 established by the Yakima county commissioners upon the request of the  
35 superior court.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
2    preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3    state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
4    immediately.

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