
HOUSE BILL 1264

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By Representatives Lantz, Esser, Carrell, Van Luven and Lambert; by request of Administrator for the Courts

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1 AN ACT Relating to courts of limited jurisdiction; amending RCW
2 3.50.810 and 3.46.150; and repealing RCW 3.46.155.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.50.810 and 1993 c 317 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Any city having entered into an agreement for court
7 services with the county must provide written notice of the intent
8 to terminate such agreement to the county legislative authority
9 not less than one year prior to February 1st of the year in which
10 all district court judges are subject to election.

11 (2) Any city that terminates ((a municipal court under this
12 chapter may not establish another municipal court under this
13 chapter until at least ten years have elapsed from the date of
14 termination)) an agreement for court services to be provided by a
15 district court may only terminate such agreement at the end of a
16 four-year district court judicial term.

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1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.46.150 and 1984 c 258 s 210 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Any city, having established a municipal department as provided
4 in this chapter may, by written notice to the county legislative
5 authority not less than thirty days prior to February 1st of
6 ((any)) the year in which all district court judges are subject to
7 election, require the termination of the municipal department
8 created pursuant to this chapter. Any city that terminates an
9 agreement for court services to be provided by a district court
10 may not terminate such agreement within a four-year district court
11 judicial term. However, the city may not give the written notice
12 required by this section unless the city has reached an agreement
13 with the county under chapter 39.34 RCW under which the county is
14 to be paid a reasonable amount for costs associated with
15 prosecution, adjudication, and sentencing in criminal cases filed
16 in district court as a result of the termination. The agreement
17 shall provide for periodic review and renewal of the terms of the
18 agreement. If the municipality and the county are unable to agree
19 on the terms for renewal of the agreement, they shall be deemed to
20 have entered into an agreement to submit the issue to arbitration
21 under chapter 7.04 RCW. Pending conclusion of the arbitration
22 proceeding, the terms of the agreement shall remain in effect. The
23 municipality and the county have the same rights and are subject
24 to the same duties as other parties who have agreed to submit to
25 arbitration under chapter 7.04 RCW.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 3.46.155 (Termination of municipal
27 department--Waiting period for establishing another) and 1993 c
28 317 s 1 are each repealed.

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