

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5127**

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2001 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

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Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5127** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By Senators Prentice, Patterson, McAuliffe and McDonald**

Read first time 01/11/2001. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions.

1            AN ACT Relating to determining the number of unclassified personnel  
2 in the sheriff's office; and amending RCW 41.14.070.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.14.070 and 1997 c 62 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The classified civil service and provisions of this chapter  
7 shall include all deputy sheriffs and other employees of the office of  
8 sheriff in each county except the county sheriff in every county and an  
9 additional number of positions, designated the unclassified service,  
10 determined as follows:

	Unclassified
Staff Personnel	Position Appointments
11            1 through 10	2
12            11 through 20	3
13            21 through 50	4
14            51 through 100	5
15            101 ( <del>and over</del> ) <u>through 250</u>	6
16 <u>251 through 500</u>	8
17 <u>501 and over</u>	<u>10</u>

1       (2) The unclassified position appointments authorized by this  
2 section must include selections from the following positions up to the  
3 limit of the number of positions authorized: Undersheriff, inspector,  
4 chief criminal deputy, chief civil deputy, jail superintendent, and  
5 administrative assistant or administrative secretary. The initial  
6 selection of specific positions to be exempt shall be made by the  
7 sheriff, who shall notify the civil service commission of his or her  
8 selection. Subsequent changes in the designation of which positions  
9 are to be exempt may be made only with the concurrence of the sheriff  
10 and the civil service commission, and then only after the civil service  
11 commission has heard the issue in open meeting. Should the position or  
12 positions initially selected by the sheriff to be exempt (unclassified)  
13 pursuant to this section be under the classified civil service at the  
14 time of such selection, and should it (or they) be occupied, the  
15 employee(s) occupying said position(s) shall have the right to return  
16 to the next highest position or a like position under classified civil  
17 service.

18       (3) In counties with a sheriff's department that operates the 911  
19 emergency communications system, in addition to the unclassified  
20 positions authorized in subsections (1), (2), and (4) of this section,  
21 the sheriff may designate one unclassified position for the 911  
22 emergency communications system.

23       (4) In addition to the unclassified positions authorized in this  
24 section, the county legislative authority of any county with a  
25 population of five hundred thousand or more operating under a home rule  
26 charter may designate unclassified positions of administrative  
27 responsibility not to exceed ((twelve)) twenty positions.

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