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By Representative Appleton

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1 AN ACT Relating to court security; amending RCW 3.58.050,
2 3.50.080, and 35.20.120; adding a new section to chapter 3.58 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 3.50 RCW; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 35.20 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 3.58 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 Counties shall provide security to district courts in order to:

9 (1) Promote the safety and security of all court facilities and
10 proceedings;

11 (2) Ensure access to court proceedings as guaranteed by Article
12 1, section 10 of the Washington state Constitution; and

13 (3) Assist judges in carrying out their respective constitutional
14 and statutory duties.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 3.50 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 Cities shall provide security to municipal courts in order to:

18 (1) Promote the safety and security of all court facilities and
19 proceedings;

1 (2) Ensure access to court proceedings as guaranteed by Article
2 1, section 10 of the Washington state Constitution; and
3 (3) Assist judges in carrying out their respective constitutional
4 and statutory duties.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35.20
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Cities shall provide security to municipal courts in order to:

8 (1) Promote the safety and security of all court facilities and
9 proceedings;

10 (2) Ensure access to court proceedings as guaranteed by Article
11 1, section 10 of the Washington state Constitution; and

12 (3) Assist judicial officers in carrying out their respective
13 constitutional and statutory duties.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 3.58.050 and 1984 c 258 s 38 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 The county legislative authority shall furnish all necessary
17 facilities for the district courts, including suitable secure
18 (~~courtrooms~~) courthouses, furniture, books, stationery, postage,
19 office equipment, heat, light and telephone and may lease or
20 construct courtrooms and offices for such purpose. The county
21 legislative authority shall not be required to furnish courtroom
22 space in any place other than as provided in the districting plan.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 3.50.080 and 1984 c 258 s 111 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Salaries of municipal court judges shall be fixed by ordinance.
26 All costs of operating the municipal court, including but not limited
27 to salaries of judges and court employees, courthouse security,
28 dockets, books of records, forms, furnishings, and supplies, shall be
29 paid wholly out of the funds of the city or town. The city shall
30 provide a suitable place for holding court and pay all expenses of
31 maintaining it.

32 All employees of the municipal court shall, for all purposes, be
33 deemed employees of the city or town. They shall be appointed by and
34 serve at the pleasure of the court.

35 **Sec. 6.** RCW 35.20.120 and 1987 c 202 s 196 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 All blanks, books, papers, stationery and furniture necessary for
2 the transaction of business and the keeping of records of the court,
3 and courthouse security shall be furnished at the expense of the
4 city, except those expenses incidental to the operation of the court
5 in matters brought before the court because of concurrent
6 jurisdiction with the district court, which expense shall be borne by
7 the county and paid out of the county treasury. All other expenses on
8 account of such court which may be authorized by the city council or
9 the county commissioners and which are not specifically mentioned in
10 this chapter, shall be paid respectively out of the city treasury and
11 county treasury.

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