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By Senators Angel and Rolfes

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the position and authority of
2 warrant officers in first-class cities to enforce court orders and
3 outstanding warrants; and adding a new section to chapter 35.20 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.20
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) A city of the first class may establish and maintain the
8 position of warrant officer within the city police department.

9 (2) The position of warrant officer is hereby created and shall
10 be maintained by the city within the city police department. The
11 number and qualifications of warrant officers shall be fixed by
12 ordinance, and their compensation shall be paid by the city.

13 (3) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special
14 authority to make arrests authorized by warrants and other arrests as
15 are authorized by ordinance.

16 (4) All criminal and civil process issuing out of any Washington
17 state court shall be directed to the chief of police of the city
18 served by the court and/or to the sheriff of the county in which the
19 court is held and/or the warrant officers and be by them executed
20 according to law in any county of this state.

1 (5) No process of court created under this title shall be
2 executed outside the corporate limits of the city served by the court
3 unless the person authorized by the process first contacts the
4 applicable law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the process
5 is to be served.

6 (6) Upon a defendant being arrested in another city or county the
7 cost of arresting or serving process thereon shall be borne by the
8 court issuing the process including the cost of returning the
9 defendant from any county of the state to the city.

10 (7) Warrant officers shall not be entitled to death, disability,
11 or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on the basis of
12 service as a warrant officer as described in this section.

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