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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5004**

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CITIES AND TOWNS--WARRANT OFFICERS

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5004** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Angel and Rolfes)

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/15.

1            AN ACT Relating to establishing the position and authority of  
2 warrant officers; amending RCW 35.20.270; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 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 35.21  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) Any city or town may establish the position of warrant  
8 officer.

9            (2) If any city or town establishes the position of warrant  
10 officer, the position shall be maintained by the city or town within  
11 the city or town police department. The number and qualifications of  
12 warrant officers shall be fixed by ordinance and their compensation  
13 shall be paid by the city or town. The chief of police of the city or  
14 town must establish training requirements consistent with the job  
15 description of warrant officer established in that city or town.  
16 Training requirements must be approved by the criminal justice  
17 training commission.

18            (3) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special  
19 authority identified in ordinance, which may include the authority to  
20 make arrests authorized by warrants and other authority related to  
21 service of civil and criminal process.

1 (4) Process issuing from any court that is directed to a police  
2 department in which a warrant officer position is maintained may be  
3 served or enforced by the warrant officer, if within the warrant  
4 officer's authority as identified in ordinance.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21  
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) Any code city may establish the position of warrant officer.

11 (2) If any code city establishes the position of warrant officer,  
12 the position shall be maintained by the city within the city police  
13 department. The number and qualifications of warrant officers shall  
14 be fixed by ordinance, and their compensation shall be paid by the  
15 city. The chief of police of the city must establish training  
16 requirements consistent with the job description of warrant officer  
17 established in that city. Training requirements must be approved by  
18 the criminal justice training commission.

19 (3) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special  
20 authority identified in ordinance, which may include the authority to  
21 make arrests authorized by warrants and other authority related to  
22 service of civil and criminal process.

23 (4) Process issuing from any court that is directed to a police  
24 department in which a warrant officer position is maintained may be  
25 served or enforced by the warrant officer, if within the warrant  
26 officer's authority as identified in ordinance.

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

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35.20.270 and 1992 c 99 s 1 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 ~~(1) ((The position of warrant officer is hereby created and shall~~  
33 ~~be maintained by the city within the city police department. The~~  
34 ~~number and qualifications of warrant officers shall be fixed by~~  
35 ~~ordinance, and their compensation shall be paid by the city.~~

36 ~~(2) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special~~  
37 ~~authority to make arrests authorized by warrants and other arrests as~~  
38 ~~are authorized by ordinance.~~

1       ~~(3)~~) All criminal and civil process issuing out of courts  
2 created under this title shall be directed to the chief of police of  
3 the city served by the court and/or to the sheriff of the county in  
4 which the court is held and/or the warrant officers and be by them  
5 executed according to law in any county of this state.

6       ~~((4))~~ (2) No process of courts created under this title shall  
7 be executed outside the corporate limits of the city served by the  
8 court unless the person authorized by the process first contacts the  
9 applicable law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the process  
10 is to be served.

11       ~~((5))~~ (3) Upon a defendant being arrested in another city or  
12 county the cost of arresting or serving process thereon shall be  
13 borne by the court issuing the process including the cost of  
14 returning the defendant from any county of the state to the city.

15       ~~((6) Warrant officers shall not be entitled to death,  
16 disability, or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on  
17 the basis of service as a warrant officer as described in this  
18 section.))~~

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