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1 AN ACT Relating to language understanding of documents used in
2 dissolution proceedings; and adding a new section to chapter 26.09
3 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 26.09
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 In a dissolution proceeding a court must independently verify and
8 enter a finding in the decree of the primary language of all parties
9 making an appearance. The court shall ensure that the parties are
10 familiar with the language of any petition, court form, signed
11 agreement, or other document used in a dissolution proceeding, or
12 that the parties have reviewed translations of such documents in a
13 language that they are familiar with.

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