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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 2.32.180 and 1992 c 189 s 6 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 ~~((It shall be and is the duty of)) (1) Each ((and every)) superior~~  
10 ~~court judge ((in counties or judicial districts in the state of~~  
11 ~~Washington having a population of over thirty five thousand inhabitants~~  
12 ~~to appoint, or said judge may, in any county or judicial district~~  
13 ~~having a population of over twenty five thousand and less than thirty-~~  
14 ~~five thousand,)) may appoint a stenographic reporter to be attached to~~  
15 ~~the judge's court who shall have had at least three years' experience~~  
16 ~~as a skilled, practical reporter, or ((who upon examination shall be~~  
17 ~~able to report and transcribe accurately one hundred and seventy five~~  
18 ~~words per minute of the judge's charge or two hundred words per minute~~  
19 ~~of testimony each for five consecutive minutes; said test of~~  
20 ~~proficiency, in event of inability to meet qualifications as to length~~  
21 ~~of time of experience, to be given by an examining committee composed~~  
22 ~~of one judge of the superior court and two official reporters of the~~  
23 ~~superior court of the state of Washington, appointed by the president~~  
24 ~~judge of the superior court judges association of the state of~~  
25 ~~Washington: PROVIDED, That a stenographic reporter shall not be~~  
26 ~~required to be appointed for the seven additional judges of the~~  
27 ~~superior court authorized for appointment by section 1, chapter 323,~~  
28 ~~Laws of 1987, the additional superior court judge authorized by section~~  
29 ~~1, chapter 66, Laws of 1988, the additional superior court judges~~  
30 ~~authorized by sections 2 and 3, chapter 328, Laws of 1989, the~~  
31 ~~additional superior court judges authorized by sections 1 and 2,~~  
32 ~~chapter 186, Laws of 1990, or the additional superior court judges~~  
33 ~~authorized by sections 1 through 5, chapter 189, Laws of 1992)) is a~~  
34 Washington state certified court reporter. Appointment of a  
35 stenographic reporter is not required ~~((for any additional superior~~  
36 ~~court judge authorized after July 1, 1992.~~

1       ~~The initial judicial appointee shall serve for a period of six~~  
2 ~~years; the two initial reporter appointees shall serve for a period of~~  
3 ~~four years and two years, respectively, from September 1, 1957;~~  
4 ~~thereafter on expiration of the first terms of service, each newly~~  
5 ~~appointed member of said examining committee to serve for a period of~~  
6 ~~six years. In the event of death or inability of a member to serve,~~  
7 ~~the president judge shall appoint a reporter or judge, as the case may~~  
8 ~~be, to serve for the balance of the unexpired term of the member whose~~  
9 ~~inability to serve caused such vacancy. The examining committee shall~~  
10 ~~grant certificates to qualified applicants. Administrative and~~  
11 ~~procedural rules and regulations shall be promulgated by said examining~~  
12 ~~committee, subject to approval by the said president judge)).~~ The  
13 county governing body shall consult with each judge in whose courtroom  
14 an alternative method of making a record is planned.

15       (2) The stenographic reporter upon appointment shall thereupon  
16 become an officer of the court and shall be designated and known as the  
17 official reporter for the court or judicial district for which he or  
18 she is appointed( (:—PROVIDED, That)). In no event shall there be  
19 appointed more official reporters in any one county or judicial  
20 district than there are superior court judges in such county or  
21 judicial district; the appointments in each county with a population of  
22 one million or more shall be made by the majority vote of the judges in  
23 said county acting en banc; the appointments in each county with a  
24 population of from one hundred twenty-five thousand to less than one  
25 million may be made by each individual judge therein or by the judges  
26 in said county acting en banc. Each official reporter so appointed  
27 ((shall hold office during the term of office of the judge or judges  
28 appointing him or her, but)) may be removed for incompetency,  
29 misconduct, or neglect of duty, and before entering upon the discharge  
30 of his or her duties shall take an oath to perform faithfully the  
31 duties of his or her office, and file a bond in the sum of two thousand  
32 dollars for the faithful discharge of his or her duties. ((Such  
33 reporter in each court is hereby declared to be a necessary part of the  
34 judicial system of the state of Washington.))"

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "reporters;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 2.32.180."

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