

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5392

57th Legislature
2001 Regular Session

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YEAS 47 NAYS 0

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 4, 2001
YEAS 91 NAYS 2

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5392** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 2001 Regular Session

State of Washington 57th Legislature 2001 Regular Session

By Senators Long, Constantine and Kline; by request of Administrator
for the Courts

Read first time 01/22/2001. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT Relating to emancipation of minors; and amending RCW
2 13.64.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.64.040 and 1993 c 294 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The hearing on the petition shall be before a ((judge))
7 judicial officer, sitting without a jury. Prior to the presentation of
8 proof the ((judge)) judicial officer shall determine whether: ((+1))

9 (a) The petitioning minor understands the consequences of the petition
10 regarding his or her legal rights and responsibilities; ((+2)) (b) a
11 guardian ad litem should be appointed to investigate the allegations of
12 the petition and file a report with the court.

13 (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "judicial officer"
14 means: (a) A judge; (b) a superior court commissioner of a unified
15 family court if the county operates a unified family court; or (c) any
16 superior court commissioner if the county does not operate a unified
17 family court. The term does not include a judge pro tempore.

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