

2 **ESHB 2459** - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Ways & Means

4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 3/6/92

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

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 2.08.061 and 1989 c 328 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 There shall be in the county of King no more than (~~forty-six~~)
10 fifty-eight judges of the superior court; in the county of Spokane ten
11 judges of the superior court; and in the county of Pierce nineteen
12 judges of the superior court. The King county legislative authority
13 may phase in the additional twelve judges, as authorized by the 1992
14 amendments to this section, over a period of time not to extend beyond
15 July 1, 1996. No more than two of the additional twelve judges may
16 take office prior to July 1, 1993."

17 "Sec. 2. RCW 2.08.062 and 1990 c 186 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 There shall be in the counties of Chelan and Douglas jointly, three
20 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clark six judges of the
21 superior court; in the county of Grays Harbor (~~two~~) three judges of
22 the superior court; in the county of Kitsap seven judges of the
23 superior court; in the county of Kittitas one judge of the superior
24 court; in the county of Lewis two judges of the superior court."

25 "Sec. 3. RCW 2.08.063 and 1988 c 66 s 1 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

1 There shall be in the county of Lincoln one judge of the superior
2 court; in the county of Skagit, (~~two~~) three judges of the superior
3 court; in the county of Walla Walla, two judges of the superior court;
4 in the county of Whitman, one judge of the superior court; in the
5 county of Yakima six judges of the superior court; in the county of
6 Adams, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Whatcom, three
7 judges of the superior court."

8 "**Sec. 4.** RCW 2.08.064 and 1989 c 328 s 3 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly, five
11 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam, two judges of
12 the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one judge of the
13 superior court; in the county of Snohomish, (~~eleven~~) thirteen judges
14 of the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield
15 jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz,
16 three judges of the superior court; in the counties of Klickitat and
17 Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court."

18 "**Sec. 5.** RCW 2.08.065 and 1990 c 186 s 2 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 There shall be in the county of Grant, two judges of the superior
21 court; in the county of Okanogan, one judge of the superior court; in
22 the county of Mason, (~~one~~) two judges of the superior court; in the
23 county of Thurston, six judges of the superior court; in the counties
24 of Pacific and Wahkiakum jointly, one judge of the superior court; in
25 the counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens jointly, two judges of
26 the superior court; and in the counties of San Juan and Island jointly,
27 two judges of the superior court."

1 **"Sec. 6.** RCW 2.32.180 and 1991 c 363 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

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

1 two initial reporter appointees shall serve for a period of four years
2 and two years, respectively, from September 1, 1957; thereafter on
3 expiration of the first terms of service, each newly appointed member
4 of said examining committee to serve for a period of six years. In the
5 event of death or inability of a member to serve, the president judge
6 shall appoint a reporter or judge, as the case may be, to serve for the
7 balance of the unexpired term of the member whose inability to serve
8 caused such vacancy. The examining committee shall grant certificates
9 to qualified applicants. Administrative and procedural rules and
10 regulations shall be promulgated by said examining committee, subject
11 to approval by the said president judge.

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

