

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2368

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to the practice of law by deputy sheriffs.

Brief Description: Allowing deputy sheriffs to practice law.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Padden, Riley, Mielke and Paris.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Judiciary, February 4, 1992, DP;
Passed House, February 13, 1992, 90-0;
Amended by Senate;
Passed Legislature.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 18 members:
Representatives Appelwick, Chair; Ludwig, Vice Chair;
Padden, Ranking Minority Member; Paris, Assistant Ranking
Minority Member; Belcher; Broback; Forner; Hargrove; Inslee;
Locke; Mielke; H. Myers; Riley; Scott; D. Sommers; Tate;
Vance; and Wineberry.

Staff: Pat Shelledy (786-7149).

Background: Deputy sheriffs are currently statutorily prohibited from practicing law.

Summary of Bill: Deputy sheriffs may practice law.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The bill contains provisions assuring that potential conflicts of interest between the professions are minimized. The bill will allow a deputy sheriff who is also an attorney to practice law.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Mike Patrick, Washington State Council of Police Officers (in favor).