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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5026**

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**State of Washington                      52nd Legislature                      1991 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Nelson, Talmadge and Thorsness).

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1            AN ACT Relating to jury service; creating new sections; and making  
2 an appropriation.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            (1) The office of the administrator for  
5 the courts, the Washington state superior court judges association, the  
6 district and municipal court judges association, the Washington state  
7 association of county clerks, the office of financial management, the  
8 secretary of state, the Washington state association of county  
9 auditors, the department of licensing, the Washington state bar  
10 association, the association of Washington superior court  
11 administrators, and the Washington state association for court  
12 administration shall prepare a plan to implement a merging of the list  
13 of those persons who have been issued a driver's license in the state  
14 of Washington and whose names are in the records maintained by the  
15 department of licensing, persons issued identicards under RCW

1 46.20.117, and the lists of registered voters in each county to form an  
2 expanded jury source list. Other associations or individuals  
3 interested in an expanded jury source list may be consulted when  
4 developing this plan.

5 (2) The plan shall include: (a) A fiscal analysis of the costs;  
6 (b) a recommendation of which costs are to be paid by the state and by  
7 local governments; (c) a recommendation of which functions and duties  
8 are to be performed by state agencies and local governments; (d) a  
9 report on the potential effects of a merged source list; (e) a  
10 recommendation of the format the lists from the department of licensing  
11 and the lists of registered voters are to be provided for merging; and  
12 (f) a recommendation of a methodology for merging the lists to form an  
13 expanded jury source list.

14 (3) A report on the plan and the plan in the form of proposed  
15 legislation shall be submitted to the legislature by January 1, 1992.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature requests that the  
17 Washington state joint jury management standards committee conduct a  
18 study to determine appropriate standards for excusing persons from jury  
19 service due to financial hardship. The committee is requested to  
20 report its findings along with proposed legislation to the senate law  
21 and justice committee and the house of representatives judiciary  
22 committee by January 1, 1992.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of thirty-five thousand dollars,  
24 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the  
25 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the office of  
26 the administrator for the courts to carry out the development of the  
27 plan as set forth in section 1 of this act.