
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5338

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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Erwin, Vognild, Snyder, Owen, Nelson, Niemi and Roach; by request of Administrator for the Courts).

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1 AN ACT Relating to superior courts; amending RCW 2.08.061,
2 2.08.062, 2.08.063, 2.08.064, and 2.08.065; creating a new section;
3 providing effective dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.061 and 1989 c 328 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 There shall be in the county of King no more than (~~forty-six~~)
8 fifty-eight judges of the superior court; in the county of Spokane ten
9 judges of the superior court; and in the county of Pierce nineteen
10 judges of the superior court. The King county legislative authority
11 may phase in the additional twelve judges, as authorized by the 1991
12 amendments to this section, over a period of time not to extend beyond
13 July 1, 1995.

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

3 There shall be in the counties of Chelan and Douglas jointly, three
4 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clark six judges of the
5 superior court; in the county of Grays Harbor (~~((two))~~) three judges of
6 the superior court; in the county of Kitsap seven judges of the
7 superior court; in the county of Kittitas one judge of the superior
8 court; in the county of Lewis two judges of the superior court.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 2.08.063 and 1988 c 66 s 1 are each amended to read as
10 follows:

11 There shall be in the county of Lincoln one judge of the superior
12 court; in the county of Skagit, (~~((two))~~) three judges of the superior
13 court; in the county of Walla Walla, two judges of the superior court;
14 in the county of Whitman, one judge of the superior court; in the
15 county of Yakima six judges of the superior court; in the county of
16 Adams, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Whatcom, three
17 judges of the superior court.

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

20 There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly, five
21 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam, two judges of
22 the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one judge of the
23 superior court; in the county of Snohomish, (~~((eleven))~~) thirteen judges
24 of the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield
25 jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz,
26 three judges of the superior court; in the counties of Klickitat and
27 Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court.

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

3 There shall be in the county of Grant, two judges of the superior
4 court; in the county of Okanogan, one judge of the superior court; in
5 the county of Mason, ((one)) two judges of the superior court; in the
6 county of Thurston, six judges of the superior court; in the counties
7 of Pacific and Wahkiakum jointly, one judge of the superior court; in
8 the counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens jointly, two judges of
9 the superior court; and in the counties of San Juan and Island jointly,
10 two judges of the superior court.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 2 of this act shall take effect
12 January 1, 1992. Section 4 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1992.
13 Sections 1 and 5 of this act are necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
16 effect July 1, 1991.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The additional judicial positions
18 created by sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this act shall be effective
19 only if each county through its duly constituted legislative authority
20 documents its approval of any additional positions and its agreement
21 that it will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the
22 state, the expenses of such additional judicial positions as provided
23 by statute.