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1 AN ACT Relating to standard court forms; and amending RCW
2 26.18.220.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 26.18.220 and 1992 c 229 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The administrator for the courts shall develop not later than
7 July 1, 1991, standard court forms and format rules for mandatory use
8 by litigants in all actions commenced under chapters 26.09, 26.10, and
9 26.26 RCW effective January 1, 1992. The administrator for the courts
10 shall develop mandatory forms for financial affidavits for integration
11 into the worksheets. The forms shall be developed and approved not
12 later than September 1, 1992. The parties shall use the mandatory form
13 for financial affidavits for actions commenced on or after September 1,
14 1992. The administrator for the courts has continuing responsibility
15 to develop and revise mandatory forms and format rules as appropriate.

16 (2) A party may delete unnecessary portions of the forms according
17 to the rules established by the administrator for the courts. A party
18 may supplement the mandatory forms with additional material.

1 (3) A party's failure to use the mandatory forms or follow the
2 format rules shall not be a reason to dismiss a case, refuse a filing,
3 or strike a pleading. However, the court may require the party to
4 submit a corrected pleading and may impose terms payable to the
5 opposing party or payable to the court, or both.

6 (4) The administrator for the courts shall distribute a master copy
7 of the forms to all county court clerks. The administrator for the
8 courts and county clerks (~~shall~~) may distribute the mandatory forms
9 to the public upon request and may charge for the cost of production
10 and distribution of the forms. Private vendors may distribute the
11 mandatory forms. Distribution may be in printed or electronic form.

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