

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5831

Chapter 401, Laws of 1997

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1997 Regular Session

VENUE OF ACTIONS BY OR AGAINST COUNTIES--COMMENCEMENT IN NEAREST
COUNTIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/97

Passed by the Senate April 22, 1997
YEAS 37 NAYS 7

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 10, 1997
YEAS 98 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved May 16, 1997

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5831** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Newhouse, Deccio, Haugen and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to the venue of actions by or against counties; and
2 amending RCW 36.01.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.01.050 and 1963 c 4 s 36.01.050 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) All actions against any county may be commenced in the superior
7 court of such county, or ((of the adjoining county, and)) in the
8 superior court of either of the two nearest counties. All actions by
9 any county shall be commenced in the superior court of the county in
10 which the defendant resides, or in ((the county adjoining the county by
11 which such action is commenced)) either of the two counties nearest to
12 the county bringing the action.

13 (2) The determination of the nearest counties is measured by the
14 travel time between county seats using major surface routes, as
15 determined by the office of the administrator for the courts.

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