

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6489**

Chapter 19, Laws of 1998

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

DISTRICT COURT ELECTIONS--LIMITING PRIMARY ELECTIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/11/98

Passed by the Senate February 11, 1998  
YEAS 43 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 27, 1998  
YEAS 95 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 11, 1998

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6489** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

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**Secretary**

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March 11, 1998 - 4:26 p.m.

GARY LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators McCaslin, Long, Hargrove, Fairley, Goings, Hale, Kline, Thibaudeau, Prince, Patterson, Winsley, Kohl, Oke and Haugen)

Read first time 02/03/98.

1            AN ACT Relating to district court elections; and amending RCW  
2 29.21.015 and 3.34.050.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29.21.015 and 1996 c 324 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) No primary may be held for any single position in any city,  
7 town, ((~~or~~)) district, or district court, as required by RCW 29.21.010,  
8 if, after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, there are no  
9 more than two candidates filed for the position. The county auditor  
10 shall, as soon as possible, notify all the candidates so affected that  
11 the office for which they filed will not appear on the primary ballot.

12            (2) No primary may be held for the office of commissioner of a park  
13 and recreation district or for the office of cemetery district  
14 commissioner.

15            (3) Names of candidates for offices that do not appear on the  
16 primary ballot shall be printed upon the general election ballot in the  
17 manner specified by RCW 29.30.025.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.34.050 and 1989 c 227 s 3 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       At the general election in November 1962 and quadrennially  
4 thereafter, there shall be elected by the voters of each district court  
5 district the number of judges authorized for the district by the  
6 district court districting plan. Judges shall be elected for each  
7 district and electoral district, if any, by the qualified electors of  
8 the district in the same manner as judges of courts of record are  
9 elected, except as provided in chapter 29.21 RCW. Not less than ten  
10 days before the time for filing declarations of candidacy for the  
11 election of judges for districts entitled to more than one judge, the  
12 county auditor shall designate each such office of district judge to be  
13 filled by a number, commencing with the number one and numbering the  
14 remaining offices consecutively. At the time of the filing of the  
15 declaration of candidacy, each candidate shall designate by number  
16 which one, and only one, of the numbered offices for which he or she is  
17 a candidate and the name of the candidate shall appear on the ballot  
18 for only the numbered office for which the candidate filed a  
19 declaration of candidacy.

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Passed the House February 27, 1998.

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