
SENATE BILL 5037

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By Senators McCaslin, Heavey and Rasmussen; by request of Board for
Judicial Administration

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1 AN ACT Relating to the court of appeals; amending RCW 2.06.020; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 2.06 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.06.020 and 1993 c 420 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The court shall have three divisions, one of which shall be
7 headquartered in Seattle, one of which shall be headquartered in
8 Spokane, and one of which shall be headquartered in Tacoma:

9 (1) The first division shall have twelve judges from three
10 districts, as follows:

11 (a) District 1 shall consist of King county and shall have eight
12 judges;

13 (b) District 2 shall consist of Snohomish county and shall have two
14 judges; and

15 (c) District 3 shall consist of Island, San Juan, Skagit and
16 Whatcom counties and shall have two judges.

17 (2) The second division shall have (~~six~~) seven judges from the
18 following districts:

1 (a) District 1 shall consist of Pierce county and shall have
2 (~~two~~) three judges;

3 (b) District 2 shall consist of Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson,
4 Kitsap, Mason, and Thurston counties and shall have two judges;

5 (c) District 3 shall consist of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific,
6 Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties and shall have two judges.

7 (3) The third division shall have five judges from the following
8 districts:

9 (a) District 1 shall consist of Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend
10 Oreille, Spokane and Stevens counties and shall have two judges;

11 (b) District 2 shall consist of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia,
12 Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties and shall
13 have one judge;

14 (c) District 3 shall consist of Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas,
15 Klickitat and Yakima counties and shall have two judges.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 2.06 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The new judicial position for the second division, district 1,
19 Pierce county, created pursuant to the 1999 amendment to RCW 2.06.020
20 shall become effective July 1, 2000, and shall be filled by
21 gubernatorial appointment.

22 The person appointed by the governor shall hold office until the
23 general election to be held in November 2000. At the general election,
24 the judge appointed shall be entitled to run for a term of six years or
25 until the second Monday in January 2007, and until a successor is
26 elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge shall be elected for a
27 term of six years and until a successor is elected and qualified,
28 commencing with the second Monday in January succeeding the election.

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