

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2721**

Chapter 244, Laws of 2000

56th Legislature  
2000 Regular Session

ACTIONS AGAINST COUNTIES--VENUE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/8/00

Passed by the House February 8, 2000  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 2, 2000  
Yeas 45 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 31, 2000

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2721** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

FILED

March 31, 2000 - 3:22 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Schoesler, Grant, Mastin, Quall, Dunn and Anderson)

Read first time 02/03/2000. Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to 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 1997 c 401 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

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

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