

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1292**

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SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

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Passed by the House March 11, 2003  
Yeas 92 Nays 1

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2003  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 7, 2003.

GARY LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1292** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

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**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Rockefeller, Delvin, Grant, Moeller, Hankins, Hinkle, Mastin, Eickmeyer, Orcutt, Wallace, Fromhold, Haigh, Holmquist, McMahan and Woods; by request of Administrative Office of the Courts

Read first time 01/22/2003. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1            AN ACT Relating to superior court judges; amending RCW 2.08.062 and  
2            2.08.064; and creating a new section.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.062 and 1998 c 270 s 1 are each amended to read  
5            as follows:

6            There shall be in the county of Chelan four judges of the superior  
7            court; in the county of Douglas one judge of the superior court; in the  
8            county of Clark (~~eight~~) ten judges of the superior court; in the  
9            county of Grays Harbor three judges of the superior court; in the  
10           county of Kitsap (~~seven~~) eight judges of the superior court; in the  
11           county of Kittitas (~~one~~) two judges of the superior court; in the  
12           county of Lewis three judges of the superior court.

13           **Sec. 2.** RCW 2.08.064 and 1997 c 347 s 1 are each amended to read  
14           as follows:

15           There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly,  
16           (~~five~~) six judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam,  
17           two judges of the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one judge  
18           of the superior court; in the county of Snohomish, fifteen judges of

1 the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield  
2 jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz,  
3 four judges of the superior court; in the counties of Klickitat and  
4 Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The additional judicial positions  
6 created by sections 1 and 2 of this act in Clark county, Kitsap county,  
7 Kittitas county, and Benton and Franklin counties shall be effective  
8 only if each county through its duly constituted legislative authority  
9 documents its approval of any additional positions and its agreement  
10 that it will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the  
11 state, the expenses of such additional judicial positions as provided  
12 by statute.

13 (2)(a) The additional judicial positions created by section 1 of  
14 this act for the county of Clark take effect as follows: One  
15 additional judicial position shall be effective no earlier than the  
16 second Monday in January 2004, and one additional position shall be  
17 effective no earlier than the second Monday in January 2005. The  
18 actual starting dates for the positions may be established by the Clark  
19 county legislative authority upon request of the superior court and by  
20 recommendation of the Clark county executive authority, if any.

21 (b) The additional judicial position created by section 1 of this  
22 act for the county of Kitsap shall be effective no earlier than the  
23 second Monday in January 2005. The actual starting date for the  
24 position may be established by the Kitsap county legislative authority  
25 upon request of the superior court and by recommendation of the Kitsap  
26 county executive authority, if any.

27 (c) The additional judicial position created by section 1 of this  
28 act for the county of Kittitas shall be effective no earlier than the  
29 second Monday in January 2004. The actual starting date for the  
30 position may be established by the Kittitas county legislative  
31 authority upon request of the superior court and by recommendation of  
32 the Kittitas county executive authority, if any.

33 (d) The additional judicial position created by section 2 of this  
34 act jointly for the counties of Benton and Franklin shall be effective  
35 no earlier than July 1, 2003. The actual starting date for the  
36 position may be established by the Benton and Franklin county

1 legislative authorities upon request of the superior court and by  
2 recommendation of the Benton and Franklin county executive authorities,  
3 if any.

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