SENATE BILL 5069

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By Senators Schoesler, Hewitt, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the number of superior court judges
- 2 in Benton and Franklin counties jointly; amending RCW 2.08.064; and
- 3 creating a new section.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.064 and 2006 c 20 s 1 are each amended to read as 6 follows:
- 7 There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly,
- 8 ((six)) seven judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam,
- 9 three judges of the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one
- 10 judge of the superior court; in the county of Snohomish, fifteen judges
- of the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield
- 12 jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz,
- 13 five judges of the superior court; in the counties of Klickitat and
- 14 Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** The additional judicial position created by
- 16 section 1 of this act in Benton and Franklin counties jointly becomes
- 17 effective only if the counties, through their duly constituted
- 18 legislative authority, document their approval of the additional

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- 1 position and their agreement that they will pay out of county funds,
- 2 without reimbursement from the state, the expenses of the additional
- 3 judicial position as provided by statute.

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