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SENATE BILL 5174

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By Senators Bailey, Ranker, Pearson, and Sheldon; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the number of district court judges  
2 in Skagit county; amending RCW 3.34.010; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.34.010 and 2011 c 43 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The number of district judges to be elected in each county shall  
7 be: Adams, two; Asotin, one; Benton, five; Chelan, two; Clallam, two;  
8 Clark, six; Columbia, one; Cowlitz, three; Douglas, one; Ferry, one;  
9 Franklin, one; Garfield, one; Grant, three; Grays Harbor, two;  
10 Island, one; Jefferson, one; King, twenty-three in 2009, twenty-five  
11 in 2010, and twenty-six in 2011; Kitsap, four; Kittitas, two;  
12 Klickitat, two; Lewis, two; Lincoln, one; Mason, one; Okanogan, two;  
13 Pacific, two; Pend Oreille, one; Pierce, eleven; San Juan, one;  
14 Skagit, (~~two~~) three; Skamania, one; Snohomish, eight; Spokane,  
15 eight; Stevens, one; Thurston, three; Wahkiakum, one; Walla Walla,  
16 two; Whatcom, two; Whitman, one; Yakima, four. This number may be  
17 increased only as provided in RCW 3.34.020.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The additional judicial position created  
19 by section 1 of this act in Skagit county becomes effective only if  
20 the county, through its duly constituted legislative authority,

1 documents its approval of the additional position and its agreement  
2 that it will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the  
3 state, the expenses of the additional judicial position as provided  
4 by statute.

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