

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5004

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Yeas 47 Nays 0

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5004** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Angel and Rolfes)

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the position and authority of
2 warrant officers; amending RCW 35.20.270; adding a new section to
3 chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Any city or town may establish the position of warrant
8 officer.

9 (2) If any city or town establishes the position of warrant
10 officer, the position shall be maintained by the city or town within
11 the city or town police department. The number and qualifications of
12 warrant officers shall be fixed by ordinance and their compensation
13 shall be paid by the city or town. The chief of police of the city or
14 town must establish training requirements consistent with the job
15 description of warrant officer established in that city or town.
16 Training requirements must be approved by the criminal justice
17 training commission.

18 (3) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special
19 authority identified in ordinance, which may include the authority to
20 make arrests authorized by warrants and other authority related to
21 service of civil and criminal process.

1 (4) Process issuing from any court that is directed to a police
2 department in which a warrant officer position is maintained may be
3 served or enforced by the warrant officer, if within the warrant
4 officer's authority as identified in ordinance.

5 (5) Warrant officers shall not be entitled to death, disability,
6 or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on the basis of
7 service as a warrant officer as described in this section.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) Any code city may establish the position of warrant officer.

11 (2) If any code city establishes the position of warrant officer,
12 the position shall be maintained by the city within the city police
13 department. The number and qualifications of warrant officers shall
14 be fixed by ordinance, and their compensation shall be paid by the
15 city. The chief of police of the city must establish training
16 requirements consistent with the job description of warrant officer
17 established in that city. Training requirements must be approved by
18 the criminal justice training commission.

19 (3) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special
20 authority identified in ordinance, which may include the authority to
21 make arrests authorized by warrants and other authority related to
22 service of civil and criminal process.

23 (4) Process issuing from any court that is directed to a police
24 department in which a warrant officer position is maintained may be
25 served or enforced by the warrant officer, if within the warrant
26 officer's authority as identified in ordinance.

27 (5) Warrant officers shall not be entitled to death, disability,
28 or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on the basis of
29 service as a warrant officer as described in this section.

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35.20.270 and 1992 c 99 s 1 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 ~~(1) ((The position of warrant officer is hereby created and shall~~
33 ~~be maintained by the city within the city police department. The~~
34 ~~number and qualifications of warrant officers shall be fixed by~~
35 ~~ordinance, and their compensation shall be paid by the city.~~

36 ~~(2) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special~~
37 ~~authority to make arrests authorized by warrants and other arrests as~~
38 ~~are authorized by ordinance.~~

1 ~~(3)~~) All criminal and civil process issuing out of courts
2 created under this title shall be directed to the chief of police of
3 the city served by the court and/or to the sheriff of the county in
4 which the court is held and/or the warrant officers and be by them
5 executed according to law in any county of this state.

6 ~~((4))~~ (2) No process of courts created under this title shall
7 be executed outside the corporate limits of the city served by the
8 court unless the person authorized by the process first contacts the
9 applicable law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the process
10 is to be served.

11 ~~((5))~~ (3) Upon a defendant being arrested in another city or
12 county the cost of arresting or serving process thereon shall be
13 borne by the court issuing the process including the cost of
14 returning the defendant from any county of the state to the city.

15 ~~((6) Warrant officers shall not be entitled to death,
16 disability, or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on
17 the basis of service as a warrant officer as described in this
18 section.))~~

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