

**SSB 5828 - S AMD 519**

By Senator Shewmake

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1 On page 2, after line 21, insert the following:

2 "All acts and proceedings of a water commissioner are subject to  
3 revision by the superior court as provided in RCW 2.24.050."

4 On page 3, line 4, after "court." insert "The court may order all  
5 or any issues in a water adjudication, whether of fact or law, or  
6 both, referred to a referee by order of reference. RCW 4.48.010,  
7 4.48.020, 4.48.050, and 4.48.110 do not apply to referees appointed  
8 pursuant to this chapter. Challenges to the appointment of a referee  
9 must be made pursuant to RCW 90.03.620."

EFFECT: Clarifies the scope of water commissioner powers, how commissioner decisions may be challenged, and how challenges to appointments may be made.

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