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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1144**

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**State of Washington**

**69th Legislature**

**2025 Regular Session**

**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Lekanoff, Low, Ramel, Shavers, and Paul; by request of Administrative Office of the Courts)

READ FIRST TIME 02/13/25.

1 AN ACT Relating to adding an additional superior court judge in  
2 Skagit county; amending RCW 2.08.063; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.063 and 2024 c 112 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 There shall be in the county of Lincoln one judge of the superior  
7 court; in the county of Skagit, (~~four~~) five judges of the superior  
8 court; in the county of Walla Walla, two judges of the superior  
9 court; in the county of Whitman, one judge of the superior court; in  
10 the county of Yakima, eight judges of the superior court; in the  
11 county of Adams, one judge of the superior court; in the county of  
12 Whatcom, five judges of the superior court.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
14 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
15 provided by June 30, 2025, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
16 act is null and void.

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