

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6180

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Law & Justice, January 24, 1996

Title: An act relating to superior court judges.

Brief Description: Allowing additional time for phasing in additional King County superior court judges.

Sponsors: Senator Smith; by request of Administrator for the Courts.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 1/18/96, 1/24/96 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6180 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Smith, Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Goings, Hargrove, Haugen, Johnson, Long, McCaslin, Roach and Schow.

Staff: Dick Armstrong (786-7460)

Background: In 1992, King County was authorized to establish 12 additional superior court judicial positions. The legislation provided that the judicial positions were to be established by July 1, 1996.

At the present time, King County has nine unfilled superior court judicial positions. King County is requesting that the time to fill such judicial positions be extended to July 1, 1999.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The time period for King County to fill its authorized superior court judicial positions is deleted from the statute.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The bill as introduced would have extended the time period to fill the judicial positions from July 1, 1996, to July 1, 1999.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: King County officials and court personnel are requesting additional time to fill judicial positions that are already authorized by the Legislature.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Jan Michaels, King County (pro).