
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5542

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Smith)

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1 AN ACT Relating to payment for additional judicial positions;
2 amending RCW 3.34.025; adding a new section to chapter 2.08 RCW; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 2.08 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Any additional superior court judicial position created after
8 January 1, 1995, shall be effective only if the legislative authority
9 of the affected county documents its approval of the additional
10 position and its agreement that it will pay out of county funds,
11 without reimbursement from the state, the expenses of such additional
12 judicial position unless otherwise provided by state law or the
13 Constitution.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.34.025 and 1991 c 313 s 3 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 Any additional district judge positions created after January 1,
17 1995, under RCW 3.34.020 shall be effective only if the legislative
18 authority of the affected county documents its approval of any

1 additional positions and its agreement that it will pay out of county
2 funds, without reimbursement from the state, the expenses of such
3 additional judicial positions ((as)) unless otherwise provided by
4 ((statute)) state law. The additional expenses include, but are not
5 limited to, expenses incurred for court facilities. The legislative
6 authority of any such county may, at its discretion, phase in any
7 judicial positions over a period of time not to exceed two years from
8 the effective date of the additional district judge positions.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
12 effect immediately.

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