
SENATE BILL 6088

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By Senators Baumgartner, Padden, Brown, and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to the size of the state supreme court; and
2 amending RCW 2.04.070 and 2.04.071.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.04.070 and 1909 c 24 s 1 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 When a vacancy on the supreme court occurs by death, resignation,
7 or otherwise after the effective date of this section, it may not be
8 filled until the number of judges on that court has been reduced to
9 seven. Thereafter, the supreme court((, from and after February 26,
10 1909,)) shall consist of ((nine)) seven judges.

11 A vacancy can occur by resignation, retirement, death, or
12 otherwise.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 2.04.071 and 1971 c 81 s 1 are each amended to read as
14 follows:

15 ~~((At the next general election, and at each biennial general~~
16 ~~election thereafter, there shall be elected three justices of the~~
17 ~~supreme court, to hold for the full term of six years, and until their~~
18 ~~successors are elected and qualified)) Upon the reduction in size of~~

1 the supreme court from nine to seven justices, no fewer than two and no
2 more than three judges may be elected at each biennial general election
3 to serve six-year terms, commencing with the second Monday in January
4 succeeding their election.

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