

2 **SHB 1127 - H COMM AMD 3-14-91 ADOPTED**

3 By Committee on Appropriations

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 2.08.061 and 1989 c 328 s 2 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 There shall be in the county of King no more than (~~forty-six~~)  
10 fifty-eight judges of the superior court; in the county of Spokane ten  
11 judges of the superior court; and in the county of Pierce nineteen  
12 judges of the superior court. The King county legislative authority  
13 may phase in six of the additional twelve judges, as authorized by the  
14 1991 amendments to this section, over a period of time not to extend  
15 beyond July 1, 1995, and the remaining six additional judges over a  
16 period of time not to begin before July 1, 1993, and not to extend  
17 beyond July 1, 1995."

18 "Sec. 2. RCW 2.08.062 and 1990 c 186 s 1 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

20 There shall be in the counties of Chelan and Douglas jointly, three  
21 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clark six judges of the  
22 superior court; in the county of Grays Harbor (~~two~~) three judges of  
23 the superior court; in the county of Kitsap seven judges of the  
24 superior court; in the county of Kittitas one judge of the superior  
25 court; in the county of Lewis two judges of the superior court."

1       **"Sec. 3.** RCW 2.08.064 and 1989 c 328 s 3 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly, five  
4 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam, two judges of  
5 the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one judge of the  
6 superior court; in the county of Snohomish, (~~eleven~~) thirteen judges  
7 of the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield  
8 jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz,  
9 three judges of the superior court; in the counties of Klickitat and  
10 Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court. The county  
11 legislative authority may phase in the additional judges, as authorized  
12 by the 1991 amendments to this section, over a period of time not to  
13 extend beyond July 1, 1995."

14       **"Sec. 4.** RCW 2.08.065 and 1990 c 186 s 2 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16       There shall be in the county of Grant, two judges of the superior  
17 court; in the county of Okanogan, one judge of the superior court; in  
18 the county of Mason, (~~one~~) two judges of the superior court; in the  
19 county of Thurston, six judges of the superior court; in the counties  
20 of Pacific and Wahkiakum jointly, one judge of the superior court; in  
21 the counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens jointly, two judges of  
22 the superior court; and in the counties of San Juan and Island jointly,  
23 two judges of the superior court."

24       **"Sec. 5.** RCW 2.32.180 and 1990 c 186 s 3 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26       It shall be and is the duty of each and every superior court judge  
27 in counties or judicial districts in the state of Washington having a  
28 population of over thirty-five thousand inhabitants to appoint, or said

1 judge may, in any county or judicial district having a population of  
2 over twenty-five thousand and less than thirty-five thousand, appoint  
3 a stenographic reporter to be attached to the court holden by him who  
4 shall have had at least three years' experience as a skilled, practical  
5 reporter, or who upon examination shall be able to report and  
6 transcribe accurately one hundred and seventy-five words per minute of  
7 the judge's charge or two hundred words per minute of testimony each  
8 for five consecutive minutes; said test of proficiency, in event of  
9 inability to meet qualifications as to length of time of experience, to  
10 be given by an examining committee composed of one judge of the  
11 superior court and two official reporters of the superior court of the  
12 state of Washington, appointed by the president judge of the superior  
13 court judges association of the state of Washington: PROVIDED, That a  
14 stenographic reporter shall not be required to be appointed for the  
15 seven additional judges of the superior court authorized for  
16 appointment by section 1, chapter 323, Laws of 1987, the additional  
17 superior court judge authorized by section 1, chapter 66, Laws of 1988,  
18 the additional superior court judges authorized by sections 2 and 3,  
19 chapter 328, Laws of 1989, (~~(or)~~) the additional superior court judges  
20 authorized by sections 1 and 2, chapter 186, Laws of 1990, or the  
21 additional superior court judges authorized by sections 1 through 4 of  
22 this 1991 act. The initial judicial appointee shall serve for a period  
23 of six years; the two initial reporter appointees shall serve for a  
24 period of four years and two years, respectively, from September 1,  
25 1957; thereafter on expiration of the first terms of service, each  
26 newly appointed member of said examining committee to serve for a  
27 period of six years. In the event of death or inability of a member to  
28 serve, the president judge shall appoint a reporter or judge, as the  
29 case may be, to serve for the balance of the unexpired term of the  
30 member whose inability to serve caused such vacancy. The examining

1 committee shall grant certificates to qualified applicants.  
2 Administrative and procedural rules and regulations shall be  
3 promulgated by said examining committee, subject to approval by the  
4 said president judge.

5 The stenographic reporter upon appointment shall thereupon become  
6 an officer of the court and shall be designated and known as the  
7 official reporter for the court or judicial district for which he is  
8 appointed: PROVIDED, That in no event shall there be appointed more  
9 official reporters in any one county or judicial district than there  
10 are superior court judges in such county or judicial district; the  
11 appointments in each class AA county shall be made by the majority vote  
12 of the judges in said county acting en banc; the appointments in class  
13 A counties and counties of the first class may be made by each  
14 individual judge therein or by the judges in said county acting en  
15 banc. Each official reporter so appointed shall hold office during the  
16 term of office of the judge or judges appointing him, but may be  
17 removed for incompetency, misconduct or neglect of duty, and before  
18 entering upon the discharge of his duties shall take an oath to perform  
19 faithfully the duties of his office, and file a bond in the sum of two  
20 thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties. Such  
21 reporter in each court is hereby declared to be a necessary part of the  
22 judicial system of the state of Washington."

23 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Section 2 of this act shall take effect  
24 January 1, 1992. Section 3 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1992.  
25 Sections 1 and 4 of this act are necessary for the immediate  
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
27 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
28 effect July 1, 1991."

1        "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 7.**        The additional judicial positions  
2 created by sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this act shall be effective only  
3 if each county through its duly constituted legislative authority  
4 documents its approval of any additional positions and its agreement  
5 that it will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the  
6 state, the expenses of such additional judicial positions as provided  
7 by statute and only if the superior court judges in each of the  
8 counties document their adoption of mandatory arbitration for money  
9 judgments to the fullest extent authorized under RCW 7.06.020(1)."

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13        On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "courts;" strike the  
14 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 2.08.061, 2.08.062,  
15 2.08.064, 2.08.065, and 2.32.180; creating a new section; providing  
16 effective dates; and declaring an emergency."