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2 **ESHB 1127** - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Ways & Means

4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 4/15/91 - Voice Vote

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 the additional twelve judges, as authorized by the 1991
14 amendments to this section, over a period of time not to extend beyond
15 July 1, 1995."

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

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

24 "Sec. 3. RCW 2.08.063 and 1988 c 66 s 1 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

1 There shall be in the county of Lincoln one judge of the superior
2 court; in the county of Skagit, (~~two~~) three judges of the superior
3 court; in the county of Walla Walla, two judges of the superior court;
4 in the county of Whitman, one judge of the superior court; in the
5 county of Yakima six judges of the superior court; in the county of
6 Adams, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Whatcom, three
7 judges of the superior court."

8 "**Sec. 4.** RCW 2.08.064 and 1989 c 328 s 3 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly, five
11 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam, two judges of
12 the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one judge of the
13 superior court; in the county of Snohomish, (~~eleven~~) thirteen judges
14 of the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield
15 jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz,
16 three judges of the superior court; in the counties of Klickitat and
17 Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court."

18 "**Sec. 5.** RCW 2.08.065 and 1990 c 186 s 2 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

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

1 **"Sec. 6.** RCW 2.32.180 and 1990 c 186 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

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

1 for a period of four years and two years, respectively, from September
2 1, 1957; thereafter on expiration of the first terms of service, each
3 newly appointed member of said examining committee to serve for a
4 period of six years. In the event of death or inability of a member to
5 serve, the president judge shall appoint a reporter or judge, as the
6 case may be, to serve for the balance of the unexpired term of the
7 member whose inability to serve caused such vacancy. The examining
8 committee shall grant certificates to qualified applicants.
9 Administrative and procedural rules and regulations shall be
10 promulgated by said examining committee, subject to approval by the
11 said president judge.

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

