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5   On page 3, after line 8, insert a new section to read as follows:

6   "<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 3.66 RCW

8   to read as follows:

9   (1) The district courts of each county may, by a majority vote of

10   the judges thereof, authorize mandatory arbitration of civil actions

11   under this chapter.

12   (2) In no event may an award in single arbitration under this

13   chapter exceed the amount of the monetary jurisdiction level of the

14   district courts.

15   (3) The subject matter jurisdiction of mandatory arbitration shall

16   be the same as the subject matter jurisdiction of the district courts.

17   (4) Any arbitrator appointed under this chapter is immune from

18   suit in any civil action based on any proceedings or other official

19   acts performed in their capacity as arbitrators, except for acts of

20   willful or wanton misconduct.

21   (5) All memoranda, work notes or products, or case files of an

22   arbitrator are confidential and privileged and are not subject to

23   disclosure in any civil judicial or administrative proceeding, except

24   when the willful or wanton misconduct of the arbitrator is at issue.

25   (6) The Washington state magistrates association shall adopt

26   standards for a person to become an arbitrator under this chapter.

27   Such standards shall include admission to the practice of law in this

28   state for a minimum of seven years and reasonable experience at

29   litigation of civil matters of law.

30   (7) The Washington state magistrates association shall recommend to

1 the supreme court rules of procedure for mandatory arbitration in the

2 district courts.   In the adoption of such rules, the court shall be

3 guided by the statutory requirements of mandatory arbitration set forth

4 in chapter 7.06 RCW."

5   Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal

6 cross-references accordingly.

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