

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1732

*As Passed House
March 12, 1991*

Title: An act relating to warrant servers.

Brief Description: Allowing cities over 400,000 population to assign warrant servers to the police department.

Sponsor(s): Representatives Appelwick, Winsley, Wineberry, Locke, Ferguson, Scott and Forner.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Judiciary, February 22, 1991, DP;
Passed House, March 12, 1991, 96-0.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 17 members:
Representatives Appelwick, Chair; Ludwig, Vice Chair;
Padden, Ranking Minority Member; Paris, Assistant Ranking
Minority Member; Belcher; Broback; Forner; Hargrove; Locke;
R. Meyers; Mielke; H. Myers; Riley; Scott; Tate; Vance; and
Wineberry.

Staff: Annie Thompson (786-7179).

Background: Until 1977, police departments served warrants issued by the municipal courts. However, a law enacted in that year made the position of warrant server a function of the municipal court.

Summary of Bill: Warrant servers may be employees of either the municipal courts or the city police departments.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Trained police personnel are better equipped than court employees to respond to dangerous situations encountered by warrant servers.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Ted Inckley, Chief, Seattle City Attorney's Office (pro).