

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1467

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to district judges.

Brief Description: Increasing the number of district judges.

Sponsor(s): Representatives R. Meyers, Padden, Paris, Tate, Mielke, Broback, Forner, Vance, May, Brough, Winsley, D. Sommers, Mitchell and Roland.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Judiciary, February 20, 1991, DP;
Passed House, March 11, 1991, 93-0;
Amended by Senate;
House Concurred;
Passed Legislature, 95-1.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY**

Majority Report: *Do pass.* Signed by 19 members:
Representatives Appelwick, Chair; Ludwig, Vice Chair;
Padden, Ranking Minority Member; Paris, Assistant Ranking
Minority Member; Belcher; Broback; Forner; Hargrove; Inslee;
Locke; R. Meyers; Mielke; H. Myers; Riley; Scott;
D. Sommers; Tate; Vance; and Wineberry.

Staff: Bill Perry (786-7123).

Background: The minimum number of district court judges in each county is set by statute. Periodically, these numbers are adjusted to reflect shifts in population and caseloads.

Summary of Bill: The minimum numbers of district court judges in three counties are adjusted as follows:

- o King County from 24 to 26;
- o Pierce County from 8 to 11;
- o Spokane County from 8 to 9; and
- o Pacific County from 3 to 2.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The workload for the district courts in these counties justifies the additional judges.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: Michele Radosevich, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (in favor); Ron Main, King County (in favor); Kurt Sharar, Washington State Association of Counties (in favor); and Jim Heller, Pierce County District Court (in favor).