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By Representatives Scott, Riley, Tate, Wineberry, R. Meyers, Padden and Mielke.

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1 AN ACT Relating to assignment of judges in juvenile dependency  
2 proceedings; and adding a new section to chapter 13.34 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 13.34 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The presiding judge for the superior court shall assign one or  
7 more judges to handle proceedings under this chapter. The judges  
8 assigned to handle proceedings under this chapter shall not be rotated  
9 for a minimum of one year after being assigned to handle proceedings  
10 under this chapter.

11 (2) To the extent feasible, judges assigned to hear proceedings  
12 under this chapter shall be those who (a) desire to be assigned; and  
13 (b) have special experience or training in juvenile issues and the  
14 problems of children likely to come before the court.

1           (3) Once a proceeding under this chapter has been assigned to a  
2 judge, further motions and hearings related to that proceeding shall be  
3 made before the same judge until that judge retires or dies, regardless  
4 of that judge's rotation.