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1 AN ACT Relating to warrant officers; amending RCW 35.20.270;  
2 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.20.270 and 1977 ex.s. c 108 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The position of warrant ((server)) officer is hereby created  
7 and maintained by the city either within the courts created by chapter  
8 35.20 RCW or within the city police department. The number and  
9 qualifications of ((said)) warrant ((servers)) officers shall be fixed  
10 by ordinance, and their compensation shall be paid by the city.

11 (2) ((Said)) Warrant ((servers)) officers shall be vested only with  
12 the special authority to make arrests authorized by ((the)) warrants  
13 ~~((which they have been directed to serve by courts created by chapter~~  
14 ~~35.20 RCW))~~ and for crimes committed coincidental to warrant service.

1 (3) All criminal and civil process issuing out of courts created  
2 under this title shall be directed to the chief of police of the city  
3 served by the court and/or to the sheriff of the county in which the  
4 court is held and/or the warrant (~~((servers of the court))~~) officers and  
5 be by them executed according to law in any county of this state.

6 (4) No process of courts created under this title shall be executed  
7 outside the corporate limits of the city served by the court unless the  
8 person authorized by (~~((said))~~) the process shall first contact the  
9 applicable law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the process is  
10 to be served.

11 (5) Upon a defendant being arrested in another city or county the  
12 cost of arresting or serving process thereon shall be borne by the  
13 court issuing (~~((said))~~) the process including the cost of returning the  
14 defendant from any county of the state to the city.

15 (6) (~~((Said))~~) Warrant (~~((servers))~~) officers shall not be entitled to  
16 death, disability, or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW  
17 on the basis of service as a warrant (~~((server))~~) officer as described in  
18 this section.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
22 effect June 1, 1992.