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SENATE BILL 5338

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By Senators Erwin, Vognild, Snyder, Owen, Nelson, Niemi and Roach; by request of Administrator for the Courts.

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1 AN ACT Relating to superior courts; amending RCW 2.08.061,  
2 2.08.062, 2.08.064, and 2.08.065; creating a new section; providing  
3 effective dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.061 and 1989 c 328 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 There shall be in the county of King no more than (~~forty-six~~)  
8 fifty-eight judges of the superior court; in the county of Spokane ten  
9 judges of the superior court; and in the county of Pierce nineteen  
10 judges of the superior court. The King county legislative authority  
11 may phase in the additional twelve judges, as authorized by the 1991  
12 amendments to this section, over a period of time not to extend beyond  
13 July 1, 1995.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 2.08.062 and 1990 c 186 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       There shall be in the counties of Chelan and Douglas jointly, three  
4 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clark six judges of the  
5 superior court; in the county of Grays Harbor (~~two~~) three judges of  
6 the superior court; in the county of Kitsap seven judges of the  
7 superior court; in the county of Kittitas one judge of the superior  
8 court; in the county of Lewis two judges of the superior court.

9       **Sec. 3.** RCW 2.08.064 and 1989 c 328 s 3 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11       There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly, five  
12 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam, two judges of  
13 the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one judge of the  
14 superior court; in the county of Snohomish, (~~eleven~~) twelve judges of  
15 the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield  
16 jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz,  
17 three judges of the superior court; in the counties of Klickitat and  
18 Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court.

19       **Sec. 4.** RCW 2.08.065 and 1990 c 186 s 2 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21       There shall be in the county of Grant, two judges of the superior  
22 court; in the county of Okanogan, one judge of the superior court; in  
23 the county of Mason, (~~one~~) two judges of the superior court; in the  
24 county of Thurston, six judges of the superior court; in the counties  
25 of Pacific and Wahkiakum jointly, one judge of the superior court; in  
26 the counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens jointly, two judges of  
27 the superior court; and in the counties of San Juan and Island jointly,  
28 two judges of the superior court.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**        Section 2 of this act shall take effect  
2 January 1, 1992. Section 3 of this act shall take effect July 1, 1992.  
3 Sections 1 and 4 of this act are necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
6 effect July 1, 1991.

7        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**        The additional judicial positions  
8 created by sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this act shall be effective only  
9 if each county through its duly constituted legislative authority  
10 documents its approval of any additional positions and its agreement  
11 that it will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the  
12 state, the expenses of such additional judicial positions as provided  
13 by statute.