

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6067

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Changing the Washington state magistrates' association.

SPONSORS: Senators Wojahn, Ludwig, Nelson, A. Smith, Fraser, Snyder and Bauer

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BACKGROUND:

Current statutes designate the association comprised of all elected or appointed judges of courts of limited jurisdiction as the "Washington State Magistrates' Association." This conflicts with the statutory definition of magistrate which includes appellate and superior court judges along with district and municipal court judges.

Statutes also provide the annual meeting for the association be held during August or September. However, the association's annual meeting has traditionally been held in the spring.

It is recommended references to the magistrates' association be changed to refer to the "district and municipal court judges' association" and the governing board be allowed to schedule annual meetings.

SUMMARY:

The "Washington State Magistrates' Association" is changed to the "Washington State District and Municipal Court Judges' Association."

The annual meeting of the association may be scheduled by the governing board.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	48	0
House	96	0

EFFECTIVE: June 9, 1994