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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1339**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Pruitt, R. Meyers, Brumsickle, Zellinsky and Schmidt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to court commissioners in municipal court; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 3.50 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 3.50 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 One or more court commissioners may be appointed by a judge of the  
7 municipal court. Each commissioner holds office at the pleasure of the  
8 appointing judge. A commissioner authorized to hear or dispose of  
9 cases must be a lawyer who is admitted to practice law in the state of  
10 Washington or a nonlawyer who has passed the qualifying examination for  
11 lay judges for courts of limited jurisdiction under RCW 3.34.060.

12 A commissioner need not be a resident of the city or of the county  
13 in which the municipal court is created. When a court commissioner has  
14 not been appointed and the municipal court is presided over by a part-  
15 time appointed judge, the judge need not be a resident of the city or  
16 of the county in which the municipal court is created.

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