

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5144

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Law & Justice, February 11, 1997

**Title:** An act relating to the administration of county clerks' offices.

**Brief Description:** Modifying numerous local government administrative requirements.

**Sponsors:** Senator Roach.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Law & Justice: 1/30/97, 2/11/97 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5144 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Johnson, Vice Chair; Fairley, Goings, Hargrove, Haugen, Kline, Long, McCaslin, Stevens and Zarelli.

**Staff:** Mal Murphy (786-7412)

**Background:** Several current provisions relating to the administration of the county clerks' offices are confusing or unclear, contain archaic language, or incomplete citations to controlling statutory provisions.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** Various technical clarifications or corrections are made to sections relating to the administration of the county clerks' offices. No execution on a foreign judgment is allowed until ten days after the judgment is filed in the clerk's office. Jurisdiction to modify a judgment of the district court appealed to the superior court is clearly placed in the superior court. Archaic language is eliminated and common usage adopted.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** Language necessary to make the bill internally consistent is added.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The bill clarifies and cleans up uncertainty in current law.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Debbie Wilke, WA Assoc. of County Officials; Pam Daniels, Snohomish County Clerk (pro).