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By Senators Roach and Johnson

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1 AN ACT Relating to disqualification of district judges; and
2 amending RCW 3.34.110.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.34.110 and 1984 c 258 s 17 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A district judge shall not act as judge in any ~~((of the following~~
7 ~~cases:~~

8 ~~((1) In an))~~ action to which the judge is a party, or in which the
9 judge is directly interested, or in which the judge has been an
10 attorney for a party, or in which the judge believes he or she would be
11 unable to act as an impartial judge.

12 ~~((2) When the judge or))~~ If one of the parties ((believes)) to an
13 action has reason to believe that the parties cannot have an impartial
14 trial before ((the)) a judge, the party may file with the judge a
15 motion to recuse.

16 The supreme court may adopt rules of procedure for implementation
17 consistent with this law. ((Only one change of judges shall be allowed
18 each party under this subsection.

1 ~~When a judge is disqualified under this section, the case shall be~~
2 ~~heard before another judge or judge pro tempore of the same county.))~~

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