

1 **HB 1202 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 03/09/99**

2 By Committee on Judiciary

3 On page 1, line 12, after "and" strike everything through "of" and
4 insert "~~((shall hold office at the pleasure of))~~may be disciplined or
5 terminated for cause by"

6 On page 1, line 15, after "judges." strike everything through
7 "judges." on line 16, and insert "A commissioner may be disciplined or
8 terminated for cause by the appointing judges."

9 On page 2, line 27, beginning with "Each" strike everything
10 through "of" and insert "~~((Each commissioner holds office at the~~
11 ~~pleasure of))~~ A commissioner may be disciplined or terminated for cause
12 by"

13 On page 4, after line 24, insert the following:

14 "**Sec. 11.** RCW 35.20.155 and 1996 c 16 3 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 When so authorized by the city legislative authority, the judges
17 of the city may appoint one or more municipal court commissioners. A
18 commissioner must be a registered voter of the city, and ~~((shall hold~~
19 ~~office at the pleasure of))~~ may be disciplined or terminated for cause
20 by the appointing judges. A person appointed as a commissioner
21 authorized to hear or dispose of cases must be a lawyer who is admitted
22 to the practice of law in the state of Washington. A commissioner has
23 such power, authority, and jurisdiction in criminal and civil matters
24 as the appointing judges possess and may prescribe."

25 Renumber the remaining section and correct the title.

EFFECT: Eliminates the authority of elected judges to discipline
or terminate appointed commissioners and magistrates at will.
Requires that disciplinary action or termination be for cause.