

2 **SSB 6600 - H COMM AMD Adopted March 5, 2002**
3 By Committee on Commerce & Labor

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 41.12.050 and 1993 c 189 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) For police departments with fewer than six commissioned
10 officers, including the police chief, the classified civil service and
11 provisions of this chapter ((shall)) includes all full paid employees
12 of the ((police)) department of ((each)) the city, town, or
13 municipality ((coming within its purview, except that)).

14 (2) For police departments with six or more commissioned officers,
15 including the police chief, the legislative body of a city, town, or
16 municipality may exempt from civil service individuals appointed as
17 police chief after July 1, 1987((, to a department with six or more
18 commissioned officers, including the police chief, may be excluded by
19 the legislative body of the city, town or municipality)).

20 (a) If the police chief is not exempt, the classified civil service
21 includes all full paid employees of the department of the city, town,
22 or municipality, including the police chief.

23 (b) If the police chief is exempt, the classified civil service
24 includes all full paid employees of the department of the city, town,
25 or municipality, except the police chief and an additional number of
26 positions, designated the unclassified service, determined as follows:

	<u>Unclassified</u>
<u>Department Personnel</u>	<u>Position Appointments</u>
<u>6 through 10</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>11 through 20</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>21 through 50</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>51 through 100</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>101 through 250</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>251 through 500</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>501 and over</u>	<u>10</u>

1 (3) The unclassified position appointments authorized by subsection
2 (2)(b) of this section may only include selections from the following
3 positions up to the limit of the number of positions authorized:
4 Assistant chief, deputy chief, bureau commander, and administrative
5 assistant or administrative secretary. The initial selection of
6 specific positions to be in the unclassified service and exempt from
7 civil service shall be made by the police chief, who shall notify the
8 civil service commission of his or her selection. Subsequent changes
9 in the designation of which positions are in the unclassified service
10 may be made only with the concurrence of the police chief, the mayor or
11 the city administrator, and the civil service commission, and then only
12 after the civil service commission has heard the issue in an open
13 meeting. If a position initially selected by the police chief to be in
14 the unclassified service is in the classified civil service at the time
15 of the selection, and if the position is occupied, the employee
16 occupying the position has the right to return to the next highest
17 position or a like position in the classified civil service.

18 (4) All appointments to and promotions in the department shall be
19 made solely on merit, efficiency, and fitness except as provided in RCW
20 35.13.360 through 35.13.400, which shall be ascertained by open
21 competitive examination and impartial investigation. No person in the
22 unclassified service shall be reinstated in or transferred, suspended,
23 or discharged from any such place, position, or employment contrary to
24 the provisions of this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 41.12.060 (Existing police blanketed
26 under civil service) and 1937 c 13 s 6 are each repealed."

27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Clarifies which police department employees are in the
classified civil service and which may be in the unclassified civil
service.

(2) Repeals section declaring police department employees serving
in 1937 to be eligible for permanent appointment to their positions.

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