
SENATE BILL 5786

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By Senators Kline, Sheahan, Kohl-Welles and Prentice

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1 AN ACT Relating to qualifications of judges; amending RCW
2 2.06.050; creating a new section; and providing a contingent
3 effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.06.050 and 1969 ex.s. c 221 s 5 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 A judge of the court shall be:

8 (1) Admitted to the practice of law in the courts of this state
9 not less than (~~five~~) ten years prior to taking office.

10 (2) A resident for not less than one year at the time of
11 appointment or initial election in the district for which his or
12 her position was created.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If a judge currently holding office does
14 not meet the minimum qualifications specified in this act on the
15 effective date of this act, the judge may complete his or her
16 current term of office.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect thirty days after
2 election if the proposed amendment to Article IV, section 17 of
3 the state Constitution specifying qualifications for judges is
4 validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at
5 the next general election. If the proposed amendment is not
6 approved and ratified, this act is void in its entirety.

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