

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6600**

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2002 Regular Session

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6600** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State  
State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions  
(originally sponsored by Senator Prentice)

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/2002.

1            AN ACT Relating to authorizing unclassified position appointments  
2 in city or town police departments; amending RCW 41.12.050; and  
3 repealing RCW 41.12.060.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.12.050 and 1993 c 189 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

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

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

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

4 (b) If the police chief is exempt, the classified civil service  
5 includes all full paid employees of the department of the city, town,  
6 or municipality, except the police chief and an additional number of  
7 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>

17 (3) The unclassified position appointments authorized by subsection  
18 (2)(b) of this section may only include selections from the following  
19 positions up to the limit of the number of positions authorized:  
20 Assistant chief, deputy chief, bureau commander, and administrative  
21 assistant or administrative secretary. The initial selection of  
22 specific positions to be in the unclassified service and exempt from  
23 civil service shall be made by the police chief, who shall notify the  
24 civil service commission of his or her selection. Subsequent changes  
25 in the designation of which positions are in the unclassified service  
26 may be made only with the concurrence of the police chief, the mayor or  
27 the city administrator, and the civil service commission, and then only  
28 after the civil service commission has heard the issue in an open  
29 meeting. If a position initially selected by the police chief to be in  
30 the unclassified service is in the classified civil service at the time  
31 of the selection, and if the position is occupied, the employee  
32 occupying the position has the right to return to the next highest  
33 position or a like position in the classified civil service.

34 (4) All appointments to and promotions in the department shall be  
35 made solely on merit, efficiency, and fitness except as provided in RCW  
36 35.13.360 through 35.13.400, which shall be ascertained by open  
37 competitive examination and impartial investigation. No person in the  
38 unclassified service shall be reinstated in or transferred, suspended,

1 or discharged from any such place, position, or employment contrary to  
2 the provisions of this chapter.

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

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