
HOUSE BILL 1262

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By Representatives Takko, Walsh, Blake and Wallace; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

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1 AN ACT Relating to judicial compensation; and amending RCW
2 2.08.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.180 and 2003 c 247 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A case in the superior court of any county may be tried by a judge
7 pro tempore, who must be either: (1) A member of the bar, agreed upon
8 in writing by the parties litigant, or their attorneys of record,
9 approved by the court, and sworn to try the case; or (2) pursuant to
10 supreme court rule, any sitting elected judge. Any action in the trial
11 of such cause shall have the same effect as if it was made by a judge
12 of such court. However, if a previously elected judge of the superior
13 court retires leaving a pending case in which the judge has made
14 discretionary rulings, the judge is entitled to hear the pending case
15 as a judge pro tempore without any written agreement.

16 A judge pro tempore shall, before entering upon his or her duties
17 in any cause, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation:

18 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will
19 support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of

1 the State of Washington, and that I will faithfully discharge the
2 duties of the office of judge pro tempore in the cause wherein
3 is plaintiff and defendant, according to the
4 best of my ability."

5 A judge pro tempore who is a practicing attorney and who is not a
6 retired justice of the supreme court or judge of a superior court of
7 the state of Washington, or who is not an active judge of a court of
8 the state of Washington, shall receive a compensation of one-two
9 hundred fiftieth of the annual salary of a superior court judge for
10 each day engaged in said trial, to be paid in the same manner as the
11 salary of the superior judge. A judge who is an active full-time judge
12 of a court of the state of Washington shall receive no compensation as
13 judge pro tempore. A judge who is an active part-time judge of a court
14 of the state of Washington may receive compensation as a judge pro
15 tempore only when sitting as a judge pro tempore during time for which
16 he or she is not compensated as a part-time judge. A justice or judge
17 who has retired from the supreme court, court of appeals, or superior
18 court of the state of Washington shall receive compensation as judge
19 pro tempore in the amount of sixty percent of the amount payable to a
20 judge pro tempore under this section, provided that a retired justice
21 or judge may decline to accept compensation.

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