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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2344**

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**State of Washington                      59th Legislature                      2006 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler, Buck, Kagi, Curtis, Takko, Blake and Kenney)

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1            AN ACT Relating to superior court judges; amending RCW 2.08.064;  
2 and creating a new section.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.064 and 2003 c 96 s 2 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6            There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly, six  
7 judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam, (~~two~~) three  
8 judges of the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one judge of  
9 the superior court; in the county of Snohomish, fifteen judges of the  
10 superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield  
11 jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz,  
12 (~~four~~) five judges of the superior court; in the counties of  
13 Klickitat and Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court.

14            NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The additional judicial positions created by  
15 section 1 of this act in Clallam and Cowlitz counties are effective  
16 only if each county through its duly constituted legislative authority  
17 documents its approval of the additional position and its agreement

1 that it will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the  
2 state, the expenses of the existing and additional judicial positions  
3 as provided by statute and the state Constitution.

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