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## HOUSE BILL 2601

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- AN ACT Relating to municipal court terms; adding a new section to chapter 3.50 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35.20 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 3.50 RCW to read as follows:
  - A municipal court term may only be terminated at the end of the judicial term of the judge or judges of that court. Provided, that for courts with elected municipal court judges, the judicial term includes the time period between the date the office is designated for election pursuant to RCW 29A.24.010 to the end of the four-year term that is the subject of the upcoming election. Provided further, that in the case of a judge appointed in a part-time court pursuant to RCW 3.50.040, the term of office includes the time period between the date the appointment is confirmed by the local legislative body to the end of the judge's four-year term of office as provided for in RCW 3.50.040.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 35.20 RCW to read as follows:
- 18 A municipal court term may only be terminated at the end of the

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- 1 judicial term of the judge or judges of that court. The judicial term
- 2 includes the time period between the date the office is designated for
- 3 election pursuant to RCW 29A.24.010 to the end of the four-year term
- 4 that is the subject of the upcoming election.

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