

SSB 5004 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Judiciary

ADOPTED AND ENGROSSED 4/15/2015

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Any city or town may establish the position of warrant
6 officer.

7 (2) If any city or town establishes the position of warrant
8 officer, the position shall be maintained by the city or town within
9 the city or town police department. The number and qualifications of
10 warrant officers shall be fixed by ordinance and their compensation
11 shall be paid by the city or town. The chief of police of the city or
12 town must establish training requirements consistent with the job
13 description of warrant officer established in that city or town.
14 Training requirements must be approved by the criminal justice
15 training commission.

16 (3) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special
17 authority identified in ordinance, which may include the authority to
18 make arrests authorized by warrants and other authority related to
19 service of civil and criminal process.

20 (4) Process issuing from any court that is directed to a police
21 department in which a warrant officer position is maintained may be
22 served or enforced by the warrant officer, if within the warrant
23 officer's authority as identified in ordinance.

24 (5) Warrant officers shall not be entitled to death, disability,
25 or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on the basis of
26 service as a warrant officer as described in this section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 (1) Any code city may establish the position of warrant officer.

30 (2) If any code city establishes the position of warrant officer,
31 the position shall be maintained by the city within the city police
32 department. The number and qualifications of warrant officers shall

1 be fixed by ordinance, and their compensation shall be paid by the
2 city. The chief of police of the city must establish training
3 requirements consistent with the job description of warrant officer
4 established in that city. Training requirements must be approved by
5 the criminal justice training commission.

6 (3) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special
7 authority identified in ordinance, which may include the authority to
8 make arrests authorized by warrants and other authority related to
9 service of civil and criminal process.

10 (4) Process issuing from any court that is directed to a police
11 department in which a warrant officer position is maintained may be
12 served or enforced by the warrant officer, if within the warrant
13 officer's authority as identified in ordinance.

14 (5) Warrant officers shall not be entitled to death, disability,
15 or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on the basis of
16 service as a warrant officer as described in this section.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35.20.270 and 1992 c 99 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 ~~(1) ((The position of warrant officer is hereby created and shall
20 be maintained by the city within the city police department. The
21 number and qualifications of warrant officers shall be fixed by
22 ordinance, and their compensation shall be paid by the city.~~

23 ~~(2) Warrant officers shall be vested only with the special
24 authority to make arrests authorized by warrants and other arrests as
25 are authorized by ordinance.~~

26 ~~(3))~~ All criminal and civil process issuing out of courts
27 created under this title shall be directed to the chief of police of
28 the city served by the court and/or to the sheriff of the county in
29 which the court is held and/or the warrant officers and be by them
30 executed according to law in any county of this state.

31 ~~((4))~~ (2) No process of courts created under this title shall
32 be executed outside the corporate limits of the city served by the
33 court unless the person authorized by the process first contacts the
34 applicable law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the process
35 is to be served.

36 ~~((5))~~ (3) Upon a defendant being arrested in another city or
37 county the cost of arresting or serving process thereon shall be
38 borne by the court issuing the process including the cost of
39 returning the defendant from any county of the state to the city.

1 (~~(6) Warrant officers shall not be entitled to death,~~
2 ~~disability, or retirement benefits pursuant to chapter 41.26 RCW on~~
3 ~~the basis of service as a warrant officer as described in this~~
4 ~~section.))"~~

5 Correct the title.

--- END ---