SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5575

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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Lovick, Robinson, Das, Liias, Nobles, Padden, Salomon, Stanford, and Wellman; by request of Administrative Office of the Courts)

READ FIRST TIME 01/21/22.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to adding additional superior court judges in
- 2 Snohomish county; amending RCW 2.08.064; 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 2013 c 142 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly, seven judges of the superior court; in the county of Clallam, three judges of the superior court; in the county of Jefferson, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Snohomish, ((fifteen)) 17 judges of the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of
- 12 Cowlitz, five judges of the superior court; in the counties of
- 13 Klickitat and Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court.
- 14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** (1) The additional judicial positions
- 15 created in section 1 of this act are effective only if Snohomish
- 16 county, through its duly constituted legislative authority, documents
- 17 its approval of the additional positions and its agreement that it
- will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state,
- 19 the expenses of the additional judicial positions as provided by
- 20 state law and the state Constitution.

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1 (2) The judicial positions created in section 1 of this act are effective July 1, 2022.

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