
SENATE BILL 5931

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By Senators Wagoner and Dhingra; by request of Court Of Appeals

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1 AN ACT Relating to appointment of judges pro tempore in the court
2 of appeals; and amending RCW 2.06.150.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.06.150 and 1997 c 88 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Whenever necessary for the prompt and orderly administration
7 of justice, the chief (~~justice of the supreme court of the state of~~
8 ~~Washington~~) judge of any division of the court of appeals may
9 appoint any regularly elected and qualified judge of (~~the superior~~
10 ~~court or any retired judge of a court of record in~~) a court of
11 general jurisdiction, any retired judge of the court of appeals, or
12 any active or retired justice of the supreme court of this state to
13 serve as judge pro tempore of the court of appeals to sit within that
14 division: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no judge pro tempore appointed to
15 serve on the court of appeals under this subsection may serve more
16 than ninety days in any one year.

17 (2) If the term of a judge of the court of appeals expires with
18 cases or other judicial business pending, the chief (~~justice of the~~
19 ~~supreme court of the state of Washington, upon the recommendation of~~
20 ~~the chief presiding~~) judge of the division of the court of appeals
21 from which the term expired, may appoint the judge to serve as judge

1 pro tempore of the court of appeals(~~(, whenever necessary for the~~
2 ~~prompt and orderly administration of justice. No judge may be~~
3 ~~appointed under this subsection more than one time and no appointment~~
4 ~~may exceed sixty days)) to sit within that division to complete his
5 or her cases or other judicial business.~~

6 (3) Before entering upon his or her duties as judge pro tempore
7 of the court of appeals, the appointee shall take and subscribe an
8 oath of office as provided for in Article IV, section 28 of the state
9 Constitution.

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