

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1049**

68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 13, 2023  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 22, 2023  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1049** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Doglio, Bateman, Riccelli, and Ormsby; by request of Secretary of State

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1            AN ACT Relating to updating timelines for adopting county  
2 commissioner district boundaries following expansion from three to  
3 five commissioners; and amending RCW 36.32.0552.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.0552 and 1990 c 252 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            If the ballot proposition receives majority voter approval, the  
8 size of the board of county commissioners shall be increased to five  
9 members as provided in this section.

10           The two newly created positions shall be filled at elections to  
11 be held in the next year. The county shall, as provided in this  
12 section, be divided into five commissioner districts, so that each  
13 district shall comprise as nearly as possible one-fifth of the  
14 population of the county. No two members of the existing board of  
15 county commissioners may, at the time of the designation of such  
16 districts, permanently reside in one of the five districts. The  
17 division of the county into five districts shall be accomplished as  
18 follows:

19           (1) The board of county commissioners shall, by the ((second  
20 ~~Monday of March~~) 90th day prior to the first day of the filing

1 period described in RCW 29A.24.050 of the year following the  
2 election, adopt a resolution creating the districts;  
3 (2) If by the (~~second Tuesday of March~~) 89th day prior to the  
4 first day of the filing period described in RCW 29A.24.050 of the  
5 year following the election the board of county commissioners has  
6 failed to create the districts, the prosecuting attorney of the  
7 county shall petition the superior court of the county to appoint a  
8 referee to designate the five commissioner districts. The referee  
9 shall designate such districts by no later than (~~June 1st~~) the 60th  
10 day prior to the first day of the filing period described in RCW  
11 29A.24.050 of the year following the election. The two commissioner  
12 districts within which no existing member of the board of county  
13 commissioners permanently resides shall be designated as districts  
14 four and five.

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