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By Representatives Inslee, Locke, Wineberry, Prentice, Franklin, Paris, Belcher, Appelwick, Wang, Morton, Ebersole and Pruitt.

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1 AN ACT Relating to peremptory challenges of jurors; and amending
2 RCW 4.44.140.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 4.44.140 and Code 1881 s 208 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a
7 peremptory challenge is an objection to a juror for which no reason
8 need be given, but upon which the court shall exclude ((him)) the
9 juror.

10 (2) No juror may be stricken by means of a peremptory challenge
11 based in whole or in part on the juror's race.

12 (3) Any party may require the other party or attorney to articulate
13 the reason for exercise of a peremptory challenge in an in camera
14 proceeding when the party requesting the in camera proceeding
15 reasonably believes subsection (2) of this section has been violated by

1 the party exercising the peremptory challenge.