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1 AN ACT Relating to district court judges pro tempore; and amending
2 RCW 3.34.130.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.34.130 and 1993 c 330 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Each district court shall designate one or more persons as
7 judge pro tempore who shall serve during the temporary absence,
8 disqualification, or incapacity of a district judge. The
9 qualifications of a judge pro tempore shall be the same as for a
10 district judge, except that with respect to RCW 3.34.060(1), the person
11 appointed need only be a registered voter of the state. A district
12 that has a population of not more than ten thousand and that has no
13 person available who meets the qualifications under RCW 3.34.060(2) (a)
14 or (b), may appoint as a pro tempore judge a person who has taken and
15 passed the qualifying examination for the office of district judge as
16 is provided by rule of the supreme court. A judge pro tempore may sit
17 in any district of the county for which he or she is appointed. A
18 judge pro tempore shall be paid the salary authorized by the county
19 legislative authority. For each day that a judge pro tempore serves in

1 excess of thirty days during any calendar year, the annual salary of
2 the judge in whose place he or she serves shall be reduced by an amount
3 equal to one-two hundred fiftieth of such salary: PROVIDED, That each
4 full time district judge shall have up to fifteen days annual leave
5 without reduction for service on judicial commissions established by
6 the legislature or the chief justice of the supreme court. No
7 reduction in salary shall occur when a judge pro tempore serves while
8 a district judge is using sick leave granted in accordance with RCW
9 3.34.100 or while a district court judge is disqualified from serving
10 following the filing of an affidavit of prejudice.

11 (2) The legislature may appropriate money for the purpose of
12 reimbursing counties for the salaries of judges pro tempore for certain
13 days in excess of thirty worked per year that the judge pro tempore was
14 required to work as the result of service by a judge on a commission as
15 authorized under subsection (1) of this section. No later than
16 September 1 of each year, each county treasurer shall certify to the
17 administrator for the courts for the year ending the preceding June 30,
18 the number of days in excess of thirty that any judge pro tempore was
19 required to work as the result of service by a judge on a commission as
20 authorized under subsection (1) of this section. Upon receipt of the
21 certification, the administrator for the courts shall reimburse the
22 county from money appropriated for that purpose.

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