
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6719

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, Prentice and Eide)

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1 AN ACT Relating to municipal courts; and amending RCW 3.46.063 and
2 3.50.055.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.46.063 and 1993 c 317 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Notwithstanding RCW 3.46.050 and 3.46.060, judicial positions may
7 be filled only by election under the following circumstances:

8 (1) Each full-time equivalent judicial position shall be filled by
9 election. This requirement applies regardless of how many judges are
10 employed to fill the position. For purposes of this section, a full-
11 time equivalent position is thirty-five or more hours per week of
12 compensated time.

13 (2) In any city with one or more full-time equivalent judicial
14 positions, an additional judicial position or positions that is or are
15 in combination more than one-half of a full-time equivalent position
16 shall be filled by election.

17 Cities with populations exceeding fifty thousand that have
18 established municipal departments shall provide for at least one full-
19 time elected municipal judge.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.50.055 and 1993 c 317 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Notwithstanding RCW 3.50.040 and 3.50.050, judicial positions may
4 be filled only by election under the following circumstances:

5 (1) Each full-time equivalent judicial position shall be filled by
6 election. This requirement applies regardless of how many judges are
7 employed to fill the position. For purposes of this section, a full-
8 time equivalent position is thirty-five or more hours per week of
9 compensated time.

10 (2) In any city with one or more full-time equivalent judicial
11 positions, an additional judicial position or positions that is or are
12 in combination more than one-half of a full-time equivalent position
13 shall also be filled by election.

14 Cities with populations exceeding fifty thousand that have
15 established municipal courts shall provide for at least one full-time
16 elected municipal judge. If such a city does not have a full-time
17 elected municipal court judge on the effective date of this act, then
18 a full-time elected municipal court judge shall be elected in the first
19 judicial election cycle that occurs at the expiration of contracts for
20 appointed municipal court judges entered into and in place prior to
21 February 1, 2002.

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