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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1205**

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**State of Washington                      61st Legislature                      2009 Regular Session**

**By** House Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Van De Wege, Rolfes, Haigh, and Williams; by request of Board For Judicial Administration)

READ FIRST TIME 03/02/09.

1            AN ACT Relating to changing the number of court of appeals judges;  
2 and amending RCW 2.06.020; and adding a new section to chapter 2.06  
3 RCW.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.06.020 and 1999 c 75 s 1 are each amended to read as  
6 follows:

7            The court shall have three divisions, one of which shall be  
8 headquartered in Seattle, one of which shall be headquartered in  
9 Spokane, and one of which shall be headquartered in Tacoma:

10            (1) The first division shall have twelve judges from three  
11 districts, as follows:

12            (a) District 1 shall consist of King county and shall have eight  
13 judges;

14            (b) District 2 shall consist of Snohomish county and shall have two  
15 judges; and

16            (c) District 3 shall consist of Island, San Juan, Skagit~~l~~, and  
17 Whatcom counties and shall have two judges.

18            (2) The second division shall have (~~seven~~) eight judges from the  
19 following districts:

1 (a) District 1 shall consist of Pierce county and shall have three  
2 judges;

3 (b) District 2 shall consist of Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson,  
4 Kitsap, Mason, and Thurston counties and shall have ((two)) three  
5 judges;

6 (c) District 3 shall consist of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific,  
7 Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties and shall have two judges.

8 (3) The third division shall have five judges from the following  
9 districts:

10 (a) District 1 shall consist of Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend  
11 Oreille, Spokane, and Stevens counties and shall have two judges;

12 (b) District 2 shall consist of Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia,  
13 Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties and shall  
14 have one judge;

15 (c) District 3 shall consist of Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas,  
16 Klickitat, and Yakima counties and shall have two judges.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 2.06 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19 The judicial position created by section 1 of this act shall become  
20 effective only if that position is specifically funded and is  
21 referenced by division and district in an omnibus appropriations act.

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