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HOUSE BILL 1205

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By Representatives VanDeWege, Rolfes, Haigh, and Williams; by request of Board For Judicial Administration

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1 AN ACT Relating to changing the number of court of appeals judges;  
2 and amending RCW 2.06.020.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (2) The second division shall have (~~seven~~) eight judges from the  
18 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.

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