



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 3, 2008

Ordinance 16127

Proposed No. 2008-0318.1

Sponsors Patterson, Lambert and Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE documenting approval of the 53rd
2 judicial position of the King County superior court; and
3 declaring an emergency.
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. The 2008 King County annual budget approved within the superior court's
8 appropriation one additional FTE for the purpose of approving a fifty-third superior court
9 judicial position to commence office on January 1, 2009. This additional judicial position
10 was based on the recommendation of the interbranch planning and coordination efforts of
11 the protocol committee, requested by the superior court, and included in the executive's
12 2008 proposed budget.

13 B. State law requires that the county document the legislative authority's approval
14 of the 53rd judicial position and agreement that the county will pay out of county funds,
15 without reimbursement from the state, the expenses of such additional judicial position as
16 provided by statute.

17 C. The filing period for declarations of candidacy for offices commencing in
18 January 2009 begins on June 2, 2008. To ensure that this formal documentation of
19 approval of the 53rd judicial position is effective during the filing period it is necessary to
20 enact this ordinance as an emergency.

21 SECTION 2. The county legislative authority approves adding to the King
22 County superior court a fifty-third judicial position to commence office on January 1,
23 2009. By this ordinance, the legislative authority indicates its approval of the fifty-third
24 judge and its willingness and agreement to pay for this position without reimbursement
25 from the state as provided by statute. By this action the county has now approved seven
26 of the twelve additional King County superior court judges authorized by RCW 2.08.061,
27 raising the total number of superior court judges for King County to fifty-three.

28 SECTION 3. For the reasons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, the county
29 council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

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30 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, healthy or safety or for the
31 support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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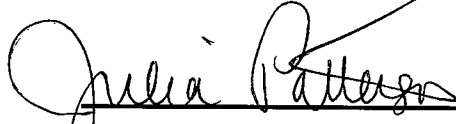
Ordinance 16127 was introduced on and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/2/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Mr. Gossett

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None