



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 13, 2010

Ordinance 16801

Proposed No. 2010-0190.1

Sponsors Dunn

1 AN ORDINANCE implementing the district court
2 redistricting committee's amendment to the districting plan
3 implementing provisions of RCW 3.34.010 to increase the
4 number of judges from twenty-three to twenty-five; and
5 amending Ordinance 8935, Section 4, as amended, and
6 K.C.C. 2.68.070 and Ordinance 9427, Section 7, as
7 amended, and K.C.C. 2.68.078.

8 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 9 1. The King County Code requires that the council convene the county's
10 district court districting committee whenever there is a change in the
11 number of judges.
- 12 2. Chapter 26, Laws of Washington 2009, amended RCW 3.34.010 to
13 allow for the addition of two district court judges in 2009, increasing the
14 number of authorized judges in King County from twenty-one to twenty-
15 three. These were added in Ordinance 16644.
- 16 3. Chapter 26, Laws of Washington 2009, also amended RCW 3.34.010
17 to allow for the addition of two district court judges in 2010, increasing
18 the number of authorized judges in King County from twenty-three to
19 twenty-five.

20 4. As required by RCW 3.38.040, the county's districting committee met
21 on March 16, 2010, to amend the county's districting plan. The committee
22 considered changes to electoral districts and the addition of new judges.
23 The committee unanimously agreed to make no change to the existing
24 boundaries of the court's five electoral districts, except to adopt the
25 ministerial changes in the names and boundaries of precincts. To
26 implement Chapter 26, Laws of Washington 2009, adding two new judges
27 in 2010, the committee unanimously agreed to add one new judge to the
28 northeast electoral district and one new judge to the southeast electoral
29 district.

30 5. State law requires that the county document the legislative authority's
31 approval of the of the additional judges and agreement that the county will
32 pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state, the
33 expenses of such additional judicial position as provided by statute. The
34 county's office of management and budget and the district court have
35 informed the council that there are sufficient resources for the new judges
36 in 2010 under existing appropriation authority.

37 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

38 SECTION 1. Ordinance 8935, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.68.070 are
39 each hereby amended to read as follows:

40 A. There is created a single district court, whose boundaries are all the area
41 within the boundaries of King County, including the centerline of Puget Sound and all of
42 the current city of Bothell, as a joint district court district established under RCW

43 3.38.060 and named the district court of the state of Washington in and for the district of
44 King County.

45 B. ~~((Effective September 1, 2009, t))~~The number of judges of the King County
46 district court is ~~((twenty-three))~~ twenty-five full-time judges.

47 C. ~~((The 2005 population of King County is one million eight hundred eight
48 thousand three hundred.~~

49 D.) The location of the central office of the King County district court is the
50 King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington.

51 ~~((E. There are eight))~~ D. The court facilities within the unified district are
52 located as follows:

- 53 1. Southeast division: City of Kent ~~((Aukeen and Regional Justice Center))~~;
- 54 2. Southwest division: City of Burien with additional facilities in the vicinity of
55 Vashon business district;
- 56 3. Northeast division:
 - 57 a. City of Bellevue;
 - 58 b. City of Issaquah; and
 - 59 c. City of Redmond;
- 60 4. Shoreline division: City of Shoreline; and
- 61 5. West Division: City of Seattle.

62 ~~((F.))~~ E. The administrative records of the King County district court shall be
63 maintained at the central office or in a location designated by the presiding judge. Court
64 records shall be located at the respective court facilities or in a location designated by the
65 presiding judge.

66 ~~((G-))~~ F. The number and location of district court commissioners shall be as
67 authorized, together with such additional court commissioners as the district court may
68 require.

69 SECTION 2. Ordinance 9427, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.68.078 are
70 each hereby amended to read as follows:

71 The number of judges to be elected in each of the electoral districts within the
72 single King County district court shall be as follows:

- 73 A. Southeast ~~((5))~~ 6;
- 74 B. Southwest 5;
- 75 C. Northeast ~~((6))~~ 7;

- 76 D. Shoreline 2; and
- 77 E. West 5.
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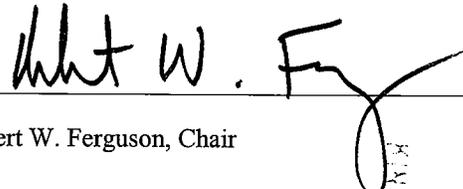
Ordinance 16801 was introduced on 3/22/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/12/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

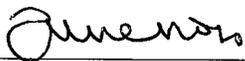
Excused: 2 - Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Ferguson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 22nd day of April, 2010.



Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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