



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to King County district court electoral district boundaries for 2017; amending Ordinance 884, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.12.010, Ordinance 16803, Section 1, as amended, and Ordinance 8935, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.68.075 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 1.12.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 884, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.12.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The voting precincts of King County are hereby established as provided in state law and shall be adopted by ordinance and retained officially on file in the department of elections.

B. An alphanumeric system of identifying voting precincts using a combination of letters and numbers shall be established throughout King County. Those precincts located in unincorporated areas of the county that presently have names shall retain them for public purposes in addition to the alphanumeric designation. Names shall be given only to those new precincts in unincorporated areas of the county that are created from portions of existing named precincts.

C. Precincts shall be divided, new precincts created and boundaries of existing precincts altered, as necessary, to implement precinct balancing and to accommodate the incorporation and annexations of unincorporated county areas into incorporated cities.

D. Voting precincts may contain as many as nine hundred active registered voters for each individual

precinct.

E. Proposed revisions to voting precincts, as provided for in this section, shall be submitted to the council for approval by ordinance no later than thirty days before the statutory deadline established in RCW 29A.16.040 of the applicable year. The department of elections shall make available to the public and to the political parties the proposed revisions of voting precincts for a review period of not less than ten days. All public comments received shall be documented and made available upon request. If the director of elections determines that there is good cause to do so, the director may suspend the ten-day public review period, however the director shall immediately notify the chair of the council by letter of the decision to suspend the ten-day review period and the good cause for doing so. Good cause exists, but is not limited to, when there are circumstances involving an unusually large number of revisions to precinct boundaries, such as during years when new federal, state and local electoral districts are drawn or in years following a presidential election.

F. The department of elections shall submit to the council concurrently with any proposed revisions to voting precincts, proposed revisions to the King County district court electoral district boundaries that result from the proposed voting precinct revisions(~~(, as described in K.C.C. chapter 2.68)~~).

SECTION 2. Ordinance 16803, Section 1, as amended, is hereby codified as a new section in K.C.C. chapter 1.12.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 16803, Section 1, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The district court west electoral district shall be all of the area described (~~(within the line)~~) in subsection B<sub>2</sub> of this section. The boundaries of the other district court electoral districts shall consist of the election precincts in subsection C. of this section. The precincts listed in this section consist of election precincts that have been established by the King County council under K.C.C. 1.12.010.

B. West electoral district: all of the area within the boundary of the city of Seattle which includes to the centerline of the waters of Puget Sound and the centerline of Lake Washington.

C. The boundaries of the other electoral districts shall consist of the election precincts in Attachments A

through D of this ~~((2016))~~ 2017 ordinance (Proposed Ordinance ~~((2016-0186))~~ 2017-0168), as listed in this subsection, which shall be retained officially on file in the department of elections, with copies maintained by the clerk of the council and the presiding judge of district court.

1. Southeast: All of the incorporated area of Auburn lying within Pierce County and Attachment A to this ~~((2016))~~ 2017 ordinance (Proposed Ordinance ~~((2016-0186))~~ 2017-0168).

2. Southwest: Attachment B to this ~~((2016))~~ 2017 ordinance (Proposed Ordinance ~~((2016-0186))~~ 2017-0168).

3. Northeast: Attachment C to this ~~((2016))~~ 2017 ordinance (Proposed Ordinance ~~((2016-0186))~~ 2017-0168).

4. Shoreline: Attachment D to this ~~((2016))~~ 2017 ordinance (Proposed Ordinance ~~((2016-0186))~~ 2017-0168).

SECTION 4. Ordinance 8935, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.68.075 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. District court judges shall be elected to the King County district court from electoral districts established by the county council under K.C.C. ~~((1-12-010))~~ chapter 1.12 by ordinance. The precise number of judges elected from each electoral district shall be determined by the county council on or before May 1, 1990, and on or before May 1 of each fourth year thereafter.

B. All candidates for King County district court must file for and be elected in one of the district court electoral districts created by this chapter. Any candidate for King County district court must be a registered voter and legal resident of the district court electoral district within which ~~((he or she))~~ the candidate files.