

NEW SECTION. Sec. 39. Sections 1 through 39 of this 1973 act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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CHAPTER 14  
[ Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2071 ]  
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE--  
NUMBER--QUALIFICATION

AN ACT Relating to justices of the peace; and amending section 10, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 147, Laws of 1971 ex. sess.; amending section 11, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 2, chapter 23, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 3.34.020; and adding a new section to chapter 3.34 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 10, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 147, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 3.34.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The number of justices of the peace to be elected in each county shall be: Adams, three; Asotin, one; Benton, two; Chelan, one; Clallam, one; Clark, four; Columbia, one; Cowlitz, two; Douglas, one; Ferry, two; Franklin, one; Garfield, one; Grant, one; Grays Harbor, two; Island, three; Jefferson, one; King, twenty; Kitsap, two; Kittitas, two; Klickitat, two; Lewis, ~~((one))~~ two; Lincoln, two; Mason, one; Okanogan, two; Pacific, three; Pend Oreille, two; Pierce, eight; San Juan, one; Skagit, three; Skamania, one; Snohomish, eight; Spokane, eight; Stevens, two; Thurston, one; Wahkiakum, one; Walla Walla, three; Whatcom, two; Whitman, two; Yakima, six; PROVIDED, That this number may be increased in accordance with a resolution of the county commissioners under RCW 3.34.020.

Section 2. Section 11, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 2, chapter 23, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. and RCW 3.34.020 are each amended to read as follows:

In each justice court district having a population of forty thousand or more but less than sixty thousand, there shall be elected one full time justice of the peace; in each justice court district having a population of sixty thousand but less than one hundred twenty-five thousand, there shall be elected two full time justices; in each justice court district having a population of one hundred

twenty-five thousand but less than two hundred thousand, there shall be elected three full time justices; and in each justice court district having a population of two hundred thousand or more there shall be elected one additional full time justice for each additional one hundred thousand persons or fraction thereof: PROVIDED, That if a justice court district having one or more full time justices should change in population, for reasons other than change in district boundaries, sufficiently to require a change in the number of judges previously authorized to it, the change shall be made by the county commissioners without regard to RCW 3.34.010 as now or hereafter amended and shall become effective on the second Monday of January of the year following: PROVIDED FURTHER, That upon any redistricting of the county thereafter RCW 3.34.010, as now or hereafter amended, shall again designate the number of justices in the county: PROVIDED, That in a justice court district having a population of one hundred twenty thousand people or more adjoining a metropolitan county of another state which has a population in excess of five hundred thousand there shall be one full time justice in addition to the number otherwise allowed by this section and without regard to RCW 3.34.030 or resolution of the county commissioners: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the county commissioners may by resolution make a part time position a full time office if the district's population is not more than ten thousand less than the number required by this section for a full time justice of the peace: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the county commissioners ((; subject to the limitations of REW 3.34.040;)) may by resolution provide for the election of one full time justice in addition to the number of full time justices authorized hereinbefore ((to serve in districts having a population of two hundred thousand or more)).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 3.34 RCW a new section to read as follows:

After the next respective judicial elections following the effective date of this act, in counties of the second class and larger counties all justices of the peace and district court judges are required to have been admitted to the practice of law in the state of Washington before they may exercise the functions of their office.

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