

(2) Except for information described in subsection (1)(c)(i) of this section and confidential income data exempted from public inspection pursuant to RCW 84.40.020, the exemptions of this section are inapplicable to the extent that information, the disclosure of which would violate personal privacy or vital governmental interests, can be deleted from the specific records sought. No exemption may be construed to permit the nondisclosure of statistical information not descriptive of any readily identifiable person or persons.

(3) Inspection or copying of any specific records exempt under the provisions of this section may be permitted if the superior court in the county in which the record is maintained finds, after a hearing with notice thereof to every person in interest and the agency, that the exemption of such records is clearly unnecessary to protect any individual's right of privacy or any vital governmental function.

(4) Agency responses refusing, in whole or in part, inspection of any public record shall include a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of the record (or part) and a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the record withheld.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 404, Laws of 1987 and RCW 42.17.311 are each amended to read as follows:

Nothing in RCW 42.17.310(1) ~~((t))~~ (t) through ~~((v))~~ (v) and ~~((bb))~~ shall affect a positive duty of an agency to disclose or a positive duty to withhold information which duty to disclose or withhold is contained in any other law.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1990.

Passed the House March 2, 1990.

Approved by the Governor March 28, 1990.

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CHAPTER 257

[Substitute House Bill No. 2709]

DISTRICT COURT ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to district court electoral districts; amending RCW 3.38.070 and 3.34.010; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 227, Laws of 1989 and RCW 3.38.070 are each amended to read as follows:

A county legislative authority for a county that has a single district but has multiple locations for courtrooms may establish separate electoral districts to provide for election of district court judges by subcounty local districts. ~~((As nearly as possible, the electoral districts shall follow precinct~~

lines, follow neighborhood and community boundaries, and include approximately equal population:)) In any county containing a city of more than four hundred thousand population, the legislative authority of such a county shall establish such separate electoral districts. The procedures in chapter 3.38 RCW for the establishment of district court districts apply to the establishment of separate electoral districts authorized by this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. In any county in which separate electoral districts have been established pursuant to RCW 3.38.070, the term "district" also means "electoral district" for purposes of RCW 3.38.022, 3.38.050, and 3.38.060.

***Sec. 3. Section 10, chapter 299, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 6, chapter 227, Laws of 1989 and RCW 3.34.010 are each amended to read as follows:**

*The number of district judges 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-four; Kitsap, two; Kittitas, two; Klickitat, two; Lewis, two; Lincoln, one; Mason, one; Okanogan, two; Pacific, three; Pend Oreille, two; Pierce, eight; San Juan, one; Skagit, three; Skamania, one; Snohomish, eight; Spokane, ((eight)) nine; 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.***

***Sec. 3 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.**

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 5, 1990.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1990.

Approved by the Governor March 28, 1990, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

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Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 3, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2709 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to district court electoral districts."

Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2709 deals with two subjects. Sections 1 and 2 resolve a problem in King County relating to the creation of subdistrict electoral units within a consolidated district court. The resolution of this sensitive issue involved extensive negotiations between the county and the district court judges, which resulted in an agreement.

Section 3, on the other hand, deals with a separate subject of equal sensitivity, but one which was not the result of agreement between affected parties. It mandates the election of an additional district court judge in Spokane County.

I am not convinced that section 3 represents good public policy for the state or for Spokane County. No one disputes the fact that there is a demonstrated need for additional judicial personnel in the Spokane County District Court. However, the mandatory nature of section 3 deprives the County Commission of the flexibility to resolve the caseload problem through other, and possibly less costly, means. To statutorily require the election of a new judge at this time seems premature and would second-guess the study that is now being conducted by the county.

Finally, there should be agreement between the county legislative authority and the court that adding judges is a reasonable solution to the caseload problem.

With the exception of section 3, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 2709 is approved.*

CHAPTER 258

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6649]
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY SIGNS

AN ACT Relating to adopt-a-highway signs; amending RCW 47.42.020 and 47.42.040; adding a new section to chapter 47.40 RCW; and creating new sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 96, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 2, chapter 469, Laws of 1987 and RCW 47.42.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Department" means the Washington state department of transportation.

(2) "Erect" means to construct, build, raise, assemble, place, affix, attach, create, paint, draw, or in any other way bring into being or establish.

(3) "Interstate system" means any state highway which is or does become part of the national system of interstate and defense highways as described in section 103(d) of title 23, United States Code.

(4) "Maintain" means to allow to exist.

(5) "Person" means this state or any public or private corporation, firm, partnership, association, as well as any individual or individuals.

(6) "Primary system" means any state highway which is or does become part of the federal-aid primary system as described in section 103(b) of title 23, United States Code.

(7) "Scenic system" means (a) any state highway within any public park, federal forest area, public beach, public recreation area, or national monument, (b) any state highway or portion thereof outside the boundaries of any incorporated city or town designated by the legislature as a part of the scenic system, or (c) any state highway or portion thereof outside the boundaries of any incorporated city or town designated by the legislature as