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Sponsor(s): Senators Eide, Esser and Prentice

Brief Description: Changing the number of district court judicial positions.

SB 5992 - DIGEST

Declares that changes in the number of district court judges may only be made by the legislature in a year in which the quadrennial election for district court judges is not held.

Provides that, if a vacancy in the office of district court judge occurs and the total number of district court judges remaining in the county is equal to or greater than the number of district court judges authorized in RCW 3.34.010 then the position shall remain vacant.

Requires that, in determining the number of judges to be elected, the districting committee shall consider the results of an objective workload analysis conducted by the administrator for the courts.

Requires a districting committee to meet within forty-five days of the effective date of changes in the number of judges to be elected in each district court district, or electoral district, if any. Amendments to the plan concerning the number of judges to be elected in each district court district, or electoral district, if any, shall be submitted to the county legislative authority not later than ninety days after the effective date of changes in RCW 3.34.010, and the amendments shall be adopted not later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of changes in RCW 3.34.010.