

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5151

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COURT COMMISSIONERS--CRIMINAL CASES

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved April 20, 2009, 2:25 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5151** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Rockefeller, and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the appointment of court commissioners to assist
2 with criminal cases; and amending RCW 2.24.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.24.010 and 1990 c 191 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) There may be appointed in each county or judicial district, by
7 the judges of the superior court having jurisdiction therein, one or
8 more court commissioners for said county or judicial district. Each
9 such commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States and shall
10 hold the office during the pleasure of the judges making the
11 appointment.

12 (2)(a) There may be appointed in counties with a population of more
13 than four hundred thousand, by the presiding judge of the superior
14 court having jurisdiction therein, one or more attorneys to act as
15 criminal commissioners to assist the superior court in disposing of
16 adult criminal cases. Such criminal commissioners shall have power,
17 authority, and jurisdiction, concurrent with the superior court and the
18 judges thereof, in adult criminal cases, to preside over arraignments,
19 preliminary __ appearances, __ initial __ extradition __ hearings, __ and

1 noncompliance proceedings pursuant to RCW 9.94A.6333; accept pleas if
2 authorized by local court rules; appoint counsel; make determinations
3 of probable cause; set, amend, and review conditions of pretrial
4 release; set bail; set trial and hearing dates; authorize continuances;
5 and accept waivers of the right to speedy trial.

6 (b) The county legislative authority must approve the creation of
7 criminal commissioner positions.

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