



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 9, 2009

Ordinance 16644

Proposed No. 2009-0453.1

Sponsors Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE implementing the district court
2 redistricting committee's amendment to the districting plan
3 implementing provisions of RCW 3.34.010 to increase the
4 number of judges from twenty-one to twenty-three; and
5 amending Ordinance 8935, Section 4, as amended, and
6 K.C.C. 2.68.070 and Ordinance 9427, Section 7, as
7 amended, and K.C.C. 2.68.078.

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9 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 10 1. The King County Code requires that the council convene the county's
11 district court districting committee whenever there is a change in the
12 number of judges.
- 13 2. Chapter 26, Laws of Washington 2009, amended RCW 3.34.010 to
14 allow for the addition of two district court judges in 2009, increasing the
15 number of authorized judges in King County from twenty-one to twenty-
16 three.

17 3. State law requires that the county document the legislative authority's
18 approval of the of the additional judges and agreement that the county will
19 pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state, the
20 expenses of such additional judicial position as provided by statute. The
21 county's office of management and budget and the district court have
22 informed the council that there are sufficient resources for the new judges
23 in 2009 under existing appropriation authority.

24 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

25 SECTION 1. Ordinance 8935, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.68.070 are
26 each hereby amended to read as follows:

27 A. There is created a single district court, whose boundaries are all the area within
28 the boundaries of King County, including the centerline of Puget Sound and all of the
29 current city of Bothell, as a joint district court district established under RCW 3.38.060 and
30 named the district court of the state of Washington in and for the district of King County.

31 B. Effective (~~January 1, 2007~~) September 1, 2009, the number of judges of the
32 King County district court is (~~twenty-one~~) twenty-three full-time judges.

33 C. The 2005 population of King County is one million eight hundred eight
34 thousand three hundred.

35 D. The location of the central office of the King County district court is the King
36 County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington.

37 E. There are eight court facilities within the unified district located as follows:

38 1. Southeast division: City of Kent (Aukeen and Regional Justice Center);

39 2. Southwest division: City of Burien with additional facilities in the vicinity of
40 Vashon business district;

41 3. Northeast division:

42 a. City of Bellevue;

43 b. City of Issaquah; and

44 c. City of Redmond;

45 4. Shoreline division: City of Shoreline; and

46 5. West Division: City of Seattle.

47 F. The administrative records of the King County district court shall be maintained
48 at the central office or in a location designated by the presiding judge. Court records shall
49 be located at the respective court facilities or in a location designated by the presiding
50 judge.

51 G. The number and location of district court commissioners shall be as authorized,
52 together with such additional court commissioners as the district court may require.

53 SECTION 2. Ordinance 9427, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.68.078 are
54 each hereby amended to read as follows:

55 The number of judges to be elected in each of the electoral districts within the
56 single King County district court shall be as follows:

57 ~~((A. South — 11~~

58 ~~B. East — 10~~

59 ~~C. West — 5))~~

60 A. Southeast 5;

61 B. Southwest 5;

- 62 C. Northeast 6;
- 63 D. Shoreline 2; and
- 64 E. West 5.
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Ordinance 16644 was introduced on 7/27/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/8/2009, by the following vote:

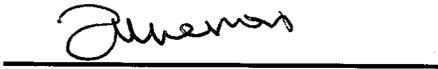
Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Phillips
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17th day of September, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

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Attachments None