

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1102**

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68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

JUDGE PRO TEMPORE COMPENSATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

Passed by the House January 25, 2023  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 22, 2023  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 6, 2023 9:16 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1102** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 6, 2023

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Representatives Taylor and Timmons; by request of Administrative Office of the Courts

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1 AN ACT Relating to judge pro tempore compensation; and amending  
2 RCW 2.08.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.180 and 2005 c 142 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 A case in the superior court of any county may be tried by a  
7 judge pro tempore, who must be either: (1) A member of the bar,  
8 agreed upon in writing by the parties litigant, or their attorneys of  
9 record, approved by the court, and sworn to try the case; or (2)  
10 pursuant to supreme court rule, any sitting elected judge. Any action  
11 in the trial of such cause shall have the same effect as if it was  
12 made by a judge of such court. However, if a previously elected judge  
13 of the superior court retires leaving a pending case in which the  
14 judge has made discretionary rulings, the judge is entitled to hear  
15 the pending case as a judge pro tempore without any written  
16 agreement.

17 A judge pro tempore shall, before entering upon his or her duties  
18 in any cause, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation:

19 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will  
20 support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of  
21 the State of Washington, and that I will faithfully discharge the

1 duties of the office of judge pro tempore in the cause  
2 wherein . . . . . is plaintiff and . . . . . defendant, according  
3 to the best of my ability."

4 A judge pro tempore who is a practicing attorney (~~and who is not~~  
5 ~~a retired justice of the supreme court or judge of a superior court~~  
6 ~~of the state of Washington,~~) or who is (~~not an active~~) a retired  
7 judge of a court of the state of Washington, shall receive a  
8 compensation of one-two hundred fiftieth of the annual salary of a  
9 superior court judge for each day engaged in said trial, to be paid  
10 in the same manner as the salary of the superior judge. A judge who  
11 is an active full-time judge of a court of the state of Washington  
12 shall receive no compensation as judge pro tempore. A judge who is an  
13 active part-time judge of a court of the state of Washington may  
14 receive compensation as a judge pro tempore only when sitting as a  
15 judge pro tempore during time for which he or she is not compensated  
16 as a part-time judge. (~~A justice or judge who has retired from the~~  
17 ~~supreme court, court of appeals, or superior court of the state of~~  
18 ~~Washington shall receive compensation as judge pro tempore in the~~  
19 ~~amount of sixty percent of the amount payable to a judge pro tempore~~  
20 ~~under this section, provided that a) A~~ retired justice or judge may  
21 decline to accept compensation.

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