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**HOUSE BILL 1167**

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**State of Washington****67th Legislature****2021 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Bateman and Dolan; by request of Administrative Office of the Courts

1       AN ACT Relating to Thurston county superior court judges;  
2 amending RCW 2.08.065; and creating a new section.

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

4       **Sec. 1.**   RCW 2.08.065 and 2020 c 53 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6       There shall be in the county of Grant, three judges of the  
7 superior court; in the county of Okanogan, two judges of the superior  
8 court; in the county of Mason, three judges of the superior court; in  
9 the county of Thurston, ((eight)) nine judges of the superior court;  
10 in the counties of Pacific and Wahkiakum jointly, one judge of the  
11 superior court; in the counties of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens  
12 jointly, three judges of the superior court; in the county of San  
13 Juan, one judge of the superior court; and in the county of Island,  
14 two judges of the superior court.

15       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   (1) The additional judicial position  
16 created by section 1 of this act is effective only if Thurston  
17 county, through its duly constituted legislative authority, documents  
18 its approval of the additional position and its agreement that it  
19 will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state,

1 the expenses of the additional judicial position as provided by state  
2 law and the state Constitution.

3 (2) The judicial position created by section 1 of this act is  
4 effective November 1, 2021.

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