



**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;

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- 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:

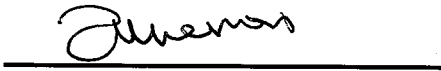
Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Phillips  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

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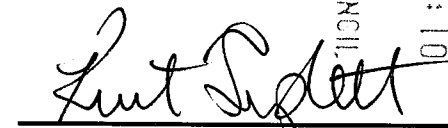
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

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Attachments        None