

MOTION NO. 5678

A MOTION directing the Justice Court Districting Committee to convene in accordance with R.C.W. 3.38 to consider amendments to the District Court Plan.

WHEREAS, R.C.W. 3.38 specifies the procedures to establish or amend a Justice Court District Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Justice Court District Plan, approved by ordinance, sets the geographical boundaries and name of each justice court district in the county, the number of elected justices, and

WHEREAS, per R.C.W. 3.38, the Justice Court District Plan includes the authority to designate an administrative unit of a justice court, established for the orderly and efficient administration of justice court business, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to consider amendments to the Justice Court Districting Plan to examine issues related to the cost, judicial and administrative efficiency of the King County District Court program, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine the policy, the costs and the benefits of continuing part-time justice court districts, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine the boundaries of justice court districts, administrative and judicial procedures to improve the judicial flow of cases and the management of the same, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine the purpose and the authority of the district court's administrative unit to exercise full control over personnel, budget, staffing of the courts based on approved policy standards, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine the potential benefit to the court and the county of formalizing the King County

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Magistrate's Association as the policy-setting body for the court, the chairperson serving as the presiding judge of the district court, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine the present and future relationships between the Seattle Municipal Court and the County District Courts making recommendations for future study,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

In accordance with R.C.W. 3.38, the Council directs that the Justice Court Districting Committee convene and consider amendments to the District Court Plan.

PASSED this 7th day of February, 19 83

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Louis North VICE
Chairman

ATTEST:

Gerald G. Polson
Deputy Clerk of the Council