



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**June 3, 2008**

**Ordinance 16127**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0318.1

**Sponsors** Patterson, Lambert and Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE documenting approval of the 53rd  
2 judicial position of the King County superior court; and  
3 declaring an emergency.  
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. The 2008 King County annual budget approved within the superior court's  
8 appropriation one additional FTE for the purpose of approving a fifty-third superior court  
9 judicial position to commence office on January 1, 2009. This additional judicial position  
10 was based on the recommendation of the interbranch planning and coordination efforts of  
11 the protocol committee, requested by the superior court, and included in the executive's  
12 2008 proposed budget.

13 B. State law requires that the county document the legislative authority's approval  
14 of the 53rd judicial position and agreement that the county will pay out of county funds,  
15 without reimbursement from the state, the expenses of such additional judicial position as  
16 provided by statute.

17 C. The filing period for declarations of candidacy for offices commencing in  
18 January 2009 begins on June 2, 2008. To ensure that this formal documentation of  
19 approval of the 53rd judicial position is effective during the filing period it is necessary to  
20 enact this ordinance as an emergency.

21 SECTION 2. The county legislative authority approves adding to the King  
22 County superior court a fifty-third judicial position to commence office on January 1,  
23 2009. By this ordinance, the legislative authority indicates its approval of the fifty-third  
24 judge and its willingness and agreement to pay for this position without reimbursement  
25 from the state as provided by statute. By this action the county has now approved seven  
26 of the twelve additional King County superior court judges authorized by RCW 2.08.061,  
27 raising the total number of superior court judges for King County to fifty-three.

28 SECTION 3. For the reasons set forth in section 1 of this ordinance, the county  
29 council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is

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30 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, healthy or safety or for the  
31 support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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Ordinance 16127 was introduced on and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/2/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Mr. Gossett

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments      None