

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 21

**ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR A THIRD SUPERIOR
COURT JUDGE POSITION**

WHEREAS, Chapter 53 Sections 3 Laws of Washington 2020 creates a third judge position for the Superior Court Judicial District of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the third judge position is created when the law becomes effective on June 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the third judge position created by Section 3 is effective when the legislative authorities of the judicial district document their joint approval and agreement, pursuant to Section 4 of the act; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(1) of the act, requires the legislative authorities of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties to document their joint approval of the third judge position; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(1) also requires the legislative authorities of Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties to document their agreement to pay the expenses of the third judge out of county funds, according to state law and state Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Counties in the judicial district currently pay the salary and benefits for a full-time Superior Court Commissioner position that will be supplanted by the third judge position; and

WHEREAS, the state pays half the salary and all of the benefits for a Superior Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, the third judge position is effective no later than July 1, 2020, pursuant to Section 4(2); and

WHEREAS, an earlier start date may be established by the joint action of the legislative authorities, upon request of the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court has formally requested a start date of June 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of County Commissioners for Ferry County, Pend Oreille County, and Stevens County met, by way of audio/visual technology, on April 27, 2020 to consider the third judge position; NOW

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners hereby document its approval of the third Superior Court judicial position and its agreement to pay the expenses of this third Superior Court judicial position out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state in accordance with state law and the state Constitution, and as outlined by joint resolution by the three counties and any other agreement as to pay. Further, it is hereby established that the third judge position will become effective on the start date of June 11, 2020.

ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2020.

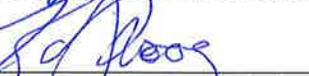
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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