


CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	AL	06/18/18	<p><b>RECEIVED</b></p> <p>JUL 02 2018</p> <p>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	07/10/18	Council
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Executive:		6/18/18			

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**  
Request to appoint a law library trustee for the Whatcom County Law Library Board

**ATTACHMENTS:**  
Memo  
Code reference RCW 27.24.020

SEPA review required? ( ) Yes ( ) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? ( ) Yes ( ) NO
SEPA review completed? ( ) Yes ( ) NO	Requested Date:

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:** (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

County Executive requests that County Council appoint a law library board trustee to fulfill the requirements of RCW 27.24.062; the Executive is willing to serve in this capacity if council approves or they can elect a member from their body to serve, the board meets 1-3 times annually or as needed

<b>COMMITTEE ACTION:</b>	<b>COUNCIL ACTION:</b>

Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number:

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Whatcom County Council Members  
**FROM:** Jack Louws, County Executive  
**DATE:** June 29, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Request to Appoint Law Library Board Trustee

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As you know, the county is required to have a Law Library Board of Trustees. Per the R.C.W. that governs this board – 27.24.020 (copy attached) – the Council Chair of the county legislative branch is an ex-officio trustee. The board consists of five members.

County Council may appoint anyone they wish to act in place of the Council Chair. In this instance, I am prepared to serve, if Council approves. In either case I attend the meetings. Alternatively, Council may appoint a member from their ranks to serve.

I request that Council make an appointment at the July 10 council meeting and relay their decision to the County Law Library Board of Trustees.

JL

## RCW 27.24.020

### Board of trustees—Composition—Terms.

(1) Unless a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW 27.24.062, every county with a population of three hundred thousand or more must have a board of law library trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The chair of the county legislative authority is an ex officio trustee, the judges of the superior court of the county shall choose two of their number to be trustees, and the members of the county bar association shall choose two members of the bar of the county to be trustees.

(2) Unless a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW 27.24.062, every county with a population of eight thousand or more but less than three hundred thousand must have a board of law library trustees consisting of five members to be constituted as follows: The chair of the county legislative authority is an ex officio trustee, the judges of the superior court of the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar association shall choose three members of the county to be trustees. If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of the county shall choose three of their number to be trustees.

(3) If a county has a population of less than eight thousand, then the provisions contained in RCW 27.24.068 shall apply to the establishment and operation of the county law library.

(4) If a regional law library is created pursuant to RCW 27.24.062, then it shall be governed by one board of trustees. The board shall consist of the following representatives from each county: The judges of the superior court of the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee, the county legislative authority shall choose one of their number to be a trustee, and the members of the county bar association shall choose one member of the bar of the county to be a trustee. If there is no county bar association, then the lawyers of the county shall choose one of their number to be a trustee.

(5) The term of office of a member of the board who is a judge is for as long as he or she continues to be a judge, and the term of a member who is from the bar is four years. Vacancies shall be filled as they occur and in the manner directed in this section. The office of trustee shall be without salary or other compensation. The board shall elect one of their number president and the librarian shall act as secretary, except that in counties with a population of eight thousand or more but less than three hundred thousand, the board shall elect one of their number to act as secretary if no librarian is appointed. Meetings shall be held at least once per year, and if more often, then at such times as may be prescribed by rule.

[ 2011 c 336 § 706; 2005 c 63 § 2; 1992 c 62 § 2; 1919 c 84 § 2; RRS § 8248.]