

Sample Ballot

Descriptors added to distinguish candidates with the same last name. All candidates for this office are attorneys, as required by law.

State Judicial	
Supreme Court Justice	
POSITION NO. 2	
6 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> Michael Johnson, Attorney	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Stephen Johnson, Attorney/ State Senator	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Richard Smith	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Norman J. Ericson	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Susan Owens	Nonpartisan

POSITION NO. 8	
6 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> John Groen	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Gerry L. Alexander	Nonpartisan

POSITION NO. 9	
6 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> Jeanette Burrage	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Tom Chambers	Nonpartisan

Judicial Court of Appeals, Division 2, District No. 2	
POSITION NO. 2	
6 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> David H. Armstrong	Nonpartisan

County Judicial	
Superior Court Judge	
POSITION NO. 8	
Short + 2 Year Term	VOTE FOR ONE
<input type="radio"/> Joe Sloan	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Jim Powers	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Charles Williams	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Anne Hirsch	Nonpartisan

Fire Protection District No. 4 - Rainier	
Proposition No. 1	LEVY LID LIFT
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 4 adopted Resolution No. 2006-4, concerning a proposition to increase the regular property tax rate. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value to be levied in 2006 and collected in 2007 as provided in Resolution No. 2006-4.	
Should this proposition be:	
<input type="radio"/> Approved	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Rejected	Nonpartisan

Yelm Fire District	
Proposition No. 1	LEVY LID LIFT
The Board of Fire Commissioners of Yelm Fire District adopted Resolution No. 145, concerning a proposition to increase the regular property tax rate. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy rate to \$1.50 per one thousand dollars of assessed value to be levied in 2006 and collected in 2007 as provided in Resolution No. 145.	
Should this proposition be:	
<input type="radio"/> Approved	Nonpartisan
<input type="radio"/> Rejected	Nonpartisan



POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Legislative District Offices

There are 49 legislative districts in the State of Washington. Each legislative district has two representative positions and one senate position. The districts are drawn so that they are approximately equal in population.

The State Legislature is directly involved in all aspects of state government and in many aspects of county and city governments. It is the governmental body that writes the laws of our state, develops a state budget, and has oversight of state agencies.

- In Thurston County, candidates for the House of Representatives are elected in four separate districts (2nd, 20th, 22nd, and 35th), and candidates for the Senate are running in one district (35th).
- Only registered voters within the district may vote on district races. See the maps on page 4 to find your legislative district.

Assessor

The county assessor's primary duty is to determine, annually, the fair market value of all real and personal property for use as the basis upon which to calculate property taxes. State law requires that real property be inspected once every six years. For each year between physical inspections, property values are adjusted using appropriate statistical data. Personal property listings are provided each year by business owners for use in determining personal property values. The assessor is also responsible for property value exemption and reduction programs.

The amount of tax levied against the assessed property value is determined by a combination of factors including the State Constitution, the State Legislature, budgetary decisions by the county and other taxing jurisdictions, such as cities, schools, and fire districts, and by voter approved special levies.

Auditor

The auditor is the chief financial officer in respect to expenditures, auditing all expenditures, accounts payable, and payroll. Other financial duties include conducting internal fiscal and performance audits, and preparing annual financial reports. As the chief elections officer, the auditor is responsible for conducting all elections, registering all voters, and providing voter information, including the local voters' pamphlets. The auditor's duties as the licensing agent include issuing vehicle, vessel, marriage, business, and animal licenses. The auditor also contracts with eight private businesses throughout the county for vehicle and vessel licensing. Finally the auditor is the county recorder, maintaining a record of all real estate contracts, deeds, mortgages, surveys, liens and other documents from 1852 to the present.

