Judicial Information System Committee Meeting June 25, 2021

DECISION POINT – JISC Bylaw Amendment, Article VI, Executive Committee

I. BACKGROUND

The JISC Bylaws were last amended in 2013. In 2020, the JISC considered and passed proposed amendments to JISCR 13 and submitted them to the Washington State Supreme Court for consideration. After the proposal's comment period ended, the JISC Chair asked the court to postpone consideration of the proposed amendments until the JISC could have further discussion. Because of the timing of regular JISC meetings and the Supreme Court en banc sessions, the JISC Chair called a meeting of the JIS Executive Committee for their approval to remove the proposed amendments from consideration by the Washington Supreme Court until the JISC could have further discussions and possibly amend the proposal. The Executive Committee approved the Chair's request.

A JISC member representing the District and Municipal Court Management Association (DMCMA) who had been a proponent of the JISCR 13 amendments was not present for the JIS Executive Committee discussion and decision. She noted that that there was no DMCMA representative on the JIS Executive Committee and requested that the JISC consider amending the bylaws to include a DMCMA member on the Executive Committee, as well as a member of the Association of Washington State Court Administrators (AWSCA), on behalf of superior court administrators. In addition to this proposal, it was suggested that the JISC Bylaws be amended to reflect the actual practices of the Executive Committee for the last several years.

II. DISCUSSION

N/A.

III. PROPOSAL

The proposed amendments modify the JISC Bylaws Article VI, relating to the JIS Executive Committee. Article VI, Section 2 is amended to amend the powers and responsibilities to more accurately reflect the way the JIS Executive Committee has operated for the last several years. Article VI, Section 3 is amended to add a court administrator from superior courts and a court administrator from courts of limited jurisdiction.

IV. **OUTCOME IF NOT PASSED –**

If the bylaw amendments are not passed, the bylaws will not accurately reflect how the JIS Executive Committee is operating and two JISC associations will not have representation on the Executive Committee.