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**State Government & Tribal Affairs  
Committee**

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**HB 2204**

**Brief Description:** Extending the time period for voter registration.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Fitzgibbon, Billig, Hudgins, Hunt, Miloscia, Goodman, Hansen, Carlyle, Orwall, Kagi, Pedersen, Ormsby, Reykdal, Appleton, Jinkins, Stanford, Ladenburg, Pollet, Hasegawa, Maxwell, Darneille, Upthegrove and Kenney.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows a person to participate in an election by registering to vote on election day.

**Hearing Date:** 1/12/12

**Staff:** Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

**Background:**

"Same day registration" laws allow a person to participate in an election as long as he or she registers to vote on the day of that election. Nine states have enacted same day registration laws: Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Washington law requires that in order to participate in any election, a person must register by submitting an application no later than 29 days before the day of the election or register in person at the county auditor's office no later than 8 days before the election.

**Summary of Bill:**

Any person not registered to vote may participate in an election if he or she submits an online application no later than 8 days before the day of the election, or registers in person at the county auditor's office, or other location designated by the county auditor, no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.