

SENATE BILL REPORT

EHB 1554

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS,
MARCH 28, 1991

Brief Description: Facilitating voter registration address verification.

SPONSORS: Representatives Anderson, McLean, Miller, Tate, R. Fisher, Paris and Jacobsen.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chairman; Roach, Vice Chairman; Madsen, Matson, and Sutherland.

Staff: Rod McAulay (786-7754)

Hearing Dates: March 28, 1991

BACKGROUND:

County auditors are required to monitor the validity of the voter rolls. When a vote-by-mail ballot, reprecincting notice, jury selection notice or initial voter identification card is returned by the postal service as undeliverable, the auditor must institute a validation procedure to determine if the voter is at the same address, if the address should be changed, or if the registration should be canceled.

SUMMARY:

The county auditor may contract with the U.S. Postal Service for use of change-of-address information. A change of address notice is a basis for instituting the voter registration validation procedure.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Permits auditors to take advantage of postal service technology in the process of maintaining accurate voter roles.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Sam Reed, Thurston County Auditor (pro)

