

SB 5561 - H AMD TO H AMD (5561 AMH GREE KERR 085) **679**
By Representative Chandler

1 Beginning on page 1, at the beginning of line 3 of the
2 amendment, strike all material through "2008." on page 6, line 37,
3 and insert the following:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter
5 29A.08 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that one of the most fundamental
7 rights is the right to vote, and it is the duty of government to
8 actively encourage voter registration and to make this opportunity
9 widely available to eligible citizens. It is the intent of the
10 legislature to facilitate this process by providing counties with
11 the option of allowing voter registration up to and on election day
12 as a method to encourage voter registration and to improve voter
13 turn-out.

14 (2) The secretary of state shall develop and adopt rules to
15 allow voter registration from the end of the late registration
16 period, as defined in RCW 29A.08.145, up to and on election day for
17 qualifying counties. The secretary of state has final decision-
18 making regarding participating counties.

19 (3) Rules developed must include, but are not limited to:

20 (a) Criteria for determining qualifying counties;

21 (b) Target dates for participating counties to implement
22 procedural safeguards to protect the integrity of the election
23 process and the voter registration database; and

24 (c) Provisions to ensure that in participating counties, voter
25 registration materials submitted prior to the close of the
26 registration period are verified, and those votes counted, prior to
27 verifying and counting the votes of those individuals who choose to
28 register in the late registration period.

29 (4) The secretary of state may review the election process in
30 any participating county to verify compliance with the rule and
31 required procedures.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act applies only to any primary,
2 special, or general election conducted after January 1, 2009,
3 except that it applies to the presidential primary election of
4 2008. " "

EFFECT: Requires the Secretary of State to develop and implement a process to allow qualifying counties to provide voter registration up to and on Election Day. The Secretary of State must develop criteria for determining qualifying counties and has final decision-making for participating counties. Any county may participate providing they meet developed criteria.