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1            AN ACT Relating to election day voter registration; amending RCW  
2 29A.08.140; and adding a new section to chapter 29A.08 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

6            (1) A qualified elector in the state who is not registered to vote  
7 is allowed to vote at the polls in a primary, special, or general  
8 election if the person registers at the polls under this section.

9            (2) In order to register to vote at a precinct under this section,  
10 the person must:

11            (a) Be a resident of the precinct;

12            (b) Be otherwise legally qualified to vote under this title;

13            (c) Not have previously registered to vote under this title; and

14            (d) Not have already voted in the election.

15            (3) Before being allowed to vote, the precinct election officer  
16 shall require the person to do the following:

17            (a) Complete a voter registration form as provided in this chapter;

18            (b) Sign an oath described in subsection (5) of this section;

1 (c) Provide proof of residence under rules established by the  
2 secretary of state;

3 (d) Provide proof of identification under rules established by the  
4 secretary of state, which shall include, but not be limited to (i) a  
5 Washington state driver's license, (ii) a Washington state  
6 identification card, (iii) an official identification card issued by  
7 the United States, (iv) a company identification card, (v) a student  
8 identification card from a higher education institution, (vi) a credit  
9 card, (vii) a library card, (viii) a real estate tax bill or receipt,  
10 (ix) a residential lease, (x) a current utility bill that shows the  
11 name and address of the registrant, or (xi) military discharge papers.

12 (4) A person who is unable to present the documentation required  
13 under subsection (3)(c) or (d) of this section shall be issued a  
14 provisional ballot.

15 (5) The secretary of state shall prescribe an oath required by  
16 subsection (3)(b) of this section. The oath must include a statement  
17 that the person has not already voted at the election for which the  
18 person is registering to vote.

19 (6) A person who registers to vote under this section may not be  
20 challenged on the grounds that the person's registration does not  
21 appear in an official list of eligible voters.

22 (7) The county auditor or registration assistant shall register a  
23 person registering to vote under this section in the manner provided in  
24 this chapter.

25 (8) If a voter registration application submitted pursuant to this  
26 section is incomplete under this section or RCW 29A.08.110, or cannot  
27 be matched by the secretary of state pursuant to RCW 29A.08.107, and  
28 the deficiency or discrepancy has not been resolved prior to  
29 certification of the election, the ballot submitted by the applicant  
30 shall not be counted.

31 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.08.140 and 2006 c 97 s 1 are each amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 The registration files of all precincts shall be closed against  
34 transfers for thirty days immediately preceding every primary, special  
35 election, and general election to be held in such precincts.

36 The county auditor shall give notice of the closing of the precinct  
37 files for transfer and notice of the special registration and voting

1 procedures provided by RCW 29A.08.145 and section 1 of this act by one  
2 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at  
3 least five days before the closing of the precinct files.

4 No person may vote at any primary, special election, or general  
5 election in a precinct polling place unless he or she has registered to  
6 vote at least thirty days before that primary or election and appears  
7 on the official statewide voter registration list or has registered to  
8 vote under section 1 of this act. If a person, otherwise qualified to  
9 vote in the state, county, and precinct in which he or she applies for  
10 registration, does not register at least thirty days before any  
11 primary, special election, or general election, he or she may register  
12 and vote by absentee ballot for that primary or election under RCW  
13 29A.08.145 or may register and vote on the day of the election under  
14 section 1 of this act.

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