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**State Government & Tribal Affairs**  
**Committee**

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**HB 1880**

**Brief Description:** Concerning ballot envelopes.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Armstrong, Hunt, Appleton, Alexander and Nelson.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Removes the requirement that mail ballot return envelopes must have a secrecy flap to conceal the voter's signature and telephone number.

**Hearing Date:** 2/17/09

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

**Background:**

Two envelopes are provided for returning mail ballots. The inner envelope is provided for secrecy of the ballot, and the outer return envelope contains a space for the voter to sign the oath and to include a telephone number. In 2005 the Legislature enacted a law that required the outer return envelope to have a "flap" that would cover the signature and optional telephone number.

**Summary of Bill:**

County auditors are no longer required to provide return envelopes that have a privacy flap to cover the voter's signature and optional telephone number.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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