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## Government Operations & Elections Committee

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### HB 1267

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

**Sponsors:** Representatives Fitzgibbon, Hunt, Stanford, Appleton, Ryu, Van De Wege, Lytton, Tharinger, Hudgins, Lias, Upthegrove, Farrell, Cody, Sawyer, Jinkins, Roberts, Reykdal, Maxwell, Riccelli, Santos, Pollet, Bergquist, Hansen and Ormsby.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a person to participate in an election by registering to vote online eight days before the election, or in person at the county auditor's office up to 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

**Hearing Date:** 2/6/13

**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

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auditor's office, or other location designated by the county auditor, no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on 2/6/13.

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