
State Government Committee

HB 1144

Brief Description: Extending the time period for voter registration.

Sponsors: Representatives S. Hunt, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Bergquist, Tarleton, Appleton, Pollet, Riccelli, Dunshee, Orwall, Moscoso, Robinson, Gregerson, Morris, Ormsby, Reykdal, Stanford, Peterson, Tharinger, Jenkins, Walkinshaw, Sells, Fey, Farrell and Goodman.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a person to register to vote for an upcoming election in person up to 5:00 p.m. on the date of that election.
- Changes the voter registration deadline for filing online from 29 days to eight days for any election.

Hearing Date: 1/29/15

Staff: Sean Flynn (786-7124).

Background:

Every person must register in order to vote in any primary, special, or general election. To be eligible for an election, a voter must submit his or her registration application online or by mail no later than 29 days before the election date. A voter may also register in person at his or her county auditor's office no later than eight days before the election date.

Summary of Bill:

A voter may register to vote in an upcoming primary, special, or general election at his or her county auditor's office, or other designated location, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of that election. A person also may register to vote online no later than eight days before an election.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Requested.

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