SENATE BILL REPORT
SB 5527

As of February 4, 2015

Title: An act relating to extending the time period for voter registration.

Brief Description: Concerning voter registration.

Sponsors: Senators Liias, Roach, Billig, McCoy, Habib, Darneille, Mullet and Hasegawa.

Brief History:
   Committee Activity: Government Operations & Security: 2/05/15.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & SECURITY

   Staff: Samuel Brown (786-7470)

   Background: To register to vote, a person must submit an application via mail or an online registration no later than 29 days before the day of the next primary, special, or general election, or in person at the county auditor's office no later than eight days before the election.

   A person may update voter registration at least 29 days before an election for the change to be effective for that election. A voter who does not transfer the voter's residential information by that deadline may still vote according to the voter's previous address.

   Summary of Bill: The deadlines for registration to participate in an upcoming primary, special, or general election are changed as follows:
   • registrations sent through the mail must be sent no later than 28 days before the election for the voter to participate;
   • electronic registrations must be sent no later than 11 days before the election for the voter to participate; and
   • in-person registrations must be submitted to the county auditor's office or other location designated by the county auditor no later than 11 days before the election for the voter to participate.

   Appropriation: None.

   Fiscal Note: Requested on January 30, 2015.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.