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**State Government, Elections &  
Information Technology Committee**

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**HB 1468**

**Brief Description:** Concerning voter registration.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Manweller, Fitzgibbon, Griffey, Hudgins, Jinkins, Haler, Riccelli, Kilduff, Pollet and Doglio; by request of Secretary of State.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Changes the voter registration deadline for all methods of registration to 11 days before an election or primary.
- Changes the deadline for updating a voter registration to 28 days before an election or primary.
- Directs the transfer of a voter's residential information through the new state voter registration database, when such function becomes operational.

**Hearing Date:** 2/3/17

**Staff:** Sean Flynn (786-7124).

**Background:**

Any eligible voter must register in order to vote in any primary, special, or general election. To be eligible to vote in 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.

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

**Summary of Bill:**

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The deadline to register to vote is changed to 11 days before the date of an election or primary. This deadline includes all forms of voter registration, including in-person, mail, and online registration methods.

The deadline for updating a voter registration is changed from 29 to 28 days. An updated registration that changes a voter's residence from one county to another is transferred through the state voter registration database, when such functions become operational.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 20, 2017.

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