

HB 1363-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a person may register to vote, transfer a voter registration, or change his or her name for voter registration purposes when he or she applies in person for public assistance, disability services, or makes an in-person report of an address change at an employment security department facility or the department of social and health services. Voter registration procedures at these agencies shall be pursuant to RCW 29A.08.330.

Requires state agencies providing voter registration services, whether designated by the governor or required by statute, to keep records reflecting the number of persons who:

- (1) Request, apply for, or receive a service from those agencies, including reporting a change of address;

- (2) Register to vote, transfer a voter registration, or decline to either register to vote or transfer a voter registration;

- (3) Request a voter registration application but do not return it to the agency staff.

Directs the secretary of state to produce an annual report, with appropriate performance measures, from this data on a county by county basis. The data should be reported in aggregate terms and not with reference to individual voters. The report must:

- (1) Show the number of registered voters as a reflection of the number of eligible voting population in each county;

- (2) Identify the chief challenges in increasing voter registration; and

- (3) Recommend action for increasing the percentage of registered voters.