

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1217

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS,  
FEBRUARY 19, 1992

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

**SPONSORS:** Representatives Wineberry, McLean, Dellwo, Jones, Wang, Riley, Pruitt and Anderson.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chairman; Madsen, and Sutherland.

**Staff:** Eugene Green (786-7405)

**Hearing Dates:** April 2, 1991; February 19, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

State law requires that the registration files of precincts be closed for 30 days immediately preceding each primary or election.

**SUMMARY:**

A qualified but unregistered elector may register to vote in a primary or election after the close of the precinct registration files for that primary or election but not later than 15 days before the primary or election under a special registration and absentee ballot voting procedure. The person may vote only by absentee ballot. The county auditor must publish notice of this procedure.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** available

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

In a mobile society, this procedure will allow people to vote who otherwise couldn't through no fault of their own.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** Lael Braymer, League of Women Voters; Karen Flynn, Kitsap County Auditor; Gary McIntosh, Office of Secretary of State; Representative Jesse Wineberry

