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1 AN ACT Relating to elections; amending RCW 29.07.160; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 29.07 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29.07 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 This section establishes a special procedure which an elector may
7 use to register to vote during the period beginning after the closing
8 of registration for voting at the polls under RCW 29.07.160 and ending
9 on the fifteenth day before a primary, special election, or general
10 election. During this period, the unregistered qualified elector may
11 register to vote in person in the office of the county auditor or at a
12 voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by
13 the county auditor of the county in which the applicant resides, and
14 apply for an absentee ballot for that primary or election. The auditor
15 or voter registrar shall register that individual in the manner
16 provided in this chapter. The application for an absentee ballot
17 executed by the newly registered voter for the primary or election that
18 follows the execution of the registration shall be promptly transmitted
19 to the auditor with the completed voter registration form.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.07.160 and 1980 c 3 s 4 are each amended to read as
2 follows:

3 The registration files of all precincts shall be closed against
4 original registration or transfers for thirty days immediately
5 preceding every primary, special election, and general election (~~and~~
6 ~~primary~~) to be held in such precincts(~~(, respectively)~~).

7 The county auditor shall give notice of the closing of (~~said~~) the
8 precinct files for original registration and transfer and notice of the
9 special registration and voting procedure provided by section 1 of this
10 act by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the
11 county at least five days before (~~such~~) the closing(~~(, except as~~
12 ~~provided for special elections in accordance with section 3 of this~~
13 ~~1980 act)~~) of the precinct files.

14 No person may vote at any primary, special election, or general
15 election in a precinct polling place unless he or she has registered to
16 vote at least thirty days before that primary or election. If a
17 person, otherwise qualified to vote in the state, county, and precinct
18 in which he or she applies for registration, does not register at least
19 thirty days before any primary, special election, or general election,
20 he or she may register and vote by absentee ballot for that primary or
21 election under section 1 of this act.

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