State Government Operations & Accountability Committee

HB 3041

Brief Description: Modifying voter registration timelines.

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander, Nixon, Haigh, Darneille and P. Sullivan.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Removes the option for which an elector may transfer his or her voter registration within 15 days of an election.

Hearing Date: 2/1/06

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

An elector may not register to vote or, if registered, may not transfer his or her registration within 30 days of an election, and participate in that election, if he or she plans to vote at a precinct polling site. An elector may register or transfer his or her registration within 15 days of an election and participate in that election, if he or she does so in person at the office of the county auditor or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose. If the registration is made or transferred between 15 and 30 days of an election, the elector must vote by absentee ballot.

Summary of Bill:

The option by which an elector may transfer his or her registration within 15 days of an election is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 26, 2006.

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