

**SB 5561** - H AMD TO H AMD 595 (5561 AMH GREE KERR 085) **678**  
By Representative Chandler

1 Beginning on page 1, at the beginning of line 3 of the  
2 amendment, strike all material through "2008." on page 6, line 37,  
3 and insert the following:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter  
5 29A.08 to read as follows:

6 (1) The legislature finds that one of the most fundamental  
7 rights is the right to vote, and it is the duty of government to  
8 actively encourage voter registration and to make this opportunity  
9 widely available to eligible citizens. It is the intent of the  
10 legislature to facilitate this process by examining voter  
11 registration up to and on election day as a method to encourage  
12 voter registration and to improve voter turn-out.

13 (2) The legislature intends to establish a pilot to allow voter  
14 registration from the end of the late registration period, as  
15 defined in RCW 29A.08.145, up to and on election day for the  
16 presidential primary of 2008. The secretary of state shall select  
17 a county and conduct a pilot of late voter registration to examine  
18 its use a method for increasing the number of registered voters in  
19 a county and for increasing voter turn-out. Eligible counties are  
20 those with a population greater than eighty thousand and less than  
21 one hundred fifty thousand as of June 30, 2007, as determined by  
22 the office of financial management.

23 (3) For the purposes of implementing the pilot program, the  
24 secretary of state shall develop and adopt rules governing the  
25 conduct of voter registration from the end of the late registration  
26 period, as defined in RCW 29A.08.145, up to and on election day.

27 (4) The secretary of state shall submit its findings and  
28 recommendation from implementation of the pilot program to the  
29 appropriate committees of the house of representatives and senate  
30 by December 1, 2008.

31 (5) This section expires December 31, 2008."

**EFFECT:** Strikes the underlying amendment. Creates a pilot project in a county selected by the Secretary of State that allows voter registration from the close of the late registration period up to and on Election day for the 2008 Presidential Primary; counties eligible for selection must have a population between 80,000-150,000 as determined by the office of financial management. Requires the Secretary of State to submit a report on the pilot to the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2008.