

**HB 2398** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Government Operations & Elections

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 29A.08.140 and 2009 c 369 s 15 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) In order to vote in any primary, special election, or general  
6 election, a person who is not registered to vote in Washington must:

7 (a) Submit a registration application no later than twenty-nine  
8 days before the day of the primary, special election, or general  
9 election; or

10 (b) Register in person at the county auditor's office in his or her  
11 county of residence no later than eight days before the day of the  
12 primary, special election, or general election. A person registering  
13 under this subsection will be issued an absentee ballot.

14 (2) A person who is already registered to vote in Washington may  
15 update his or her registration no later than twenty-nine days before  
16 the day of the primary, special election, or general election to be in  
17 effect for that primary, special election, or general election. A  
18 registered voter who fails to transfer his or her residential address  
19 by this deadline may vote according to his or her previous registration  
20 address.

21 ~~((3) Prior to each primary and general election, the county  
22 auditor shall give notice of the registration deadlines by one  
23 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at  
24 least thirty five days before the primary or general election.))~~

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.32.260 and 2003 c 111 s 818 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 As soon as practicable before the primary, special election, or  
28 general election, the county auditor, or if applicable, the city clerk  
29 of a first-class or code city, as appropriate, shall mail the local

1 voters' pamphlet to every residence in each jurisdiction that has  
2 included information in the pamphlet. The county auditor or city  
3 clerk, as appropriate, may choose to mail the pamphlet to each  
4 registered voter in each jurisdiction that has included information in  
5 the pamphlet, if in his or her judgment, a more economical and  
6 effective distribution of the pamphlet would result. (~~(If the county  
7 or city chooses to mail the pamphlet to each residence, no notice of  
8 election otherwise required by RCW 29A.52.350 need be published.)~~)

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.52 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11 Notice for any state, county, district, or municipal primary or  
12 election, whether special or general, must be given not more than  
13 fifteen nor less than five days prior to the date of closing of the  
14 registration rolls to online or mail-in registrations by the county  
15 auditor or the officer conducting the election as the case may be.  
16 Notice must be published in one or more newspapers of general  
17 circulation and must contain, at a minimum, the last date to register  
18 online or through the mail, the last date to transfer or update an  
19 existing registration, the last date to register in-person for first  
20 time voters, information on where a person can register, the type of  
21 election, the date of the election, whether the election will be  
22 conducted entirely by mail or with polling places, a list of all  
23 jurisdictions involved in the election including positions and short  
24 titles for ballot measures appearing on the ballot, and the times and  
25 dates of any public meetings associated with the election. The notice  
26 shall also include where additional information regarding the election  
27 may be obtained. This is the only notice required for a state, county,  
28 district, or municipal primary or special or general election. If the  
29 county or city chooses to mail a local voters' pamphlet as described in  
30 RCW 29A.32.210 to each residence, the notice required in this section  
31 need only include the last date to register online or through the mail,  
32 the last date to transfer or update an existing registration, the last  
33 date to register in-person for first time voters, information on where  
34 a person can register, and the times and dates of any public meetings  
35 associated with the election.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   The following acts or parts of acts are each  
2 repealed:

- 3            (1) RCW 29A.52.311 (Notice of primary) and 2004 c 271 s 145; and  
4            (2) RCW 29A.52.351 (Notice of election) and 2004 c 271 s 175."

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5            On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "notices;" strike the  
6 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 29A.08.140 and  
7 29A.32.260; adding a new section to chapter 29A.52 RCW; and repealing  
8 RCW 29A.52.311 and 29A.52.351."

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