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## State Government Committee

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### HB 1144

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

**Sponsors:** Representatives S. Hunt, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Bergquist, Tarleton, Appleton, Pollet, Riccelli, Dunshee, Orwall, Moscoso, Robinson, Gregerson, Morris, Ormsby, Reykdal, Stanford, Peterson, Tharinger, Jinkins, Walkinshaw, Sells, Fey, Farrell and Goodman.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows a person to register to vote for an election in person up up through the date of that election.
- Changes the voter registration deadline for filing online from 29 days to eight days for any election.

**Hearing Date:** 1/21/16

**Staff:** Sean Flynn (786-7124).

#### Background:

Every person must register in order to vote in any primary, special, or general election. To be eligible for an election, a voter must submit his or her registration application online or by mail no later than 29 days before the election date. A voter may also register in person at his or her county auditor's office no later than eight days before the election date.

#### Summary of Bill:

A voter may register to vote in an upcoming primary, special, or general election at his or her county auditor's office, or other designated location, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of that election. A person also may register to vote online no later than eight days before an election.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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