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SENATE BILL 6539

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By Senators Chase and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the voter registration deadline for  
2 students at institutions of higher education; and amending RCW  
3 29A.08.140.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.08.140 and 2011 c 10 s 15 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

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

12 (b) If the person is enrolled at an institution of higher  
13 education, submit a registration application at that institution of  
14 higher education no later than eleven days before the day of the  
15 primary, special election, or general election; or

16 (c) Register in person at the county auditor's office in his or  
17 her county of residence no later than eight days before the day of  
18 the primary, special election, or general election.

19 (2) A person who is already registered to vote in Washington may  
20 update his or her registration no later than twenty-nine days before  
21 the day of the primary, special election, or general election to be

1 in effect for that primary, special election, or general election. A  
2 registered voter who fails to transfer his or her residential address  
3 by this deadline may vote according to his or her previous  
4 registration address.

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