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**State Government & Tribal Relations  
Committee**

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**HB 1520**

**Brief Description:** Concerning calendar election dates on ballot envelopes.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Morgan, Hudgins, Rude, Mead, Stonier, Frame, Riccelli, Appleton, Pellicciotti, Kilduff, Doglio and Reeves.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the county auditor to print the date of the election on the large envelope in which a voter returns the security envelope containing a ballot.

**Hearing Date:** 1/30/19

**Staff:** Jason Zolle (786-7124).

**Background:**

Washington allows voting by mail, and the county auditor must send each voter a ballot. The auditor must also send a security envelope in which the voter can conceal the ballot after voting, along with a larger envelope in which to return the security envelope.

The county auditor must provide notice for any election between five and fifteen days prior to the deadline for mail-in voter registration. Notice must be published in one or more newspapers and it must contain information about the date of the election, the offices or measures appearing on the ballot, voter registration, and how to obtain a ballot.

**Summary of Bill:**

The county auditor must print the date of the election on the large envelope in which a voter returns the security envelope containing a ballot.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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