

HB 3408 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Beyer

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/28/17
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies that person may update or register to vote by having another person deliver registration card to designated agency or official. Requires county clerk use all available resources to complete voter registration card when it is returned with missing or incomplete information.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Voter registration process
- Voter registration drives and outreach efforts
- Existing ability of third party to turn in voter registration cards

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

There are multiple ways in which a person can register to vote or update their voter registration including mailing or personally delivering a completed voter registration card to a designated official in the county clerk's office. It is common for organizations engaged in political or election-related activities to conduct voter registration drives or other voter registration outreach, to help people complete voter registration cards and then deliver the cards to the appropriate entity on their behalf. House Bill 3408-A clarifies that a person may deliver a completed voter registration card on behalf of another person.

When registering to vote, a person must provide their name, residential address, and date of birth. The information must be legible and accurate, and signed by the individual in order for the county clerk to register them. If any of the information is missing or incomplete, the county clerk is required to attempt to contact the person in order to obtain the information. House Bill 3408-A specifies the steps that county clerks are required to undertake when a registration card is returned with incomplete or missing information, including but not limited to using the current or previous addresses and phone numbers of registrants, or date of birth from a previous registration. If county clerks are unable to obtain missing or incomplete information from current sources, they are to use reasonable efforts to contact registrants by phone, mail, and email before making a determination that the person cannot be registered.