

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 3041**

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VOTER REGISTRATION

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Passed by the House February 8, 2006  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 17, 2006.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 3041** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Alexander, Nixon, Haigh, Darneille and P. Sullivan

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Government Operations & Accountability.

1            AN ACT Relating to voter registration; and amending RCW 29A.08.140  
2 and 29A.08.145.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.08.140 and 2004 c 267 s 112 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            The registration files of all precincts shall be closed against  
7 (~~original registration or~~) transfers for thirty days immediately  
8 preceding every primary, special election, and general election to be  
9 held in such precincts.

10           The county auditor shall give notice of the closing of the precinct  
11 files for (~~original registration and~~) transfer and notice of the  
12 special registration and voting procedure provided by RCW 29A.08.145 by  
13 one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at  
14 least five days before the closing of the precinct files.

15           No person may vote at any primary, special election, or general  
16 election in a precinct polling place unless he or she has registered to  
17 vote at least thirty days before that primary or election and appears  
18 on the official statewide voter registration list. If a person,  
19 otherwise qualified to vote in the state, county, and precinct in which

1 he or she applies for registration, does not register at least thirty  
2 days before any primary, special election, or general election, he or  
3 she may register and vote by absentee ballot for that primary or  
4 election under RCW 29A.08.145.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29A.08.145 and 2005 c 246 s 10 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 This section establishes a special procedure which an elector not  
8 registered in the state may use to register to vote (~~(or transfer a~~  
9 ~~voter registration by changing his or her address)~~) during the period  
10 beginning after the closing of registration for voting at the polls  
11 under RCW 29A.08.140 and ending on the fifteenth day before a primary,  
12 special election, or general election. A qualified elector in the  
13 state may register to vote (~~(or change his or her registration~~  
14 ~~address)~~) in person in the office of the county auditor of the county  
15 in which the applicant resides, or at a voter registration location  
16 specifically designated for this purpose by the county auditor or  
17 secretary of state, and apply for an absentee ballot for that primary  
18 or election. The auditor or registration assistant shall register that  
19 individual in the manner provided in this chapter. The application for  
20 an absentee ballot executed by the newly registered (~~(or transferred)~~)  
21 voter for the primary or election that follows the execution of the  
22 registration shall be promptly transmitted to the auditor with the  
23 completed voter registration form.

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