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2 Introduced by Representative Wizowaty of Burlington

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Elections; voter registration; same day voting

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow voters
7 to register and vote on the day of an election.

8 An act relating to allowing voters to register and vote on the day of an
9 election

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2144 is amended to read:

12 § 2144. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

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14 (b) If a person is not eligible to register prior to the voter registration
15 deadline, but expects to be eligible on or before election day, he or she may file
16 with the town clerk a written notice of intention to apply for addition of his or
17 her name to the checklist. The notice shall be filed prior to the voter
18 registration deadline, and the town clerk shall then accept the person's
19 application at any time before the close of the polls on election day, and act
20 upon the application forthwith. If a person eligible to register fails to register

1 prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the day of the election, he or
2 she may register and vote on election day.

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4 (e) On election day, the town clerk and presiding officers shall accept
5 applications for persons' names to be placed on the checklist until the
6 7:00 p.m. closing of the polls.

7 Sec. 3. 17 V.S.A. § 2144a is amended to read:

8 § 2144a. REGISTRATION

9 A person who desires to register to vote may apply in any of the following
10 ways:

11 (1) Simultaneously with his or her application for, or renewal of, a
12 motor vehicle driver's license as provided in section 2145a of this title.

13 (2) By completing a voter registration application at a voter registration
14 agency.

15 (3) By delivering, during regular hours, or mailing a completed
16 application form to the office of the clerk of the town in which the applicant
17 claims to be a resident.

18 (4) On election day, by completing a voter registration application and
19 delivering it to the polling place before the close of the polls. In order to be
20 eligible to register and vote on election day, a voter shall submit a voter
21 registration application that meets the requirements of section 2145 of this title

1 and present identification and proof of current address. The elections official
2 shall note upon the checklist that the voter registered on election day and the
3 type of identification produced by the voter.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.