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SENATE BILL NO. 44

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BY SENATOR PETERSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VOTERS/VOTING. Provides for licensed drivers over the age of 18 to be registered as electors by the secretary of state. (8/1/15)

AN ACT

2	To enact R.S. 18:114(C), relative to voter registration; to provide for the transmittal of
3	registered drivers; to provide for registrant notification; to provide an option to
4	decline registration; to provide for political party affiliation; and to provide for
5	related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 18:114(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§114. Registration at driver's license facilities
9	* * *
10	C. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall transmit
11	quarterly to the secretary of state a list of noncommercial drivers over the age
12	of eighteen licensed in the state. Those not registered from that list will be
13	registered by the secretary of state in the official voter rolls and the secretary
14	of state shall send to each individual a postcard indicating their registration.
15	The postcard will include an option to indicate a political party affiliation and
16	an option to decline registration.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley E. Menou.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections made by an applicant 18 years or older also serve as an application for voter registration unless specifically declined.

Proposed law requires the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to deliver to the secretary of state a list of all licensed drivers over the age of 18.

Proposed law requires the secretary of state to send a postcard to all licensed drivers over the age of 18 that are not registered to vote offering them the opportunity to register as a voter, choose a political party affiliation, or decline to register to vote.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 18:114(C))