AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF A VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FORM BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 1-4-47 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991, Chapter 80, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-4-47. DRIVER'S LICENSE VOTER REGISTRATION.--

A. Every person who is a qualified elector and is applying for a driver's license, to renew a driver's license or for an identification card shall, if [otherwise] qualified to register to vote, with the consent of the applicant be simultaneously registered to vote.

B. The secretary of taxation and revenue shall select certain employees of the motor vehicle division of the
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taxation and revenue department or employees of entities on
contract to provide field services to the motor vehicle
division [of the taxation and revenue department] to provide
assistance to any applicant requesting voter registration
assistance.

C. Every motor vehicle division office, field
office or contract field office of the division shall display
within the offices clearly visible signs stating "voter
registration assistance available" and:

(1) personnel in each office shall advise
[any] each person who is a qualified elector and an applicant
for licensure or renewal or for an identification card that
initial voter registration or a change of address for voter
registration may be made simultaneously with the motor vehicle
application;

(2) voter registration shall be conducted in a
manner such that the applicant is able to fill out the full
certificate of registration electronically; and

(3) the applicant's digital signature shall be
affixed to the certificate of registration.

D. [No] A motor vehicle division employee or
contractor [may] shall not intentionally influence the
prospective registrant in the selection of political party, or
independent status, by word or act. [No] A motor vehicle
division employee or contractor [may] shall not reveal the
initial voter registration or a change of address for voter
registration may be made simultaneously with the motor vehicle
application;
existence of or the nature of the voter registration to anyone other than a registration officer.

   E. Any voter registration made or accepted at a motor vehicle division office or motor vehicle division field office shall be transmitted to the appropriate registration officer within [ten] seven calendar days.

   F. The secretary of state shall work with the motor vehicle division to:

      (1) ensure compliance in the application of the provisions of this section with the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993;

      (2) ensure consistent implementation in the various counties, based on county classification and developing technology; and

      (3) develop procedures to ensure that, once voter registration information is transmitted to the appropriate registration officer, the voter's certificate of registration is printed and placed in the county's register of voters."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2013.