

HOUSE BILL 497

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ELECTRONIC ONLINE UPDATES
OF A VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

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

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 1, Article 4 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATES.--

A. In addition to updating a certificate of
registration in person or by mail, a voter may in accordance
with the provisions of Sections 1-4-15 through 1-4-18 NMSA 1978
update an existing certificate of registration electronically
by completing a certificate of registration form on the
secretary of state's web site. Upon receipt of an updated
certificate of registration, the secretary of state shall
transmit the certificate to the county clerk of the county in

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1 which the registrant resides, and the county clerk shall print
2 the updated certificate, file it in the county's register of
3 voters and enter it into the statewide voter file.

4 B. A certificate of registration updated
5 electronically shall be electronically authenticated by the
6 registrant using an electronic signature in conformance with
7 the Electronic Authentication of Documents Act and the Uniform
8 Electronic Transactions Act. A certificate of registration
9 that is electronically authenticated in accordance with the
10 provisions of this subsection shall be deemed to have been
11 subscribed and sworn to by the registrant.

12 C. The secretary of state shall ensure that the web
13 site used for electronic registration is secure and that the
14 confidentiality of all users and integrity of data submitted
15 are preserved. The secretary of state shall implement the
16 provisions of this section no later than July 1, 2014."

17 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
18 provisions of this act is July 1, 2014.