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50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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

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

- Every person 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.
- В. The secretary of taxation and revenue shall select certain employees of the motor vehicle division of the 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 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] \underline{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] \underline{A} motor vehicle division employee or contractor [may] shall not reveal the existence of or the nature of the voter registration to anyone other than a registration officer.

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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.

- vehicle division to ensure compliance in the application of the provisions of this section with the federal National Voter

 Registration Act of 1993 as well as consistent implementation with the various counties, based on county classification and developing technology."
- **SECTION 2.** EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is January 1, 2013.

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