

HOUSE BILL 2317

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-201, relative to electronic signatures on voter registration applications and change of address forms through the department of safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-201, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(A) The completed voter registration application or change of address form may be transmitted to the appropriate county election commission office electronically as prescribed by the state coordinator of elections. The electronic signature of an applicant on the driver license application shall serve as the original signature on the voter registration application or change of address form.

(B) The department of Safety shall maintain copies of all electronically transmitted voter registration applications and change of address forms and, upon written request, shall provide printed copies of any such application or form to the appropriate county election commission office or state coordinator of elections. For purposes of making such a request, electronic mail shall constitute a written request.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.