

HOUSE CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 105

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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 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
taxation and revenue department or employees of entities on

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1 contract to provide field services to the motor vehicle
2 division [~~of the taxation and revenue department~~] to provide
3 assistance to any applicant requesting voter registration
4 assistance.

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

9 (1) personnel in each office shall advise
10 [~~any~~] each applicant for licensure or renewal or for an
11 identification card that initial voter registration or a change
12 of address for voter registration may be made simultaneously
13 with the motor vehicle application;

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

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

19 D. [~~No~~] A motor vehicle division employee or
20 contractor [~~may~~] shall not intentionally influence the
21 prospective registrant in the selection of political party, or
22 independent status, by word or act. [~~No~~] A motor vehicle
23 division employee or contractor [~~may~~] shall not reveal the
24 existence of or the nature of the voter registration to anyone
25 other than a registration officer.

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

5 F. The secretary of state shall work with the motor
6 vehicle division to ensure compliance in the application of the
7 provisions of this section with the federal National Voter
8 Registration Act of 1993 as well as consistent implementation
9 with the various counties, based on county classification and
10 developing technology."

11 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
12 provisions of this act is January 1, 2012.

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