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HOUSE BILL 252

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AT ALL
PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1-4-5.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,
Chapter 198, Section 3) is amended to read:

"1-4-5.2. AGENCY REGISTRATION--FORM.--

A. A qualified elector may register to vote at
certain state government offices.

B. Pursuant to Section 1-4-47 NMSA 1978, a
qualified elector who applies for a driver's license, license
renewal or motor vehicle identification card may simultaneously
register to vote or file a change of address for voter
registration purposes.

C. Pursuant to Section 1-4-48 NMSA 1978, a
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1 qualified elector may register to vote in any state agency that
2 provides public assistance or services to persons with
3 disabilities and at all public post-secondary educational
4 institutions. The secretary of state may designate other state
5 or local public offices with the agreement of those offices."

6 SECTION 2. Section 1-4-48 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995,
7 Chapter 198, Section 13, as amended) is amended to read:

8 "1-4-48. AGENCY REGISTRATION.--

9 A. The secretary of state shall adopt and publish
10 in accordance with the State Rules Act rules for the
11 administration of a state-agency-based voter registration
12 program. The rules shall provide for distribution of voter
13 registration forms, provisions for the acceptance of voter
14 registration forms and procedures for reporting voter
15 registration activity in accordance with the federal National
16 Voter Registration Act of 1993.

17 B. Voter registration shall be made available at
18 all state agencies providing public assistance or services to
19 people with disabilities and at all public post-secondary
20 educational institutions. The secretary of state may, with the
21 agreement of those offices, designate other state and local
22 public offices to provide voter registration services.

23 C. Each state agency participating in the voter
24 registration program shall maintain sufficient records for the
25 secretary of state to comply with federal voter registration

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1 reporting requirements and the federal Help America Vote Act of
2 2002. Any records maintained by a state agency regarding voter
3 registration activities in that agency are confidential and
4 shall not be released as public records.

5 D. Any voter registration made or accepted at a
6 state agency pursuant to this section shall be transmitted to
7 the appropriate registration officer within ten calendar days.

8 E. A state agency employee or agency contractor who
9 participates in the voter registration process may not
10 intentionally influence the prospective registrant in the
11 selection of political party, or independent status, by word or
12 act. A state agency employee or agency contractor who
13 participates in the voter registration process may not reveal
14 the existence of or the nature of the voter registration to
15 anyone other than a registration officer.

16 F. For the purposes of this section, "state agency"
17 includes all public post-secondary educational institutions."