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HOUSE BILL 600

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTING; RESTORING A FELON'S RIGHT TO VOTE
IMMEDIATELY UPON SATISFACTION OF CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1-4-27.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
Chapter 46, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-4-27.1. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION FOLLOWING
CONVICTION--ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING UPON SATISFACTION OF
CONDITIONS.--

A. When a voter has been convicted of a felony in
any state or federal court, the voter's registration shall be
canceled.

B. A person convicted of a felony who is otherwise
a qualified elector is eligible to register to vote when that
person:

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1 (1) has been unconditionally discharged from a
2 correctional facility or detention center;

3 (2) has completed all conditions of parole or
4 supervised probation; [~~or~~]

5 (3) has had the conviction overturned on
6 appeal; or

7 (4) was granted a pardon or a certificate by
8 the governor restoring the person's full rights of citizenship.

9 [~~G. The secretary of state shall each month~~
10 ~~maintain current in the statewide voter registration electronic~~
11 ~~management system the eligibility status of persons convicted~~
12 ~~of felonies to register to vote pursuant to this section.~~

13 [~~D. The corrections department, the New Mexico~~
14 ~~sentencing commission and the administrative office of the~~
15 ~~courts shall deliver to the secretary of state information and~~
16 ~~data as needed to carry out the provisions of this section.~~

17 [~~E. The secretary of state shall request from the~~
18 ~~United States attorney for the district of New Mexico, in~~
19 ~~conformance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1973gg-6(g), information and~~
20 ~~data as needed to carry out the provisions of this section.]"~~