

HOUSE VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 225

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

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 who is a qualified elector and is
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

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

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

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

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

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

21 D. [~~No~~] A motor vehicle division employee or
22 contractor [~~may~~] shall not intentionally influence the
23 prospective registrant in the selection of political party, or
24 independent status, by word or act. [~~No~~] A motor vehicle
25 division employee or contractor [~~may~~] shall not reveal the

1 existence of or the nature of the voter registration to anyone
2 other than a registration officer.

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

7 F. The secretary of state shall work with the motor
8 vehicle division to:

9 (1) ensure compliance in the application of
10 the provisions of this section with the federal National Voter
11 Registration Act of 1993;

12 (2) ensure consistent implementation in the
13 various counties, based on county classification and developing
14 technology; and

15 (3) develop procedures to ensure that, once
16 voter registration information is transmitted to the
17 appropriate registration officer, the voter's certificate of
18 registration is printed and placed in the county's register of
19 voters."

20 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2013.