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## DIGEST

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HB 554 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Establishes a notice of voting restriction and a restriction code applicable to persons who are not United States citizens and aliens lawfully present in the United States but have not attained citizenship.

Proposed law prohibits the office of motor vehicles (OMV) from issuing a state identification card or driver's license of any class to persons who are not citizens of the U.S. and aliens who are lawfully present in the U.S. but have not attained citizenship, unless there is a restriction code on the credential.

Proposed law requires the OMV to issue a notice in the form of official correspondence to any person who is not a citizen of the U.S. or an alien who is lawfully present in the U.S. but has not attained citizenship.

Proposed law requires the notice read as follows:

"(NOTICE OF VOTING RESTRICTIONS)

Under present law, persons who are not citizens of the U.S. shall not be allowed to register and vote in this state. Persons who are not citizens of the U.S. who attempt to register to vote or attempt to vote in La. violate present law. This is a felony offense punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, imprisonment for up to two years, or both."

Proposed law requires the notice include a French, Hindi, Mandarin, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese translation, along with any other translation as may be required by present law.

Proposed law requires the OMV to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the requirements of present law, including mailing the notice of voting restrictions and procedures for determining an individual's citizenship and immigration status, along with a restriction code identifier, for the purpose of assigning the restriction code.

Proposed law specifies that if the OMV system is unable to accommodate the inclusion of the new restriction codes or credentials, any system upgrade must include the capability to comply with the requirements of proposed law.

Provides for severability should any part of the Act become invalid.

Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, OMV to imprint the restriction code on

applicable credentials as soon as its system is updated.

(Adds R.S. 32:414.6)