
DIGEST

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HB No. 737

Abstract: Requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to send the Dept. of State a report containing specified information regarding any person who has completed his order of imprisonment for a felony conviction; requires the Dept. of State to send such information to each registrar; and requires the registrar, under certain circumstances, to send a notice to such person informing the person of the requirements and procedures for registration or reinstatement of registration.

Present law (R.S. 18:177) provides for reinstatement of the registration of a person whose registration has been suspended by the registrar for conviction of a felony when the person appears in his office and provides documentation from the appropriate correction official showing that such person is no longer under an order of imprisonment.

Present law (R.S. 18:177.1) requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to provide each person who completes all orders of imprisonment applicable to him for felony convictions with the following:

- (1) Information apprising the person of the requirements and procedures for registering to vote and for reinstatement of registration.
- (2) A state mail voter registration application.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to send the Dept. of State a report, certified as correct, containing the name, date of birth, sex, and address of any person who has completed his order of imprisonment for a felony conviction, at least on a quarterly basis. Requires the Dept. of State to compare the information with the information in its databases and provide for correction, if necessary. Requires the Dept. of State to send the registrar of each parish such information at least on a quarterly basis. Provides that if the registrar believes the person may be entitled to reinstatement of registration or believes the person may be eligible to register to vote in his parish, the registrar shall send a notice to such person informing the person of the requirements and procedures for registration or reinstatement. Specifies that the information from the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections sent to the registrar by the Dept. of State shall serve as the documentation required by present law for reinstatement.

(Amends R.S. 18:177.1)