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H.B. No. 382

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a voter registration agency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 20.001, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is designated as a voter registration agency.

SECTION 2. Chapter 20, Election Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Sec. 20.151. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS. The other provisions of this chapter apply to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice except provisions that conflict with this subchapter.

Sec. 20.152. PROCEDURE. (a) The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall provide written notice to a person who is released from the custody or supervision of the department and is no longer subject to the disability referred to in Section 11.002(4) that the person may be eligible to vote.

(b) The department shall send an official voter registration application form prescribed by the secretary of state to the person together with the notice required by Subsection (a).

Sec. 20.153. DECLINATION FORM NOT REQUIRED. The Texas

1 Department of Criminal Justice is not required to comply with the
2 procedures prescribed by this chapter relating to the form for a
3 declination of voter registration.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.