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H.B. No. 187

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide notice to certain persons of the right to vote.

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

SECTION 1. 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 do not apply to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Sec. 20.152. NOTICE TO FORMER INMATE. (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 that the person may be eligible to vote if the person is no longer subject to the disability referred to in Section 11.002(a)(4).

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

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.