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H.B. No. 770

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to
3 provide notice to certain persons of the right to vote.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 20, Election Code, is amended by adding
6 Subchapter F to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

8 Sec. 20.151. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS. The other
9 provisions of this chapter do not apply to the Texas Department of
10 Criminal Justice.

11 Sec. 20.152. NOTICE TO FORMER INMATE. (a) The Texas
12 Department of Criminal Justice shall provide written notice to a
13 person who is released from the custody or supervision of the
14 department that the person may be eligible to vote if the person is
15 no longer subject to the disability referred to in Section
16 11.002(4).

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

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.