

1-1 By: Dutton, Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 770  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;  
1-3 April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; April 30, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 30, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to requiring the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to  
1-9 provide notice to certain persons of the right to vote.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 20, Election Code, is amended by adding  
1-12 Subchapter F to read as follows:

1-13 SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

1-14 Sec. 20.151. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS. The other  
1-15 provisions of this chapter do not apply to the Texas Department of  
1-16 Criminal Justice.

1-17 Sec. 20.152. NOTICE TO FORMER INMATE. (a) The Texas  
1-18 Department of Criminal Justice shall provide written notice to a  
1-19 person who is released from the custody or supervision of the  
1-20 department that the person may be eligible to vote if the person is  
1-21 no longer subject to the disability referred to in Section  
1-22 11.002(4).

1-23 (b) The department shall provide to the person an official  
1-24 voter registration application form prescribed by the secretary of  
1-25 state together with the notice required by Subsection (a).

1-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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