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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to voter registration; amending s.  
3 97.057, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway  
4 Safety and Motor Vehicles to automatically register to  
5 vote or update a voter registration record of an  
6 eligible individual; requiring the department to  
7 notify the individual that certain information  
8 gathered for the completion of a driver license or  
9 identification card application, renewal, or change of  
10 address is automatically transferred to a voter  
11 registration application or used to update a voter  
12 registration record; requiring a driver license  
13 examiner to notify an applicant that, by applying for,  
14 renewing, or updating a driver license or  
15 identification card, the applicant is consenting to  
16 automatically register to vote or update his or her  
17 voter registration record; authorizing an applicant to  
18 revoke consent to automatically register to vote or  
19 update a voter registration record; requiring that an  
20 applicant who fails to designate party affiliation be  
21 registered without party affiliation; providing an  
22 effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 97.057,

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27 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

28 97.057 Voter registration by the Department of Highway  
29 Safety and Motor Vehicles.—

30 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
31 shall automatically ~~provide the opportunity to~~ register to vote  
32 or ~~to~~ update a voter registration record of ~~to~~ each individual  
33 who comes to an office of that department to:

34 (a) Apply for or renew a driver ~~driver's~~ license;

35 (b) Apply for or renew an identification card pursuant to  
36 chapter 322; or

37 (c) Change an address on an existing driver ~~driver's~~  
38 license or identification card.

39 (2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
40 shall:

41 (a) Notify each individual, orally or in writing, that:

42 1. Information gathered for the completion of a driver  
43 ~~driver's~~ license or identification card application, renewal, or  
44 change of address will ~~can~~ be automatically transferred to a  
45 voter registration application;

46 2. If additional information and a signature are provided,  
47 the voter registration application will be completed and sent to  
48 the proper election authority;

49 3. Information provided will ~~can~~ also be used to update a  
50 voter registration record;

51 4. All declinations will remain confidential and may be  
52 used only for voter registration purposes; and

53           5. The particular driver license office in which the  
 54 person applies to register to vote or updates a voter  
 55 registration record will remain confidential and may be used  
 56 only for voter registration purposes.

57           (b) Require a driver ~~driver's~~ license examiner to notify  
 58 ~~inquire~~ orally or, if the applicant is hearing impaired, notify  
 59 ~~inquire~~ in writing that by applying for or renewing a driver  
 60 license, by applying for or renewing an identification card  
 61 pursuant to chapter 322, or by changing an address on an  
 62 existing driver license or identification card, the qualified  
 63 applicant is consenting to register to vote or to update his or  
 64 her voter registration record. However, the applicant may revoke  
 65 consent by notifying the driver license examiner, orally or in  
 66 writing, that he or she chooses not to automatically register to  
 67 vote or update his or her voter registration record ~~whether the~~  
 68 ~~applicant wishes to register to vote or update a voter~~  
 69 ~~registration record during the completion of a driver's license~~  
 70 ~~or identification card application, renewal, or change of~~  
 71 ~~address.~~

72           1. If the applicant does not revoke consent to  
 73 automatically ~~chooses to~~ register to vote or ~~to~~ update his or  
 74 her a voter registration record:

75           a. All applicable information received by the Department  
 76 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in the course of filling  
 77 out the forms necessary under subsection (1) must be transferred  
 78 to a voter registration application.

79           b. The additional necessary information must be obtained  
80 by the driver ~~driver's~~ license examiner and must not duplicate  
81 any information already obtained while completing the forms  
82 required under subsection (1).

83           c. A voter registration application with all of the  
84 applicant's voter registration information required to establish  
85 the applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041 must be  
86 presented to the applicant to review and verify the voter  
87 registration information received and provide an electronic  
88 signature affirming the accuracy of the information provided.

89           d. A qualified applicant who is automatically registered  
90 to vote under this section and who fails to designate party  
91 affiliation must be registered without party affiliation  
92 pursuant to s. 97.053(5)(b).

93           2. If the applicant revokes consent to automatically  
94 ~~declines to~~ register to vote or, update his or her ~~the~~  
95 ~~applicant's~~ voter registration record, ~~or change the applicant's~~  
96 ~~address~~ by ~~either orally declining~~ orally or in writing or by  
97 failing to sign the voter registration application, the  
98 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must note such  
99 declination on its records and shall forward the declination to  
100 the statewide voter registration system.

101           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.