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Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 97.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—
(5)

(b) An applicant who fails to designate party affiliation must be registered without party affiliation, except that the party affiliation of an applicant who is updating a voter registration record may not be changed unless the applicant designates and consents in writing to a change in party affiliation. The supervisor must notify the voter by mail that the voter has been registered without party affiliation and that the voter may change party affiliation as provided in s. 97.1031.

Section 2. Subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 97.057, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (14) is added to that section, to read:

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

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

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

1. Information gathered for the completion of a driver license or identification card application, renewal, or change of address can be automatically transferred to a voter

51 registration application;

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

55 3. Information provided can also be used to update a voter
56 registration record, except that party affiliation will not be
57 changed unless the individual designates a change in party
58 affiliation and separately consents to such change in writing;

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

61 5. The particular driver license office in which the
62 person applies to register to vote or updates a voter
63 registration record will remain confidential and may be used
64 only for voter registration purposes.

65 (b) Require a driver license examiner to inquire orally
66 or, if the applicant is hearing impaired, inquire in writing
67 whether the applicant is registered to vote, is not registered
68 to vote, does not know if he or she is registered to vote, or
69 does not wish to disclose whether he or she is registered to
70 vote. If the applicant is not or does not know whether he or she
71 is registered to vote, the driver license examiner shall inquire
72 whether the applicant wishes to register to vote and, if the
73 applicant is registered to vote, the driver license examiner
74 shall inquire whether the applicant wishes to ~~register to vote~~
75 ~~or~~ update a voter registration record during the completion of a

76 driver license or identification card application, renewal, or
77 change of address.

78 1. If the applicant chooses to register to vote or to
79 update a voter registration record:

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

84 b. The additional necessary information must be obtained
85 by the driver license examiner and must not duplicate any
86 information already obtained while completing the forms required
87 under subsection (1).

88 c. A voter registration application with all of the
89 applicant's voter registration information required to establish
90 the applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041 must be
91 presented to the applicant to review and verify the voter
92 registration information received and provide an electronic
93 signature affirming the accuracy of the information provided.

94 d. The voter registration application may not be used to
95 change the party affiliation of the applicant unless the
96 applicant designates a change in party affiliation and provides
97 a separate signature consenting to the party affiliation change.

98 e. After verifying the voter registration information and
99 providing his or her electronic signature, the applicant must be
100 provided with a printed receipt that includes such information

101 and documents any change in party affiliation.

102 2. If the applicant declines to register to vote, update
103 the applicant's voter registration record, or change the
104 applicant's address by either orally declining or choosing not
105 to disclose the applicant's voter registration status or by
106 failing to sign the voter registration application, the
107 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must note such
108 declination on its records and shall forward the declination to
109 the statewide voter registration system.

110 (6) A person providing voter registration services for a
111 driver license office may not:

112 (a) Make any change to an applicant's party affiliation
113 unless the applicant provides a separate signature consenting to
114 the party affiliation change or discuss or seek to influence an
115 applicant's political preference or party registration;

116 (14) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
117 shall ensure that information technology processes and updates
118 do not alter an applicant's party affiliation without the
119 written consent of the applicant.

120 Section 3. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor
121 Vehicles must be in full compliance with this act within 3
122 months after this act becomes a law.

123 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.