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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-185 so as to provide the department of corrections shall provide inmates certain information regarding the restoration of their voting rights upon their release from custody.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 24-3-185. Before his release from custody, the Department of Corrections shall provide an inmate in writing the process to have his voting rights restored. The department also shall provide the inmate:

 (1) a voter registration form with written instructions for returning the form by mail; and

 (2) written information regarding registering to vote in person and electronically.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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