## SENATE BILL 5207

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to notification of felony voting rights and
- 2 restoration; and adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 5 RCW to read as follows:
- 6 The department shall notify an inmate, in writing, of the process
- 7 for provisional and permanent restoration of voting rights, as
- 8 described in RCW 29A.08.520, prior to the termination of authority of
- 9 the department over the inmate. The department shall also provide the
- 10 inmate with:
- 11 (1) A voter registration form and written instructions for
- 12 returning the form by mail; and
- 13 (2) Written information regarding registering to vote in person
- 14 and electronically.

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