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Bill Analysis

SB 205 creates a process by which qualified persons shall automatically be registered to vote upon meeting the qualifications to vote in the state. The measure directs the Secretary of the State Election Board to develop a system for the Department of Public Safety to provide to the Secretary electronic records containing the legal name, age, residence, citizenship information and the electronic signature of each person who is a qualified elector or will be a qualified elector within the next 2 years. The measure requires the Secretary to forward the electronic record of each future elector to the county election board of the county in which the person may be registered or preregistered as a qualified elector.

The Secretary must also notify potential voters of the process to decline registration as well as the process to adopt a political party affiliation. If a person does not decline registration within 21 days of the notification, the person's electronic record and electronic signature submitted by the Department of Public Safety shall constitute a completed registration card for the person and be registered as eligible to vote.

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