

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**Senator Perry, Chair**  
**Senator Brandes, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00—11:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Perry, Chair; Senator Brandes, Vice Chair; Senators Bracy, Flores, and Pizzo

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TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Workshop on Amendment 4, "Voting Restoration" with representatives from the:  Florida Association of Court Clerks & Comptrollers  Florida Commission on Offender Review  Florida Department of Corrections  Florida Department of Law Enforcement  Florida Department of State  Florida Rights Restoration Coalition  Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections	Discussed	
Other Related Meeting Documents			

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**NO. 4**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4**

**BALLOT TITLE:**

Voting Restoration Amendment

**BALLOT SUMMARY:**

This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

The precise effect of this amendment on state and local government costs cannot be determined, but the operation of current voter registration laws, combined with an increased number of felons registering to vote, will produce higher overall costs relative to the processes in place today. The impact, if any, on state and local government revenues cannot be determined. The fiscal impact of any future legislation that implements a different process cannot be reasonably determined.

**FULL TEXT:**

Article VI, Section 4. Disqualifications.—

(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil rights or removal of disability. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of sentence including parole or probation.

(b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.

(b~~c~~) No person may appear on the ballot for re-election to any of the following offices:

- (1) Florida representative,
- (2) Florida senator,
- (3) Florida Lieutenant governor,
- (4) any office of the Florida cabinet,
- (5) U.S. Representative from Florida, or
- (6) U.S. Senator from Florida

if, by the end of the current term of office, the person will have served (or, but for resignation, would have served) in that office for eight consecutive years.

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Topic Workshop on Amendment 4, "Voting Restoration"

*Amendment Barcode (if applicable)*

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
*(The Chair will read this information into the record.)*

Representing Florida Association of Court Clerks & Comptrollers

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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*Bill Number (if applicable)*

Topic Workshop-Amendment 4

*Amendment Barcode (if applicable)*

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*State*

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing Florida Commission on Offender Review

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Bill Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Topic Amendment 4 Restor. of Voting Rights

Amendment Barcode (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing Corrections

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Amendment 4 Panel Discussion

*Bill Number (if applicable)*

Topic Amendment 4 Panel Discussion

*Amendment Barcode (if applicable)*

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*State*

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Amend. 4 Voting Restoration

*Bill Number (if applicable)*Topic Workshop on Amendment 4*Amendment Barcode (if applicable)*Name Joseph WhiteJob Title Assistant General Counsel, FDLEAddress 2331 Phillips RoadPhone 850-410-7676*Street*TallahasseeFL32308Email joewhite@fdle.state.fl.us*City**State**Zip*Speaking:  For  Against  InformationWaive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
*(The Chair will read this information into the record.)*Representing Florida Department of Law EnforcementAppearing at request of Chair:  Yes  NoLobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Constitutional Amend 4

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Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Florida Department of State

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Bill Number (if applicable)</u>
Topic <u>Amendment 4 Implementation</u>	<u>Amendment Barcode (if applicable)</u>
Name <u>Mr. Volz</u>	
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Speaking:  For  Against  Information      Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
*(The Chair will read this information into the record.)*

Representing Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No      Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Amendment 4

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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City

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing Florida State Assoc. of Supervisors of Elections

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Topic VOTER REGISTRATION / AMENDMENT 4

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Bill Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Topic Amendment & workshops

Amendment Barcode (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Did not speak - time ran out

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Amendment 4

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
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Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

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# CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: LL 37

Case No.:

Type:

Caption: Senate Criminal Justice Committee

Judge:

Started: 1/22/2019 9:59:59 AM

Ends: 1/22/2019 11:30:28 AM

Length: 01:30:30

10:00:00 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Perry  
10:00:08 AM Roll call by Administrative Assistant, Sue Arnold  
10:00:12 AM Quorum present  
10:00:24 AM Comments from Chair Perry  
10:02:08 AM Introduction of Carolyn Timmann  
10:02:42 AM Presentation from Clerk Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of Court, Martin County  
10:06:06 AM Question from Senator Bracy  
10:06:23 AM Response from Ms. Timmann  
10:06:55 AM Continued presentation by Ms. Timmann  
10:10:19 AM Question from Senator Brandes  
10:10:29 AM Response from Ms. Timmann  
10:10:37 AM Follow-up question from Senator Brandes  
10:10:43 AM Response from Ms. Timmann  
10:11:17 AM Additional question from Senator Brandes  
10:11:30 AM Response from Ms. Timmann  
10:11:45 AM Question from Senator Pizzo  
10:11:59 AM Response from Ms. Timmann  
10:12:21 AM Follow-up question from Senator Pizzo  
10:12:41 AM Response from Ms. Timmann  
10:13:32 AM Introduction of Melinda Coonrod  
10:13:55 AM Presentation by Melinda Coonrod, Chairman of the Florida Commission on Offender Review  
10:19:56 AM Question from Senator Brandes  
10:20:20 AM Response from Ms. Coonrod  
10:21:00 AM Follow-up question from Senator Brandes  
10:21:08 AM Response from Ms. Coonrod  
10:21:20 AM Additional question from Senator Brandes  
10:21:26 AM Response from Ms. Coonrod  
10:22:21 AM Comments/question from Senator Flores  
10:22:37 AM Response from Ms. Coonrod  
10:23:33 AM Response from Maria Matthews, Division Director, Elections of Florida Department of State  
10:24:47 AM Question from Senator Brandes  
10:25:09 AM Response from Ms. Matthews  
10:26:08 AM Question from Senator Pizzo  
10:26:35 AM Response from Ms. Coonrod  
10:26:56 AM Follow-up question from Senator Pizzo  
10:27:13 AM Response from Ms. Coonrod  
10:27:44 AM Response from Ms. Timmann  
10:28:16 AM Additional question from Senator Pizzo  
10:28:22 AM Response from Ms. Timmann  
10:28:28 AM Question from Senator Brandes  
10:28:44 AM Response from Ms. Coonrod  
10:29:44 AM Question from Chair Perry  
10:30:16 AM Response from Ms. Coonrod  
10:30:56 AM Question from Senator Bracy  
10:31:28 AM Response from Ms. Matthews  
10:32:48 AM Question from Senator Flores  
10:33:04 AM Response from Ms. Matthews  
10:34:26 AM Introduction of Lee Adams  
10:34:52 AM Presentation by Lee Adams, Chief of the Bureau of Admission and Release for the Florida Department of Corrections  
10:35:33 AM Question from Senator Brandes  
10:35:46 AM Response from Mr. Adams

10:36:04 AM Question from Senator Pizzo  
10:36:11 AM Response from Mr. Adams  
10:36:19 AM Additional question by Senator Pizzo  
10:36:31 AM Response from Mr. Adams  
10:36:40 AM Additional question from Senator Pizzo  
10:36:46 AM Response from Mr. Adams  
10:37:04 AM Additional question from Senator Pizzo  
10:37:11 AM Response from Mr. Adams  
10:38:21 AM Additional question from Senator Pizzo  
10:38:25 AM Response from Mr. Adams  
10:38:37 AM Introduction of Tim Giesecke  
10:39:15 AM Presentation by Tim Giesecke, Chief of Crime Information Services for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
10:39:28 AM Introduction of Joe White  
10:40:02 AM Presentation by Joe White, Assistant General Counsel for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
10:44:23 AM Introduction of Maria Matthews  
10:44:55 AM Presentation by Maria Matthews, Division Director, Elections for the Florida Department of State  
10:45:11 AM Question from Senator Brandes  
10:45:20 AM Response from Ms. Matthews  
10:45:59 AM Follow-up question from Senator Brandes  
10:46:19 AM Response from Ms. Matthews  
10:47:20 AM Question from Senator Pizzo  
10:47:49 AM Response from Ms. Matthews  
10:48:40 AM Follow-up question from Senator Pizzo  
10:48:47 AM Response from Ms. Matthews  
10:48:55 AM Introduction of Neil Volz  
10:49:27 AM Presentation by Neil Volz, Political Director for the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition  
10:52:52 AM Question from Senator Bracy  
10:53:18 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
10:54:09 AM Question from Senator Pizzo  
10:54:15 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
10:54:27 AM Follow-up question from Senator Pizzo  
10:54:36 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
10:54:46 AM Question from Senator Pizzo  
10:54:56 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
10:55:12 AM Question from Senator Brandes  
10:55:22 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
10:55:49 AM Follow-up question from Senator Brandes  
10:56:28 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
10:57:21 AM Additional question from Senator Brandes  
10:57:27 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
10:57:46 AM Comments from Chair Perry  
10:58:10 AM Introduction of Paul Lux  
10:58:40 AM Presentation from Paul Lux, Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections, President of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections  
11:03:09 AM Question from Senator Brandes  
11:03:18 AM Response from Mr. Lux  
11:03:51 AM Follow-up question from Senator Brandes  
11:04:05 AM Response from Mr. Lux  
11:04:14 AM Additional question from Senator Brandes  
11:04:29 AM Response from Mr. Lux  
11:05:05 AM Additional question from Senator Brandes  
11:05:12 AM Response from Mr. Lux  
11:06:01 AM Additional question from Senator Brandes  
11:06:09 AM Response from Mr. Lux  
11:06:52 AM Question from Chair Perry  
11:07:09 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
11:08:46 AM Question from Senator Pizzo  
11:09:54 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
11:10:53 AM Question from Senator Bracy  
11:11:18 AM Response from Mr. Volz  
11:11:27 AM Introduction of Ron Labasky

**11:11:56 AM** Presentation by Ron Labasky, General Counsel for the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections

**11:17:06 AM** Question from Senator Brandes

**11:17:19 AM** Response from Mr. Labasky

**11:18:00 AM** Follow-up question from Senator Brandes

**11:18:14 AM** Response from Ms. Matthews

**11:19:11 AM** Response from Mr. Giesecke

**11:19:45 AM** Comments from Ms. Timmann

**11:19:52 AM** Question from Senator Brandes

**11:20:10 AM** Response from Mr. Volz

**11:20:51 AM** Follow-up question from Senator Brandes

**11:21:00 AM** Response from Mr. Volz

**11:21:28 AM** Question from Senator Pizzo

**11:22:31 AM** Response from Mr. Volz

**11:24:38 AM** Speaker Mark Schlakman, Senior Director, FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights

**11:29:20 AM** Comments from Senator Bracy

**11:30:00 AM** Comments from Chair Perry

**11:30:20 AM** Senator Brandes moves to adjourn. The meeting is adjourned.