

By the Committees on Rules; Judiciary; and Criminal Justice

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to voting rights restoration; amending
3 ss. 97.052, 97.053, and 98.045, F.S.; revising
4 terminology regarding voting rights restoration to
5 conform to the State Constitution; amending s. 98.075,
6 F.S.; revising terminology regarding voting rights
7 restoration to conform to the State Constitution;
8 requiring the supervisor of elections of the county in
9 which an ineligible voter is registered to notify the
10 voter of instructions for seeking restoration of
11 voting rights pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State
12 Constitution, in addition to restoration of civil
13 rights pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State
14 Constitution; requiring a notice of a registered
15 voter's potential ineligibility to include specified
16 information; creating s. 98.0751, F.S.; requiring the
17 voting disqualification of certain felons to be
18 removed and voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4,
19 Art. VI of the State Constitution; providing that the
20 voting disqualification arising from specified factors
21 is not removed unless a person's civil rights are
22 restored through the clemency process pursuant to s.
23 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution; providing
24 definitions; authorizing the supervisor of elections
25 to verify whether a person who has been convicted of a
26 felony offense is eligible to register to vote,
27 including if he or she has completed all the terms of
28 his or her sentence; authorizing the Department of
29 State to assist the supervisor of elections with such

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30 verification; requiring specified provisions to be
31 construed in favor of a voter registration applicant;
32 amending s. 104.011, F.S.; prohibiting a person from
33 being charged or convicted for certain violations;
34 amending s. 940.061, F.S.; requiring the Department of
35 Corrections to inform inmates and offenders of voting
36 rights restoration pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the
37 State Constitution, in addition to executive clemency
38 and civil rights restoration; amending s. 944.292,
39 F.S.; conforming a provision regarding the suspension
40 of civil rights; amending s. 944.705, F.S.; requiring
41 the Department of Corrections to include notification
42 of all outstanding terms of sentence in an inmate's
43 release documents; providing an exception to the
44 notification requirement for inmates who are released
45 to any type of supervision monitored by the
46 department; amending s. 947.24, F.S.; requiring the
47 Florida Commission on Offender Review, upon the
48 termination of an offender's term of parole, control
49 release, or conditional release, to provide written
50 notification to the offender of all outstanding terms
51 of sentence; creating s. 948.041, F.S.; requiring the
52 department, upon the termination of an offender's term
53 of probation or community control, to provide written
54 notification to the offender of all outstanding terms
55 of sentence; amending s. 951.29, F.S.; requiring each
56 county detention facility to provide information on
57 the restoration of voting rights pursuant to s. 4,
58 Art. VI of the State Constitution to certain

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59 prisoners; requiring each county detention facility to
60 provide written notification to certain prisoners of
61 all outstanding terms of sentence upon release;
62 creating the Restoration of Voting Rights Work Group
63 within the Department of State; specifying membership
64 of the work group; establishing the manner of
65 appointments and the terms of membership; prescribing
66 the duties of the work group; requiring the work group
67 to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified
68 date; providing for staffing; authorizing
69 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;
70 providing for expiration of the work group; providing
71 a directive to the Division of Law Revision; providing
72 an effective date.

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74 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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76 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 97.052, Florida
77 Statutes, is amended to read:

78 97.052 Uniform statewide voter registration application.—

79 (2) The uniform statewide voter registration application
80 must be designed to elicit the following information from the
81 applicant:

82 (a) Last, first, and middle name, including any suffix.

83 (b) Date of birth.

84 (c) Address of legal residence.

85 (d) Mailing address, if different.

86 (e) E-mail address and whether the applicant wishes to
87 receive sample ballots by e-mail.

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- 88 (f) County of legal residence.
- 89 (g) Race or ethnicity that best describes the applicant:
- 90 1. American Indian or Alaskan Native.
- 91 2. Asian or Pacific Islander.
- 92 3. Black, not Hispanic.
- 93 4. White, not Hispanic.
- 94 5. Hispanic.
- 95 (h) State or country of birth.
- 96 (i) Sex.
- 97 (j) Party affiliation.
- 98 (k) Whether the applicant needs assistance in voting.
- 99 (l) Name and address where last registered.
- 100 (m) Last four digits of the applicant's social security
101 number.
- 102 (n) Florida driver license number or the identification
103 number from a Florida identification card issued under s.
104 322.051.
- 105 (o) An indication, if applicable, that the applicant has
106 not been issued a Florida driver license, a Florida
107 identification card, or a social security number.
- 108 (p) Telephone number (optional).
- 109 (q) Signature of applicant under penalty for false swearing
110 pursuant to s. 104.011, by which the person subscribes to the
111 oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the State Constitution and s.
112 97.051, and swears or affirms that the information contained in
113 the registration application is true.
- 114 (r) Whether the application is being used for initial
115 registration, to update a voter registration record, or to
116 request a replacement voter information card.

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117 (s) Whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States
118 by asking the question "Are you a citizen of the United States
119 of America?" and providing boxes for the applicant to check to
120 indicate whether the applicant is or is not a citizen of the
121 United States.

122 (t) Whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony,
123 and, if convicted, has had his or her voting ~~civil~~ rights
124 restored by including the statement "I affirm I am not a
125 convicted felon, or, if I am, my rights relating to voting have
126 been restored." and providing a box for the applicant to check
127 to affirm the statement.

128 (u) Whether the applicant has been adjudicated mentally
129 incapacitated with respect to voting or, if so adjudicated, has
130 had his or her right to vote restored by including the statement
131 "I affirm I have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated
132 with respect to voting, or, if I have, my competency has been
133 restored." and providing a box for the applicant to check to
134 affirm the statement.

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136 The registration application must be in plain language and
137 designed so that convicted felons whose voting ~~civil~~ rights have
138 been restored and persons who have been adjudicated mentally
139 incapacitated and have had their voting rights restored are not
140 required to reveal their prior conviction or adjudication.

141 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
142 97.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

143 97.053 Acceptance of voter registration applications.—

144 (5) (a) A voter registration application is complete if it
145 contains the following information necessary to establish the

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146 applicant's eligibility pursuant to s. 97.041, including:

147 1. The applicant's name.

148 2. The applicant's address of legal residence, including a
149 distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room
150 number or other identifier, if appropriate. Failure to include a
151 distinguishing apartment, suite, lot, room, or dormitory room or
152 other identifier on a voter registration application does not
153 impact a voter's eligibility to register to vote or cast a
154 ballot, and such an omission may not serve as the basis for a
155 challenge to a voter's eligibility or reason to not count a
156 ballot.

157 3. The applicant's date of birth.

158 4. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant is a
159 citizen of the United States.

160 5.a. The applicant's current and valid Florida driver
161 license number or the identification number from a Florida
162 identification card issued under s. 322.051, or

163 b. If the applicant has not been issued a current and valid
164 Florida driver license or a Florida identification card, the
165 last four digits of the applicant's social security number.

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167 In case an applicant has not been issued a current and valid
168 Florida driver license, Florida identification card, or social
169 security number, the applicant shall affirm this fact in the
170 manner prescribed in the uniform statewide voter registration
171 application.

172 6. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has
173 not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, has had
174 his or her voting ~~civil~~ rights restored.

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175 7. A mark in the checkbox affirming that the applicant has
176 not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to
177 voting or that, if so adjudicated, has had his or her right to
178 vote restored.

179 8. The original signature or a digital signature
180 transmitted by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
181 Vehicles of the applicant swearing or affirming under the
182 penalty for false swearing pursuant to s. 104.011 that the
183 information contained in the registration application is true
184 and subscribing to the oath required by s. 3, Art. VI of the
185 State Constitution and s. 97.051.

186 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
187 98.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

188 98.045 Administration of voter registration.—

189 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT.—The supervisor must ensure
190 that any eligible applicant for voter registration is registered
191 to vote and that each application for voter registration is
192 processed in accordance with law. The supervisor shall determine
193 whether a voter registration applicant is ineligible based on
194 any of the following:

195 (c) The applicant has been convicted of a felony for which
196 his or her voting ~~civil~~ rights have not been restored.

197 Section 4. Subsections (5) and (6) and paragraph (a) of
198 subsection (7) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, are amended
199 to read:

200 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
201 ineligibility determinations.—

202 (5) FELONY CONVICTION.—The department shall identify those
203 registered voters who have been convicted of a felony and whose

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204 voting rights have not been restored by comparing information
205 received from, but not limited to, a clerk of the circuit court,
206 the Board of Executive Clemency, the Department of Corrections,
207 the Department of Law Enforcement, or a United States Attorney's
208 Office, as provided in s. 98.093. The department shall review
209 such information and make an initial determination as to whether
210 the information is credible and reliable. If the department
211 determines that the information is credible and reliable, the
212 department shall notify the supervisor and provide a copy of the
213 supporting documentation indicating the potential ineligibility
214 of the voter to be registered. Upon receipt of the notice that
215 the department has made a determination of initial credibility
216 and reliability, the supervisor shall adhere to the procedures
217 set forth in subsection (7) prior to the removal of a registered
218 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

219 (6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—If the department or
220 supervisor receives information from sources other than those
221 identified in subsections (2)-(5) that a registered voter is
222 ineligible because he or she is deceased, adjudicated a
223 convicted felon without having had his or her voting ~~civil~~
224 rights restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without
225 having had his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the
226 age requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States
227 citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed a residence that
228 is not his or her legal residence, the supervisor must adhere to
229 the procedures set forth in subsection (7) prior to the removal
230 of a registered voter's name from the statewide voter
231 registration system.

232 (7) PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL.—

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233 (a) If the supervisor receives notice or information
234 pursuant to subsections (4)-(6), the supervisor of the county in
235 which the voter is registered shall:

236 1. Notify the registered voter of his or her potential
237 ineligibility by mail within 7 days after receipt of notice or
238 information. The notice shall include:

239 a. A statement of the basis for the registered voter's
240 potential ineligibility and a copy of any documentation upon
241 which the potential ineligibility is based. Such documentation
242 shall include any conviction from another jurisdiction
243 determined to be a similar offense to murder or a felony sexual
244 offense as defined in s. 98.0751.

245 b. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after
246 receipt of the notice may result in a determination of
247 ineligibility and in removal of the registered voter's name from
248 the statewide voter registration system.

249 c. A return form that requires the registered voter to
250 admit or deny the accuracy of the information underlying the
251 potential ineligibility for purposes of a final determination by
252 the supervisor.

253 d. A statement that, if the voter is denying the accuracy
254 of the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
255 voter has a right to request a hearing for the purpose of
256 determining eligibility.

257 e. Instructions for the registered voter to contact the
258 supervisor of elections of the county in which the voter is
259 registered if assistance is needed in resolving the matter.

260 f. Instructions for seeking restoration of civil rights
261 pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution and

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262 information explaining voting rights restoration pursuant to s.
263 4., Art. VI of the State Constitution following a felony
264 conviction, if applicable.

265 2. If the mailed notice is returned as undeliverable, the
266 supervisor shall publish notice once in a newspaper of general
267 circulation in the county in which the voter was last
268 registered. The notice shall contain the following:

269 a. The voter's name and address.

270 b. A statement that the voter is potentially ineligible to
271 be registered to vote.

272 c. A statement that failure to respond within 30 days after
273 the notice is published may result in a determination of
274 ineligibility by the supervisor and removal of the registered
275 voter's name from the statewide voter registration system.

276 d. An instruction for the voter to contact the supervisor
277 no later than 30 days after the date of the published notice to
278 receive information regarding the basis for the potential
279 ineligibility and the procedure to resolve the matter.

280 e. An instruction to the voter that, if further assistance
281 is needed, the voter should contact the supervisor of elections
282 of the county in which the voter is registered.

283 3. If a registered voter fails to respond to a notice
284 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., the supervisor
285 shall make a final determination of the voter's eligibility. If
286 the supervisor determines that the voter is ineligible, the
287 supervisor shall remove the name of the registered voter from
288 the statewide voter registration system. The supervisor shall
289 notify the registered voter of the supervisor's determination
290 and action.

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291 4. If a registered voter responds to the notice pursuant to
292 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and admits the accuracy of
293 the information underlying the potential ineligibility, the
294 supervisor shall make a final determination of ineligibility and
295 shall remove the voter's name from the statewide voter
296 registration system. The supervisor shall notify the registered
297 voter of the supervisor's determination and action.

298 5. If a registered voter responds to the notice issued
299 pursuant to subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. and denies the
300 accuracy of the information underlying the potential
301 ineligibility but does not request a hearing, the supervisor
302 shall review the evidence and make a final determination of
303 eligibility. If such registered voter requests a hearing, the
304 supervisor shall send notice to the registered voter to attend a
305 hearing at a time and place specified in the notice. Upon
306 hearing all evidence presented at the hearing, the supervisor
307 shall make a determination of eligibility. If the supervisor
308 determines that the registered voter is ineligible, the
309 supervisor shall remove the voter's name from the statewide
310 voter registration system and notify the registered voter of the
311 supervisor's determination and action.

312 Section 5. Section 98.0751, Florida Statutes, is created to
313 read:

314 98.0751 Restoration of voting rights; termination of
315 ineligibility subsequent to a felony conviction.—

316 (1) A person who has been disqualified from voting based on
317 a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony
318 sexual offense must have such disqualification terminated and
319 his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of

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320 the State Constitution upon the completion of all terms of his
321 or her sentence, including parole or probation. The voting
322 disqualification does not terminate unless a person's civil
323 rights are restored pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State
324 Constitution if the disqualification arises from a felony
325 conviction of murder or a felony sexual offense, or if the
326 person has not completed all terms of sentence, as specified
327 under subsection (2).

328 (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

329 (a) "Completion of all terms of sentence" means any portion
330 of a sentence that is contained in the four corners of the
331 sentencing document, including, but not limited to:

332 1. Release from any term of imprisonment ordered by the
333 court as a part of the sentence;

334 2. Termination from any term of probation or community
335 control ordered by the court as a part of the sentence;

336 3. Fulfillment of any term ordered by the court as a part
337 of the sentence;

338 4. Termination from any term of any supervision, which is
339 monitored by the Florida Commission on Offender Review,
340 including, but not limited to, parole; and

341 5. Payment of all:

342 a. Restitution ordered by the court as a part of the
343 sentence, regardless of whether such restitution is converted to
344 a civil lien; and

345 b. Fees or fines ordered by the court as part of the
346 sentence or that are ordered by the court as a condition of any
347 form of supervision including, but not limited to, probation,
348 community control, or parole. A financial obligation required

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349 under this sub-subparagraph is deemed to have been completed to
350 the extent that the financial obligation has been converted to a
351 civil lien.

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353 A term required to be completed in accordance with this
354 paragraph shall be deemed completed if the court modifies the
355 original sentencing order to no longer require completion of
356 such term.

357 (b) "Felony sexual offense" means any of the following:

358 1. Any felony offense that serves as a predicate to
359 registration as a sexual offender in accordance with s.
360 943.0435;

361 2. Section 872.06; or

362 3. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction
363 which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had
364 been committed in violation of the laws of this state.

365 (c) "Murder" means either of the following:

366 1. A violation of any of the following sections which
367 results in the actual killing of a human being:

368 a. Section 775.33(4).

369 b. Section 782.04(1) or (2).

370 c. Section 782.09.

371 2. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction
372 which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had
373 been committed in violation of the laws of this state.

374 (3) A local supervisor of elections shall verify whether a
375 person who has been convicted of a felony offense and
376 subsequently registers or applies to register to vote has
377 completed all the terms of his or her sentence as required by

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378 this section. The supervisor of elections may request the
379 assistance of the department to make such determination.

380 (4) For the purpose of determining a voter registration
381 applicant's eligibility, the provisions of this section shall be
382 strictly construed. If a provision is susceptible to differing
383 interpretations, it shall be construed in favor of the
384 applicant.

385 Section 6. Section 104.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to
386 read:

387 104.011 False swearing; submission of false voter
388 registration information; prosecution prohibited.—

389 (1) A person who willfully swears or affirms falsely to any
390 oath or affirmation, or willfully procures another person to
391 swear or affirm falsely to an oath or affirmation, in connection
392 with or arising out of voting or elections commits a felony of
393 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
394 775.083, or s. 775.084.

395 (2) A person who willfully submits any false voter
396 registration information commits a felony of the third degree,
397 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

398 (3) A person may not be charged or convicted for a
399 violation of this section for affirming that he or she has not
400 been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, he or she has
401 had voting rights restored, if such violation is alleged to have
402 occurred on or after January 8, 2019, but before the effective
403 date of this act.

404 Section 7. Section 940.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to
405 read:

406 940.061 Informing persons about executive clemency, ~~and~~

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407 restoration of civil rights, and restoration of voting rights.-
 408 The Department of Corrections shall inform and educate inmates
 409 and offenders on community supervision about the restoration of
 410 civil rights and the restoration of voting rights resulting from
 411 the removal of the disqualification to vote pursuant to s. 4,
 412 Art. VI of the State Constitution. Each month, the Department of
 413 Corrections shall send to the Florida Commission on Offender
 414 Review by electronic means a list of the names of inmates who
 415 have been released from incarceration and offenders who have
 416 been terminated from supervision who may be eligible for
 417 restoration of civil rights.

418 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 944.292, Florida
 419 Statutes, is amended to read:

420 944.292 Suspension of civil rights.-

421 (1) Upon conviction of a felony as defined in s. 10, Art. X
 422 of the State Constitution, the civil rights of the person
 423 convicted shall be suspended in Florida until such rights are
 424 restored by a full pardon, conditional pardon, or restoration of
 425 civil rights granted pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State
 426 Constitution. Notwithstanding the suspension of civil rights,
 427 such a convicted person may obtain restoration of his or her
 428 voting rights pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State
 429 Constitution and s. 98.0751.

430 Section 9. Subsection (6) of section 944.705, Florida
 431 Statutes, is amended to read:

432 944.705 Release orientation program.-

433 (6) (a) The department shall notify every inmate, ~~in no less~~
 434 ~~than 18-point type~~ in the inmate's release documents: 7

435 1. Of all outstanding terms of the inmate's sentence at the

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436 time of release to assist the inmate in determining his or her
437 status with regard to the completion of all terms of sentence,
438 as that term is defined in s. 98.0751. This subparagraph does
439 not apply to inmates who are being released from the custody of
440 the department to any type of supervision monitored by the
441 department; and

442 2. In not less than 18-point type, that the inmate may be
443 sentenced pursuant to s. 775.082(9) if the inmate commits any
444 felony offense described in s. 775.082(9) within 3 years after
445 the inmate's release. This notice must be prefaced by the word
446 "WARNING" in boldfaced type.

447 (b) ~~Nothing in~~ This section does not preclude ~~precludes~~ the
448 sentencing of a person pursuant to s. 775.082(9), and nor shall
449 evidence that the department failed to provide this notice does
450 not prohibit a person from being sentenced pursuant to s.
451 775.082(9). The state is shall ~~not be~~ required to demonstrate
452 that a person received any notice from the department in order
453 for the court to impose a sentence pursuant to s. 775.082(9).

454 Section 10. Present subsection (3) of section 947.24,
455 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new
456 subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

457 947.24 Discharge from parole supervision or release
458 supervision.-

459 (3) Upon the termination of an offender's term of
460 supervision, which is monitored by the commission, including,
461 but not limited to, parole, the commission must notify the
462 offender in writing of all outstanding terms at the time of
463 termination to assist the offender in determining his or her
464 status with regard to the completion of all terms of sentence,

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465 as that term is defined in s. 98.0751.

466 Section 11. Section 948.041, Florida Statutes, is created
467 to read:

468 948.041 Notification of outstanding terms of sentence upon
469 termination of probation or community control.—Upon the
470 termination of an offender's term of probation or community
471 control, the department must notify the offender in writing of
472 all outstanding terms at the time of termination to assist the
473 offender in determining his or her status with regard to the
474 completion of all terms of sentence, as that term is defined in
475 s. 98.0751.

476 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 951.29, Florida
477 Statutes, is amended to read:

478 951.29 Procedure for requesting restoration of civil rights
479 or restoration of voting rights of county prisoners convicted of
480 felonies.—

481 (1) With respect to a person who has been convicted of a
482 felony and is serving a sentence in a county detention facility,
483 the administrator of the county detention facility shall provide
484 the following to the prisoner, at least 2 weeks before
485 discharge, if possible:—

486 (a) An application form obtained from the Florida
487 Commission on Offender Review which the prisoner must complete
488 in order to begin the process of having his or her civil rights
489 restored;—

490 (b) Information explaining voting rights restoration
491 pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution; and

492 (c) Written notification of all outstanding terms of the
493 prisoner's sentence at the time of release to assist the

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494 prisoner in determining his or her status with regard to the
495 completion of all terms of sentence, as that term is defined in
496 s. 98.0751.

497 Section 13. Restoration of Voting Rights Work Group.—The
498 Restoration of Voting Rights Work Group is created within the
499 Department of State for the purpose of conducting a
500 comprehensive review of the department's process of verifying
501 registered voters, applicants, or potential applicants who have
502 been convicted of a felony, but who may be eligible for
503 restoration of voting rights under s. 4, Article VI of the State
504 Constitution.

505 (1) MEMBERSHIP.—The work group is comprised of the
506 following members:

507 (a) The Secretary of State or his or her designee, who
508 shall serve as chair for the work group.

509 (b) The Secretary of Corrections or his or her designee.

510 (c) The executive director of the Department of Law
511 Enforcement or his or her designee.

512 (d) The Chairman of the Florida Commission on Offender
513 Review or his or her designee.

514 (e) Two clerks of the circuit court appointed by the
515 Governor.

516 (f) Two supervisors of elections appointed by the Governor.

517 (2) TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.—Appointments to the work group
518 shall be made within 30 days of the effective date of this act.
519 All members shall serve for the duration of the work group. Any
520 vacancy shall be filled by the original appointing authority for
521 the remainder of the work group's existence.

522 (3) DUTIES.—The work group is authorized and directed to

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523 study, evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review
524 of the Department of State's process of verifying registered
525 voters, applicants, or potential applicants who have been
526 convicted of a felony, but who may be eligible for restoration
527 of voting rights under s. 4, Article VI of the State
528 Constitution, to develop recommendations for the Legislature,
529 related to:

530 (a) The consolidation of all relevant data necessary to
531 verify the eligibility of a registered voter, applicant, or
532 potential applicant for restoration of voting rights under s. 4,
533 Article VI of the State Constitution. If any entity is
534 recommended to manage the consolidated relevant data, the
535 recommendations must provide the feasibility of such entity to
536 manage the consolidated relevant data and a timeline for
537 implementation of such consolidation.

538 (b) The process of informing a registered voter, applicant,
539 or potential applicant of the entity or entities that are
540 custodians of the relevant data necessary for verifying his or
541 her eligibility for restoration of voting rights under s. 4,
542 Article VI of the State Constitution.

543 (c) Any other relevant policies or procedures for verifying
544 the eligibility of a registered voter, applicant, or potential
545 applicant for restoration of voting rights under s. 4, Article
546 VI of the State Constitution.

547 (4) REPORT.—The work group shall submit a report of its
548 findings, conclusions, and recommendations for the Legislature
549 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
550 Representatives by November 1, 2019. Upon submission of the
551 report, the work group is dissolved and discharged of further

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552 duties.

553 (5) STAFFING.—The Department of State shall provide support
554 for the work group in performing its duties.

555 (6) PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Work group members shall
556 serve without compensation but are entitled to receive
557 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s.
558 112.061, Florida Statutes.

559 (7) EXPIRATION.—This section expires January 31, 2020.

560 Section 14. The Division of Law Revision is directed to
561 replace the phrase “the effective date of this act” wherever it
562 occurs in this act with the date this act becomes a law.

563 Section 15. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.