

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to restoration of voting rights
3 database; amending s. 20.32, F.S.; requiring the
4 Florida Commission on Offender Review to develop and
5 maintain a database containing certain information for
6 a certain purpose; requiring certain governmental
7 entities to provide certain information to the
8 commission; requiring the Department of Management
9 Services, acting through the Florida Digital Service,
10 to provide certain technical assistance to the
11 commission; authorizing the department to adopt rules;
12 requiring the commission to make available to the
13 public the database on an Internet website by a date
14 certain; requiring the commission to update the
15 database monthly and publish certain information on
16 the website; requiring the commission to provide to
17 the Governor and Legislature a comprehensive plan by a
18 date certain; providing requirements for the
19 comprehensive plan; providing that a person who takes
20 certain actions in reasonable reliance on the database
21 may not be charged with certain violations of criminal
22 law; requiring the commission to adopt rules;
23 providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 20.32, Florida Statutes, to read:

20.32 Florida Commission on Offender Review.—

(4) (a) For the purpose of assisting a person who has been disqualified from voting based on a felony conviction other than murder or a felony sexual offense in determining whether he or she has met the requirements under s. 98.0751 and had his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution, the Florida Commission on Offender Review shall develop and maintain a database that contains for each such person all of the following information:

1. His or her name and any other personal identifying information.

2. The remaining length of any term of supervision, including, but not limited to, probation, community control, or parole, ordered by a court as a part of his or her sentence.

3. The remaining amount of any restitution owed to a victim as ordered by a court as a part of his or her sentence.

4. The remaining amount due of any fines or fees that were initially ordered by a court as a part of his or her sentence or as a condition of any form of supervision, including, but not limited to, probation, community control, or parole.

5. The completion status of any other term ordered by a court as a part of his or her sentence.

51 6. Any other information needed to determine whether he or
52 she has met the requirements for restoration of voting rights
53 under s. 98.0751.

54 (b) Each month, the Department of State, the Department of
55 Corrections, clerks of the circuit courts, county comptrollers,
56 and the Board of Executive Clemency shall provide to the
57 commission any information held by such governmental entity
58 which is required under paragraph (a).

59 (c) The Department of Management Services, acting through
60 the Florida Digital Service, shall provide any technical
61 assistance necessary for the commission to develop and maintain
62 the database. The Department of Management Services may adopt
63 rules to provide such assistance.

64 (d) By July 1, 2028, the commission shall make available
65 to the public the database on an Internet website. The
66 commission must update the database monthly with the information
67 received under paragraph (b). The commission shall publish on
68 the website clear instructions that a person who has been
69 disqualified from voting based on a felony conviction other than
70 murder or a felony sexual offense may follow to have his or her
71 voting rights restored and to register to vote.

72 (e) By July 1, 2026, the commission shall provide to the
73 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
74 House of Representatives a comprehensive plan that includes the
75 following:

76 1. The governmental entities from which and the methods by
77 which the commission shall collect, centralize, analyze, and
78 secure the information required to be included in the database.

79 2. A description of any infrastructure and services,
80 including, but not limited to, software, hardware, and
81 information technology services, that may be necessary to create
82 and maintain the database.

83 3. The anticipated number of additional employees
84 necessary for:

85 a. The commission to develop and maintain the database.

86 b. A governmental entity to provide the information
87 required under paragraph (b).

88 c. The Florida Digital Service to provide the assistance
89 required under paragraph (c).

90 4. The anticipated cost to initially develop the database,
91 annual cost to maintain the database, and annual appropriation
92 required to fund the anticipated costs of the commission, each
93 governmental entity, and the Florida Digital Service.

94 5. Any legal authority necessary for the commission to
95 develop and maintain the database.

96 6. Draft legislation to implement the comprehensive plan.

97 (f) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person who
98 registers to vote or who votes in reasonable reliance on
99 information contained in the database indicating that his or her
100 voting rights have been restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of

101 | the State Constitution has an affirmative right to register and
102 | to vote and may not be charged with a violation of any criminal
103 | law of this state related to fraudulently voting or registering
104 | to vote.

105 | (g) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this
106 | subsection.

107 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.