

By the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice;
and Senator Polsky

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to restoration of voting rights;
amending s. 20.32, F.S.; requiring the Florida
Commission on Offender Review to develop and maintain
a database containing certain information for a
certain purpose; requiring certain governmental
entities to provide certain information to the
commission monthly; requiring the Department of
Management Services, acting through the Florida
Digital Service, to provide certain technical
assistance to the commission; authorizing the
department to adopt rules; requiring the commission,
subject to legislative appropriation, to make the
database available to the public on an Internet
website by a certain date; requiring the commission to
update the database monthly and publish certain
information on the website; requiring the commission
to provide a comprehensive plan to the Governor and
Legislature by a certain date; providing requirements
for the comprehensive plan; providing that a person
who takes certain actions in reasonable reliance on
the database has an affirmative right to register and
to vote and may not be charged with certain violations
of criminal law; requiring the commission to adopt
rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 20.32,

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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 to have 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.

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

(b) The Department of State, the Department of Corrections, the clerks of the circuit courts, the county comptrollers, and the Board of Executive Clemency shall provide to the commission

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59 monthly any information held by these governmental entities
60 which is required under paragraph (a).

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

66 (d) By July 1, 2029, subject to legislative appropriation,
67 the commission shall make the database available to the public
68 on an Internet website. The commission shall update the database
69 monthly with the information received from each governmental
70 entity under paragraph (b). The commission shall publish on the
71 website clear instructions that a person who has been
72 disqualified from voting based on a felony conviction other than
73 murder or a felony sexual offense may follow to have his or her
74 voting rights restored and to register to vote.

75 (e) By July 1, 2027, the commission shall provide a
76 comprehensive plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
77 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which includes
78 all of the following:

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

82 2. A description of any infrastructure and services,
83 including, but not limited to, software, hardware, and
84 information technology services, which may be necessary to
85 create and maintain the database.

86 3. The anticipated number of additional employees necessary
87 for:

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

89 b. A governmental entity to provide the information
90 required under paragraph (b).

91 c. The Florida Digital Service to provide the assistance
92 required under paragraph (c).

93 4. The anticipated initial cost to develop the database;
94 the annual cost to maintain the database; and the annual
95 appropriation required to fund the anticipated costs incurred by
96 the commission, each governmental entity, and the Florida
97 Digital Service.

98 5. Any legal authority necessary for the commission to
99 develop and maintain the database.

100 6. Draft legislation to implement the comprehensive plan.

101 (f) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person who
102 registers to vote or who votes in reasonable reliance on
103 information contained in the database indicating that his or her
104 voting rights have been restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of
105 the State Constitution has an affirmative right to register and
106 to vote and may not be charged with a violation of any criminal
107 law of this state related to fraudulently voting or registering
108 to vote.

109 (g) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this
110 subsection.

111 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.