

1 HB460
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a county board of
9 registrars does not give notice to persons whose
10 names are being purged from the voter registration
11 list, with the exception of those persons whose
12 names are purged by reason of conviction of a
13 disqualifying crime.

14 This bill would require a county board of
15 registrars to notify all persons who are purged
16 from the voter registration list at the time their
17 name is removed from the list.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to voter registration; to amend Section
24 17-4-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to require each county board of
25 registrars to notify a person when his or her name is being
26 purged from the list of qualified voters.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Section 17-4-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§17-4-3.

4 "Each county board of registrars shall purge the
5 computerized statewide voter registration list on a continuous
6 basis, whenever it receives and confirms information that a
7 person registered to vote in that county has died, become a
8 nonresident of the state or county, been declared mentally
9 incompetent, been convicted of any offense mentioned in
10 Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 since
11 being registered, or otherwise become disqualified as an
12 elector. A person shall be notified by United States mail sent
13 to the voter's last known address of the board's intention to
14 strike his or her name from the list and the reason why the
15 person is no longer qualified; provided, however, a person
16 convicted of a disqualifying criminal offense must be notified
17 by certified mail sent to the voter's last known address of
18 the board's intention to strike his or her name from the list.
19 No person convicted of a disqualifying crime may be stricken
20 from the poll list while an appeal from the conviction is
21 pending.

22 "On the date set in the notice, or at a later date
23 to which the case may have been continued by the board, the
24 board shall proceed to consider the case of the elector whose
25 name it proposes to strike from the registration list and make
26 its determination. Any person whose name is stricken from the
27 list may appeal from the decision of the board without giving

1 security for costs, and the board shall forthwith certify the
2 proceedings to the judge of probate who shall docket the case
3 in the probate court.

4 "An appeal from the judge of probate shall be as
5 appeals set forth in Section 17-3-55.

6 "When the board has sufficient evidence furnished it
7 that any elector has permanently moved from one precinct to
8 another within the county, it shall change the elector's
9 precinct designation in the voter registration list, and shall
10 give notice by mail to the elector of the precinct in which
11 the elector is registered to vote."

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.