

**SB174 INTRODUCED**



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, an individual who has lost his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a state or federal court may have his or her right to vote restored if he or she meets certain requirements.

This bill would require notification to an individual who has lost his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a state, federal, or foreign court and has had his or her right to vote restored.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to voting; to add Section 17-3-31.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require notification to an individual who has lost his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a state, federal, or foreign court and has had his or her right to vote restored.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-3-31.1 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§17-3-31.1



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29 (a) No later than September 1, 2025, the Board of  
30 Pardons and Paroles and the Secretary of State shall jointly  
31 develop and make available on each agency's website a form  
32 with instructions for any individual who met one of the  
33 criteria set forth in Section 15-22-36.1(a)(4) prior to  
34 October 1, 2024, to submit to the Board of Pardons and Paroles  
35 for review pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section  
36 15-22-36.1(c).

37 (b) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall post on the  
38 board's website the name of each individual whose right to  
39 vote has been restored pursuant to Section 15-22-36.1 and the  
40 county in which the individual was last registered to vote or  
41 the county of the individual's last known residence for any  
42 individual who has never registered to vote prior to losing  
43 his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a state,  
44 federal, or foreign court.

45 (c)(1) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall provide  
46 the Secretary of State with an individual's address and the  
47 date upon which the board restored the right to vote to an  
48 individual who has lost his or her right to vote by reason of  
49 conviction in a state, federal, or foreign court.

50 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1), if an individual  
51 who has had his or her right to vote restored pursuant to  
52 Section 15-22-36.1 does not have a known address, the Board of  
53 Pardons and Paroles shall notify the Secretary of State that  
54 the individual's address is unknown.

55 (d) Upon receipt of information provided by the Board  
56 of Pardons and Paroles pursuant to subsection (c), the



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57 Secretary of State shall notify the individual and the board  
58 of registrars of the county in which the individual resides of  
59 the date upon which the board restored his or her right to  
60 vote.

61 (e) The board of registrars of the county in which the  
62 individual resides shall add the individual's name to the poll  
63 list and notify the individual of the date that he or she is  
64 eligible to vote. This subsection does not apply to any  
65 individual who has had his or her right to vote restored but  
66 has never registered to vote prior to losing his or her right  
67 to vote by reason of conviction in a state, federal, or  
68 foreign court.

69 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
70 1, 2024.