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1 HB568
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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: State Government
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, an individual who has lost
6 his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a
7 state or federal court may have his or her right to
8 vote restored by the Boards of Pardons and Paroles if
9 he or she meets certain requirements.

10 This bill would require the Board of Pardons and
11 Paroles to post instruction on how individuals who have
12 lost their right to vote by reason of conviction and
13 who meet certain requirements for restoration of voting
14 rights may request restoration of their voting rights.

15 This bill would require the Board of Pardons and
16 Paroles to post on its website the names of each
17 individual whose voting rights have been restored by
18 the board and to notify the Secretary of State of the
19 names and addresses, if known, of these individuals.

20 This bill would also require the respective
21 boards of registrars, based on the information provided
22 by the Secretary of State, to reregister in certain
23 circumstances those individuals whose voting rights
24 have been restored.

28 A BILL



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TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to voting; to add Section 17-3-31.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Board of Pardons and Paroles to post procedures for requesting restoration of voting rights for those individuals who have lost their voting rights by reason of conviction; to require the Board of Pardons and Paroles to post on its website and provide to the Secretary of State the names of individuals whose voting rights have been restored; and to require boards of registrars to reregister certain individuals whose voting rights have been 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

(a) No later than September 1, 2026, the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Secretary of State shall jointly develop and make available on each agency's website a form with instructions for any individual who met one of the criteria set forth in Section 15-22-36.1(a) prior to October 1, 2025, to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote. An individual may submit the form to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for review pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 15-22-36.1(c).

(b) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall post on the board's website the name of each individual whose right to



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57 vote has been restored pursuant to Section 15-22-36.1 and the
58 county in which the individual was last registered to vote or
59 the county of the individual's last known residence for any
60 individual who has never registered to vote prior to losing
61 his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a state or
62 federal court.

63 (c) (1) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall provide
64 the Secretary of State with an individual's address and the
65 date upon which the board restored the right to vote to an
66 individual who has lost his or her right to vote by reason of
67 conviction in a state or federal court.

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

73 (d) Upon receipt of information provided by the Board
74 of Pardons and Paroles pursuant to subsection (c), the
75 Secretary of State shall notify the individual and the board
76 of registrars of the county in which the individual resides of
77 the date upon which the board restored his or her right to
78 vote.

79 (e) The board of registrars of the county in which the
80 individual resides shall add the individual's name to the poll
81 list and notify the individual of the date that he or she is
82 eligible to vote. This subsection does not apply to any
83 individual who has had his or her right to vote restored but
84 has never registered to vote prior to losing his or her right



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85 to vote by reason of conviction in a state or federal court.

86 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October

87 1, 2025.