

**SB153 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 by the Boards of Pardons and Paroles if he or she meets certain requirements.

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

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

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

A BILL



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29 TO BE ENTITLED

30 AN ACT

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

42 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

45 §17-3-31.1

46 (a) No later than September 1, 2026, the Board of  
47 Pardons and Paroles and the Secretary of State shall jointly  
48 develop and make available on each agency's website a form  
49 with instructions for any individual who met one of the  
50 criteria set forth in Section 15-22-36.1(a) prior to October  
51 1, 2025, to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility to Register  
52 to Vote. An individual may submit the form to the Board of  
53 Pardons and Paroles for review pursuant to the requirements  
54 set forth in Section 15-22-36.1(c).

55 (b) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall post on the  
56 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.