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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 Board of Pardons and Paroles if he
9 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 to request restoration of their voting rights,
15 along with a form to apply to have those rights
16 restored.

17 This bill would require the Board of Pardons and
18 Paroles and the Secretary of State to each post on
19 their websites the names of each individual whose
20 voting rights have been restored.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT

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27 Relating to voting; to add Section 17-3-31.1 to the
28 Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Board of Pardons and



29 Paroles to post procedures and an application form for
30 requesting restoration of voting rights for those individuals
31 who have lost their voting rights by reason of conviction; and
32 to require the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Secretary
33 of State to post on their respective website the names of
34 individuals whose voting rights have been restored.

35 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

38 §17-3-31.1

39 (a) No later than March 1, 2027, the Board of Pardons
40 and Paroles and the Secretary of State shall jointly develop
41 and make available on each agency's website, in an easily
42 accessible manner, an explanation of how an individual who has
43 lost his or her right to vote by reason of conviction of a
44 crime may have their right to vote restored under Section
45 15-22-36.1 if the individual meets the criteria set forth in
46 that section. The website shall include a form, along with
47 instructions, which an individual may electronically submit,
48 which shall serve as an application for a Certificate of
49 Eligibility to Register to Vote. The form shall automatically
50 be submitted to the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

51 (b) Upon receipt of an application under subsection
52 (a), the board shall forthwith review the application and make
53 a determination of eligibility in accordance with Section
54 15-22-36.1 and, if appropriate, issue to the applicant a
55 Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote in accordance
56 with Section 15-22-36.1(e).



57 (c) (1) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall publish
58 on the board's website the name of each individual whose right
59 to vote has been restored pursuant to Section 15-22-36.1 and:
60 (i) the county in which the individual was last registered to
61 vote or the county of the individual's last known residence
62 for any individual who has never registered to vote prior to
63 losing his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a
64 state or federal court; or (ii) if an applicant under
65 subsection (a) included his or her residence on the
66 application form, the county in which the individual resides.

71 (d) Upon receipt of the information provided by the
72 board under subsection (c), the Secretary of State shall
73 publish the information on the website of the Secretary of
74 State.

75 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
76 1, 2026.