



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 Board 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 to request restoration of their voting rights, along with a form to apply to have those rights restored.

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



Paroles to post procedures and an application form for requesting restoration of voting rights for those individuals who have lost their voting rights by reason of conviction; and to require the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Secretary of State to post on their respective website the names of 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 March 1, 2027, the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Secretary of State shall jointly develop and make available on each agency's website, in an easily accessible manner, an explanation of how an individual who has lost his or her right to vote by reason of conviction of a crime may have their right to vote restored under Section 15-22-36.1 if the individual meets the criteria set forth in that section. The website shall include a form, along with instructions, which an individual may electronically submit, which shall serve as an application for a Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote. The form shall automatically be submitted to the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

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



(c) (1) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall publish on the board's website the name of each individual whose right to vote has been restored pursuant to Section 15-22-36.1 and:

- (i) the county in which the individual was last registered to vote or the county of the individual's last known residence for any individual who has never registered to vote prior to losing his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a state or federal court; or (ii) if an applicant under subsection (a) included his or her residence on the application form, the county in which the individual resides.

(2) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall also submit the information described in subdivision (1) to the Secretary of State not later than 10 days after an individual's right to vote was restored.

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

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