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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



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29 instructions, which an individual may electronically submit,
30 which shall serve as an application for a Certificate of
31 Eligibility to Register to Vote. The form shall automatically
32 be submitted to the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

33 (b) Upon receipt of an application under subsection
34 (a), the board shall forthwith review the application and make
35 a determination of eligibility in accordance with Section
36 15-22-36.1 and, if appropriate, issue to the applicant a
37 Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote in accordance
38 with Section 15-22-36.1(e).

39 (c) (1) The Board of Pardons and Paroles shall publish
40 on the board's website the name of each individual whose right
41 to vote has been restored pursuant to Section 15-22-36.1 and:
42 (i) the county in which the individual was last registered to
43 vote or the county of the individual's last known residence
44 for any individual who has never registered to vote prior to
45 losing his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a
46 state or federal court; or (ii) if an applicant under
47 subsection (a) included his or her residence on the
48 application form, the county in which the individual resides.

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

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



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57 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
58 1, 2026.



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72 Nays 0
73 Abstains 0
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76 Patrick Harris,
77 Secretary.
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