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3 By Senator Coleman-Madison
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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 may request restoration of their voting rights,
15 along with a form to apply for having those rights
16 restored.

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

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



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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; 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, 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



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Eligibility to Register to Vote. The form shall automatically be submitted 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 vote has been restored pursuant to Section 15-22-36.1 and 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.

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

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

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



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85 (e) The board of registrars of the county in which the
86 individual resides shall add the individual's name to the poll
87 list and notify the individual of the date that he or she is
88 eligible to vote. This subsection does not apply to any
89 individual who has had his or her right to vote restored but
90 has never registered to vote prior to losing his or her right
91 to vote by reason of conviction in a state or federal court.

92 (f) The Board of Pardons and Paroles may adopt rules to
93 implement this section.

94 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
95 1, 2026.