

SF26 - 1A - Civil Right to Vote Restored Incarceration

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     Corrections Dept                      Supreme Court

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Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology	X	
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<b>Secretary of State</b>						
General Fund	14	-	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>State Total</b>						
General Fund	14	-	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>						

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
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	<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
Secretary of State						
General Fund		14	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue						
Expenditures		6	-	-	-	-
Absorbed Costs		(6)	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
Secretary of State						
General Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Restrict Misc. Special Revenue		-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
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**Bill Description**

This bill provides for persons who are otherwise eligible to vote, but who have been convicted of a felony and sentenced to a felony sentence, to register and vote after they have been released from incarceration, or, if no incarceration was imposed as part of the sentence, upon sentencing.

The bill also provides for changes in the certification portion of the voter registration application form, as well as on the polling place roster, whether paper or electronic, to remove the current language requiring the person to certify that the entire sentence has been completed, and instead simply certify that they are not currently incarcerated. A similar change is made to the Voters' Bill of Rights.

Finally, the bill requires the Office of the Secretary of State (OSS) to create and provide to corrections officials information on voting rights of persons charged with a crime, convicted of a crime incarcerated, and released from, or never sentenced to, incarceration.

**Assumptions**

Training and updates to manuals and guides is done periodically, and so this change will be noted in the next round of trainings and guide updates.

Online voter registration templates residing on the website of the OSS are the major cost of programming detailed in this note, but a relatively small number of new paper voter registration applications will need to be printed from the electronically created applications created by OSS at the expense of the counties.

A standalone document detailing the rights of persons involved with the criminal justice system will be produced by OSS staff but need not be printed by OSS.

All written materials, whether online or printed, will be translated into other languages as is the policy of the OSS but the OSS will absorb the cost of both the online and printed translations as part of the HAVA Account appropriation.

There are also provisions of Minnesota Rules that will require conformity to these statutes, but the statutes overrule these rules and the OSS does regular rulemaking and will include the necessary changes into the next round of rulemaking.

There are language changes to the Voter's Bill of Rights, but new posters are ordered for each election cycle, so, like the voter registration applications, the changes will be included in those orders and so there will be no marginal cost for those changes to the state.

### **Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

Felony Voter Rules and Language Computing Changes:

1. Election Division Business Analysis (16 hours)
2. OSS IT (80 hours)
3. Quality Assurance (40 hours)

Total hours: 136

136 hours x \$100/hour = \$13,600

Document defining the voting rights of persons involved with the criminal justice system:

1. Writing, editing and formatting (16 hours)

16 hours x \$50/hour = \$ 800

Translation

Computing:

1. Elections Division Business Analysis: (4 hours)
2. OSS Information Technology (IT): (16 hours)
3. Quality Assurance (QA): (16 hours)

Total hours: 36

36 hours x \$100/hour = \$3,600

Translation services:

1. Print/electronic translation \$2,000

Translation expenses to be absorbed by the HAVA Account appropriation: \$5,600

TOTAL COSTS **\$20,000** (2023)

### **Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

The costs on this bill are one-time costs.

### **Local Fiscal Impact**

Local election administrators operating polling places with electronic rosters will need to modify the statements on the electronic roster to accommodate the new language. This is a simple change.

Revised voter registration applications and new Voters' Bill of Rights posters for elections held in 2023 will need to be printed by counties as necessary. Other forms that include the old voter oath, such as absentee ballot applications and election day registration forms will also need to be printed.

Local election officials conduct municipal clerk and election judge training at least every two years and will include these changes in their next round of training.

**References/Sources**

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**Bill Description**

S.F. 26-1A restores the civil right to vote to individuals who have been convicted of a felony upon their completion of anyincarcerated period. The bill requires the chief executive officer of each state and local correctional facility to designate oneofficial within the facility to provide a notice of restoration or rights and a voter registration application to individuals whoserights are restored following release.

**Assumptions**

The Department of Corrections assumes that (1) there are no new criminal penalties or penalty enhancements in the bill;(2) there would be no impact on the number of state prison beds of supervision caseloads statewide; and (3) the notice ofrestoration of civil rights and voter registration applications as required by the bill would be performed by existing staff.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

N/A

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

**Local Fiscal Impact**

The Department estimates that the fiscal impact to local units of government is expected to be de minimis.

**References/Sources**

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**Bill Description**

SF26-1A at section 1 adds a new subdivision 2a to Minn. Stat. § 201.014 to provide that an individual convicted of a felony has the right to vote restored when the individual is no longer incarcerated, or upon sentencing if no incarceration is imposed, and loses the right to vote only during any period of incarceration; at section 2 amends Minn. Stat. § 201.071, subd. 1, to require amendments to the voter registration application form to correct the statement about voting rights and felony convictions; at section 3 adds a new section 201.276 requiring the secretary of state to develop a single publication about voting rights for those convicted of a crime, which must be available electronically to the state court administrator for distribution to judges, court personnel, probation officers, and the commissioner of corrections; at section 4 amends Minn. Stat. § 204C.08, subd. 1d, requiring amendments to the Voter’s Bill of Rights poster prepared by the county auditor to correct the statement about voting rights and felony convictions; at section 5 amends Minn. Stat. § 204C.10 requiring amendments to the polling place roster and voter signature certificate to correct the statement about voting rights and felony convictions; at section 6 adds a new section 243.205 requiring correctional facilities to provide notice of restoration of the right to vote by reason of release from incarceration; and at section 7 amends Minn. Stat. § 609.165, subd. 1, to eliminate the reference to the right to vote and hold office being restored upon discharge from probation.

**Assumptions**

It is assumed that the provisions of this bill will not affect the resources required to process felony cases or significantly impact the judicial branch.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

The provisions of this bill are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact on the judicial branch.

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

None

**Local Fiscal Impact**

None

**References/Sources**

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