

1.1 **Senator Carlson from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 26:** A bill for an act relating to elections; restoring the right to vote to individuals
1.3 convicted of a felony upon completion of any term of incarceration imposed and executed
1.4 by a court for the offense; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 201.014, by adding
1.5 a subdivision; 201.071, subdivision 1; 204C.10; 609.165, subdivision 1; proposing coding
1.6 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 201; 243.

1.7 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.8 Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

1.9 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 201.014, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.10 to read:

1.11 Subd. 2a. **Felony conviction; restoration of civil right to vote.** An individual who is
1.12 ineligible to vote because of a felony conviction has the civil right to vote restored during
1.13 any period when the individual is not incarcerated for the offense. If the individual is later
1.14 incarcerated for the offense, the individual's civil right to vote is lost only during that period
1.15 of incarceration."

1.16 Page 3, after line 10, insert:

1.17 "Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 204C.08, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 1d. **Voter's Bill of Rights.** The county auditor shall prepare and provide to each
1.19 polling place sufficient copies of a poster setting forth the Voter's Bill of Rights as set forth
1.20 in this section. Before the hours of voting are scheduled to begin, the election judges shall
1.21 post it in a conspicuous location or locations in the polling place. The Voter's Bill of Rights
1.22 is as follows:

1.23 **"VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

1.24 For all persons residing in this state who meet federal voting eligibility requirements:

1.25 (1) You have the right to be absent from work for the purpose of voting in a state, federal,
1.26 or regularly scheduled election without reduction to your pay, personal leave, or vacation
1.27 time on election day for the time necessary to appear at your polling place, cast a ballot,
1.28 and return to work.

1.29 (2) If you are in line at your polling place any time before 8:00 p.m., you have the right
1.30 to vote.

1.31 (3) If you can provide the required proof of residence, you have the right to register to
1.32 vote and to vote on election day.

2.1 (4) If you are unable to sign your name, you have the right to orally confirm your identity
2.2 with an election judge and to direct another person to sign your name for you.

2.3 (5) You have the right to request special assistance when voting.

2.4 (6) If you need assistance, you may be accompanied into the voting booth by a person
2.5 of your choice, except by an agent of your employer or union or a candidate.

2.6 (7) You have the right to bring your minor children into the polling place and into the
2.7 voting booth with you.

2.8 (8) ~~If you have been convicted of a felony but your felony sentence has expired (been~~
2.9 ~~completed) or you have been discharged from your sentence,~~ You have the right to vote if
2.10 you are not currently incarcerated for conviction of a felony offense.

2.11 (9) If you are under a guardianship, you have the right to vote, unless the court order
2.12 revokes your right to vote.

2.13 (10) You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence
2.14 your vote.

2.15 (11) If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot before it is submitted, you have the right
2.16 to receive a replacement ballot and vote.

2.17 (12) You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are
2.18 dissatisfied with the way an election is being run.

2.19 (13) You have the right to take a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.

2.20 (14) You have the right to take a copy of this Voter's Bill of Rights into the voting booth
2.21 with you.""

2.22 Page 5, line 3, after "application" insert "online or complete a paper application"

2.23 Page 5, line 4, after "State" insert "or to your county auditor"

2.24 Page 5, after line 13, insert:

2.25 "Sec. 8. APPROPRIATION; SECRETARY OF STATE.

2.26 \$14,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the secretary of
2.27 state to implement the provisions of this act.

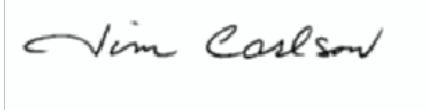
2.28 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

2.29 Page 5, line 15, before "This" insert "Except as otherwise provided, "

2.30 Renumber the sections in sequence

3.1 Amend the title numbers accordingly

3.2 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary
3.3 and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.



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3.5 (Committee Chair)

3.6 January 17, 2023.....
3.7 (Date of Committee recommendation)