

## S.F. No. 26 – Restoration of Voting Rights (1<sup>st</sup> Engrossment)

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**Section 1 [Felony conviction; restoration of civil right to vote]** states that a person who has been convicted of a felony has their civil right to vote restored when the individual is longer incarcerated for the offence.

**Section 2 [Form]** amends the voter registration form to state that the registration applicant is not currently incarcerated for a felony offense.

**Section 3 [Duties of Secretary of State; information about voting rights]** requires the secretary of state to develop a publication about voting rights of people who have been charged with or convicted of a crime. The publication must be available electronically to the state court administrator to be distributed to various court and corrections officials and to the public.

**Section 4 [Voter's bill of rights]** amends the voter's bill of rights to say a person has the right to vote if the person is not incarcerated for a felony offense.

**Section 5 [Polling place roster; voter signature certificate; voter receipt]** amends the polling place roster or voter signature certificate to state that the voter is not currently incarcerated for a felony offense.

**Section 6 [Notice of restoration of right to vote]** requires the chief executive officer of each correctional facility to designate an official in the facility to provide notice of restoration of the right to vote and a voter registration application to a person whose right to vote is restored when the person is released from incarceration. The text of the notice is provided. Failure to provide the required notice does not prevent the restoration of the right to vote.

**Section 7 [Restoration]** strikes a reference to the right to vote in the existing section of law governing restoration of civil rights. Restoration of the right to vote is governed by **section 1**.

**Section 8 [Appropriation]** appropriates \$14,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the secretary of state to implement this act.

**Section 9 [Effective date]** provides an effective date of July 1, 2023, and applies to elections on or after that date.