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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Love

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pursuant to A.C.A. § 10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTING
REGISTRATION; TO ALLOW FELONS WHO ARE ON PAROLE OR
SERVING A PROBATIONARY SENTENCE TO VOTE; TO AMEND
AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING VOTING
REGISTRATION; TO ALLOW FELONS WHO ARE ON
PAROLE OR SERVING A PROBATIONARY SENTENCE
TO VOTE; AND TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE
ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 11(d), concerning
registration to vote by persons with a felony conviction, is amended to read
as follows:

(d)(1) It shall be the duty of the circuit clerk of each county upon
the conviction of any person of a felony to notify promptly the permanent
registrar of the county of residence of such convicted felon.

(2)(A) It is the duty of any convicted felon who desires to
register to vote to provide the county clerk with proof from the appropriate
state or local agency, or office that the felon ~~has~~:

1 (i) Has been discharged from probation or parole,
2 ~~has paid all probation or parole fees, or has satisfied all terms of~~
3 ~~imprisonment, and paid all applicable court costs, fines, or restitution; or~~
4 (ii) Is currently on parole or serving a sentence of
5 probation.

6 ~~(B) Proof that the felon has been discharged from~~
7 ~~probation or parole, paid all probation or parole fees, or satisfied all~~
8 ~~terms of imprisonment, and paid all applicable court costs, fines, or~~
9 ~~restitution shall be provided to the felon after completion of the probation,~~
10 ~~parole, or sentence by the~~ The Department of Correction, the Department of
11 Community Correction, the appropriate probation office, or the circuit clerk,
12 as applicable, shall provide to the felon:

13 (i) Proof that the felon has been discharged from
14 probation or parole:

15 (a) After completion of the probation or
16 parole; and

17 (b) Upon request of the felon; or

18 (ii) Proof that the felon is currently on parole or
19 serving a sentence of probation upon the request of the felon.

20 ~~(C) The circuit clerk or any other entity responsible for~~
21 ~~collection shall provide proof to the Department of Correction, the~~
22 ~~Department of Community Correction, or the appropriate probation office that~~
23 ~~the felon has paid all applicable court costs, fines, or restitution.~~

24 ~~(D)~~ Upon compliance with subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this
25 section, the felon shall be deemed eligible to vote.

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