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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

5  
6 By: Representative Love

7 Filed with: Legislative Council  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. § 10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## 16 Subtitle

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18 REGISTRATION; TO ALLOW FELONS WHO ARE ON  
19 PAROLE OR SERVING A PROBATIONARY SENTENCE  
20 TO VOTE; AND TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE  
21 ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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

33 (2)(A) It is the duty of any convicted felon who desires to  
34 register to vote to provide the county clerk with proof from the appropriate  
35 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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28 Referral requested by: Representative Fredrick J. Love

29 Prepared by: SRC