AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO FELONY CONVICTS WHO ARE ON PAROLE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) A person who has been convicted of a felony and committed to confinement in a federal or other state correctional institution or facility or community residence shall have such person's electoral privileges restored upon the payment of all fines in conjunction with the conviction and once such person has been [discharged] released from confinement[, and, if applicable, parole.]

(b) Upon the release from confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a community residence of a person who has been convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction[, and, if applicable, the discharge of such person from parole,] (1) the person shall have the right to become an elector, (2) the Commissioner of Correction shall give the person a
document certifying that the person has been released from such
confinement, [and, if applicable, has been discharged from parole,] (3)
if the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and,
after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in the same
municipality in which the person resided at the time of such felony
conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored, and (4) if
the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and,
after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in a different
municipality or if the person was not an elector at the time of such
felony conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored or
granted upon submitting to an admitting official satisfactory proof of
the person's qualifications to be admitted as an elector. The provisions
of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection shall not apply to
any person convicted of a felony for a violation of any provision of this
title until such person has been discharged from any parole or
probation for such felony.

(c) The registrars of voters of the municipality in which a person is
admitted as an elector pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section,
within thirty days after the date on which such person is admitted,
shall notify the registrars of voters of the municipality wherein such
person resided at the time of such person's conviction that such
person's electoral rights have been so restored.

(d) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish procedures to
inform those persons who have been convicted of a felony and
committed to the custody of said commissioner for confinement in a
correctional institution or facility or a community residence, and are
eligible to have their electoral privileges restored or granted pursuant
to subsection (b) of this section, of the right and procedures to have
such privileges restored. The Office of Adult Probation shall, within
available appropriations, inform such persons who are on probation
on January 1, 2002, of their right to become electors and procedures to
have their electoral privileges restored, which shall be in accordance
with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.
(e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth
day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all
persons convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said
commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have been
released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a
community residence [and, if applicable, discharged from parole.]
Such lists shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of such
persons, with the dates of their convictions and the crimes of which
such persons have been convicted. The Secretary of the State shall
transmit such lists to the registrars of the municipalities in which such
convicted persons resided at the time of their convictions and to the
registrars of any municipalities where the secretary believes such
persons may be electors.

Sec. 2. Section 9-453e of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

Each circulator of a nominating petition page shall be a United
States citizen, at least eighteen years of age and a resident of a town in
this state. [and shall not be on parole for conviction of a felony.] Any
individual proposed as a candidate in any nominating petition may
serve as circulator of the pages of such nominating petition.

Sec. 3. Section 9-453j of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

Each page of a nominating petition submitted to the town clerk or
the Secretary of the State and filed with the Secretary of the State under
the provisions of sections 9-453a to 9-453s, inclusive, or section 9-216
shall contain a statement as to the residency in this state and eligibility
of the circulator and authenticity of the signatures thereon, signed
under penalties of false statement, by the person who circulated the
same. Such statement shall set forth (1) such circulator's residence
address, including the town in this state in which such circulator is a
resident, (2) the circulator's date of birth and that the circulator is at
least eighteen years of age, (3) that the circulator is a United States
citizen, [and not on parole for conviction of a felony,] and (4) that each person whose name appears on such page signed the same in person in the presence of such circulator and that either the circulator knows each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified himself to the circulator. Any false statement committed with respect to such statement shall be deemed to have been committed in the town in which the petition was circulated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Statement of Purpose:
To restore the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole. 

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

Co-Sponsors: SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

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