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**Committee Bill No. 25**

LCO No. 3422



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***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:

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 Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

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

9 (b) Upon the release from confinement in a correctional institution  
10 or facility or a community residence of a person who has been  
11 convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of the  
12 Commissioner of Correction, [and, if applicable, the discharge of such  
13 person from parole,] (1) the person shall have the right to become an  
14 elector, (2) the Commissioner of Correction shall give the person a

15 document certifying that the person has been released from such  
16 confinement, [and, if applicable, has been discharged from parole,] (3)  
17 if the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and,  
18 after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in the same  
19 municipality in which the person resided at the time of such felony  
20 conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored, and (4) if  
21 the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and,  
22 after such release, [and any such discharge,] is residing in a different  
23 municipality or if the person was not an elector at the time of such  
24 felony conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored or  
25 granted upon submitting to an admitting official satisfactory proof of  
26 the person's qualifications to be admitted as an elector. The provisions  
27 of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection shall not apply to  
28 any person convicted of a felony for a violation of any provision of this  
29 title until such person has been discharged from any parole or  
30 probation for such felony.

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

37 (d) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish procedures to  
38 inform those persons who have been convicted of a felony and  
39 committed to the custody of said commissioner for confinement in a  
40 correctional institution or facility or a community residence, and are  
41 eligible to have their electoral privileges restored or granted pursuant  
42 to subsection (b) of this section, of the right and procedures to have  
43 such privileges restored. The Office of Adult Probation shall, within  
44 available appropriations, inform such persons who are on probation  
45 on January 1, 2002, of their right to become electors and procedures to  
46 have their electoral privileges restored, which shall be in accordance  
47 with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

48 (e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth  
49 day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all  
50 persons convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said  
51 commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have been  
52 released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a  
53 community residence, [and, if applicable, discharged from parole.]  
54 Such lists shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of such  
55 persons, with the dates of their convictions and the crimes of which  
56 such persons have been convicted. The Secretary of the State shall  
57 transmit such lists to the registrars of the municipalities in which such  
58 convicted persons resided at the time of their convictions and to the  
59 registrars of any municipalities where the secretary believes such  
60 persons may be electors.

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

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

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

70 Each page of a nominating petition submitted to the town clerk or  
71 the Secretary of the State and filed with the Secretary of the State under  
72 the provisions of sections 9-453a to 9-453s, inclusive, or section 9-216  
73 shall contain a statement as to the residency in this state and eligibility  
74 of the circulator and authenticity of the signatures thereon, signed  
75 under penalties of false statement, by the person who circulated the  
76 same. Such statement shall set forth (1) such circulator's residence  
77 address, including the town in this state in which such circulator is a  
78 resident, (2) the circulator's date of birth and that the circulator is at  
79 least eighteen years of age, (3) that the circulator is a United States

80 citizen, [and not on parole for conviction of a felony,] and (4) that each  
81 person whose name appears on such page signed the same in person  
82 in the presence of such circulator and that either the circulator knows  
83 each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified himself to  
84 the circulator. Any false statement committed with respect to such  
85 statement shall be deemed to have been committed in the town in  
86 which the petition was circulated.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	9-46a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	9-453e
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	9-453j

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable*