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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7160 File No. 754 Cal. No. 452

(As Amended)

"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

1 Strike section 13 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 13. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

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

11 (b) Upon the release from confinement in a correctional institution
12 or facility [or a community residence] of a person who has been
13 convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of the

14 Commissioner of Correction, [and, if applicable, the discharge of such
15 person from parole,] (1) the person shall have the right to become an
16 elector, (2) the Commissioner of Correction shall give the person a
17 document certifying that the person has been released from such
18 confinement, [and, if applicable, has been discharged from parole, (3) if
19 the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and,
20 after such release and any such discharge, is residing in the same
21 municipality in which the person resided at the time of such felony
22 conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored, and (4) if
23 the person was an elector at the time of such felony conviction and,
24 after such release and any such discharge, is residing in a different
25 municipality or if the person was not an elector at the time of such
26 felony conviction, the person's electoral privileges shall be restored or
27 granted upon submitting to an admitting official satisfactory proof of
28 the person's qualifications to be admitted as an elector. The provisions
29 of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection shall not apply to
30 any person convicted of a felony for a violation of any provision of this
31 title until such person has been discharged from any parole or
32 probation for such felony] and (3) the person shall appear before the
33 Board of Pardons and Paroles for a determination of whether such
34 person's electoral privileges shall be restored. The board, in making its
35 determination, shall consider (A) the offense for which such person
36 was convicted, (B) any victim impact statement regarding such
37 conviction submitted to said board, (C) whether the fines associated
38 with such conviction have been paid and, if not, whether such person
39 has the means to pay such fines, and (D) any other factor said board
40 may deem useful in finding whether such person has been
41 rehabilitated such that restoration of his or her electoral privileges is
42 appropriate. If the Board of Pardons and Paroles determines that such
43 person shall not have his or her electoral privileges restored, such
44 person may reappear before said board in six months' time for
45 reconsideration of such determination.

46 (c) The registrars of voters of the municipality in which a person is
47 admitted as an elector pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section,

48 within thirty days after the date on which such person is admitted,
49 shall notify the registrars of voters of the municipality wherein such
50 person resided at the time of such person's conviction that such
51 person's electoral rights have been so restored.

52 (d) The Commissioner of Correction shall establish procedures to
53 inform those persons who have been convicted of a felony and
54 committed to the custody of said commissioner for confinement in a
55 correctional institution or facility, [or a community residence,] and are
56 eligible to have their electoral privileges restored or granted pursuant
57 to subsection (b) of this section, of the right and procedures to have
58 such privileges restored. [The Office of Adult Probation] Said
59 commissioner shall, within available appropriations, inform such
60 persons who are on [probation on January 1, 2002,] parole or special
61 parole, or confined in a community residence on July 1, 2019, of their
62 right to become electors and procedures to have their electoral
63 privileges restored, which shall be in accordance with subsections (b)
64 and (c) of this section.

65 (e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth
66 day of each month, transmit to the Secretary of the State a list of all
67 persons convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of said
68 commissioner who, during the preceding calendar month, have been
69 released from confinement in a correctional institution or facility, [or a
70 community residence and, if applicable, discharged from parole.] Such
71 lists shall include the names, birth dates and addresses of such
72 persons, with the dates of their convictions and the crimes of which
73 such persons have been convicted. The Secretary [of the State] shall
74 transmit such lists to the registrars of the municipalities in which such
75 convicted persons resided at the time of their convictions and to the
76 registrars of any municipalities where the [secretary] Secretary believes
77 such persons may be electors."