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

(As Amended)

"AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS."

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

"Sec. 13. Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):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 released from confinement, and, if applicable, discharged from 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] and (3) the person shall appear before the Board of Pardons and Paroles for a determination of whether such person's electoral privileges shall be restored. The board, in making its determination, shall consider (A) the offense for which such person was convicted, (B) any victim impact statement regarding such conviction submitted to said board, (C) whether the fines associated with such conviction have been paid and, if not, whether such person has the means to pay such fines, and (D) any other factor said board may deem useful in finding whether such person has been rehabilitated such that restoration of his or her electoral privileges is appropriate. If the Board of Pardons and Paroles determines that such person shall not have his or her electoral privileges restored, such person may reappear before said board in six months' time for reconsideration of such determination.

(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] Said commissioner shall, within available appropriations, inform such persons who are on [probation on January 1, 2002,] parole or special parole, or confined in a community residence on July 1, 2019, 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] Secretary believes such persons may be electors."