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**Committee Bill No. 5318**

LCO No. 3560



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO CONVICTED  
FELONS 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 Section 9-46a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 October 1, 2021*):

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 facility  
5 or community residence shall have such person's electoral privileges  
6 restored upon the payment of all fines in conjunction with the  
7 conviction and once such person has been [discharged] released from  
8 confinement. [, and, if applicable, parole.]

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

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

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

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

47 (e) The Commissioner of Correction shall, on or before the fifteenth

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	9-46a

**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.]*

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