

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to notice of restoration of voting
3 rights information on sentencing scoresheets; amending
4 s. 921.0024, F.S.; specifying information to be
5 provided on sentencing scoresheets concerning
6 restoration of voting rights; requiring that a
7 scoresheet be provided to a defendant before a
8 sentence is imposed; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 **Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) are added to subsection**
13 **(1) of section 921.0024, Florida Statutes, to read:**

14 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations;
15 scoresheets.—

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17 (c) NOTICE CONCERNING VOTING RIGHTS

18 Article VI, s. 4(a) and (b) of the Florida
19 Constitution provide the following concerning voting
20 rights:

21 SECTION 4. Disqualifications.—

22 (a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated
23 in this or any other state to be mentally incompetent,
24 shall be qualified to vote or hold office until restoration
25 of civil rights or removal of disability. Except as

26 provided in subsection (b) of this section, any
27 disqualification from voting arising from a felony
28 conviction shall terminate and voting rights shall be
29 restored upon completion of all terms of sentence including
30 parole or probation.

31 (b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual
32 offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of
33 civil rights.

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35 Section 98.0751 of the Florida Statutes provides the
36 following concerning restoration of voting rights:

37 98.0751 Restoration of voting rights; termination of
38 ineligibility subsequent to a felony conviction.—

39 (1) A person who has been disqualified from voting
40 based on a felony conviction for an offense other than
41 murder or a felony sexual offense must have such
42 disqualification terminated and his or her voting rights
43 restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State
44 Constitution upon the completion of all terms of his or her
45 sentence, including parole or probation. The voting
46 disqualification does not terminate unless a person's civil
47 rights are restored pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State
48 Constitution if the disqualification arises from a felony
49 conviction of murder or a felony sexual offense, or if the
50 person has not completed all terms of sentence, as

51 specified in subsection (2).

52 (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

53 (a) "Completion of all terms of sentence" means any
54 portion of a sentence that is contained in the four corners
55 of the sentencing document, including, but not limited to:

56 1. Release from any term of imprisonment ordered by
57 the court as a part of the sentence;

58 2. Termination from any term of probation or
59 community control ordered by the court as a part of the
60 sentence;

61 3. Fulfillment of any term ordered by the court as a
62 part of the sentence;

63 4. Termination from any term of any supervision,
64 which is monitored by the Florida Commission on Offender
65 Review, including, but not limited to, parole; and

66 5.a. Full payment of restitution ordered to a victim
67 by the court as a part of the sentence. A victim includes,
68 but is not limited to, a person or persons, the estate or
69 estates thereof, an entity, the state, or the Federal
70 Government.

71 b. Full payment of fines or fees ordered by the court
72 as a part of the sentence or that are ordered by the court
73 as a condition of any form of supervision, including, but
74 not limited to, probation, community control, or parole.

75 c. The financial obligations required under sub-

76 subparagraph a. or sub-subparagraph b. include only the
77 amount specifically ordered by the court as part of the
78 sentence and do not include any fines, fees, or costs that
79 accrue after the date the obligation is ordered as a part
80 of the sentence.

81 d. For the limited purpose of addressing a plea for
82 relief pursuant to sub-subparagraph e. and notwithstanding
83 any other statute, rule, or provision of law, a court may
84 not be prohibited from modifying the financial obligations
85 of an original sentence required under sub-subparagraph a.
86 or sub-subparagraph b. Such modification shall not infringe
87 on a defendant's or a victim's rights provided in the
88 United States Constitution or the State Constitution.

89 e. Financial obligations required under sub-
90 subparagraph a. or sub-subparagraph b. are considered
91 completed in the following manner or in any combination
92 thereof:

93 (I) Actual payment of the obligation in full.

94 (II) Upon the payee's approval, either through
95 appearance in open court or through the production of a
96 notarized consent by the payee, the termination by the
97 court of any financial obligation to a payee, including,
98 but not limited to, a victim, or the court.

99 (III) Completion of all community service hours, if
100 the court, unless otherwise prohibited by law or the State

101 Constitution, converts the financial obligation to
102 community service.

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104 A term required to be completed in accordance with this
105 paragraph shall be deemed completed if the court modifies
106 the original sentencing order to no longer require
107 completion of such term. The requirement to pay any
108 financial obligation specified in this paragraph is not
109 deemed completed upon conversion to a civil lien.

110 (b) "Felony sexual offense" means any of the
111 following:

112 1. Any felony offense that serves as a predicate to
113 registration as a sexual offender in accordance with s.
114 943.0435;

115 2. Section 491.0112 [sexual misconduct by a
116 psychotherapist];

117 3. Section 784.049(3)(b) or (4) [sexual
118 cyberharassment by a person with a prior sexual
119 cyberharassment conviction or sexual cyberharassment when
120 committed for the purpose of pecuniary or any other
121 financial gain];

122 4. Section 794.08 [female genital mutilation];

123 5. Section 796.08 [criminal transmission of HIV];

124 6. Section 800.101 [offenses against students by
125 authority figures];

126 7. Section 826.04 [incest];

127 8. Section 847.012 [sale or distribution of material
128 harmful to minors or using minors in production];

129 9. Section 872.06(2) [abuse of a dead body];

130 10. Section 944.35(3)(b)2. [sexual abuse of a
131 prisoner];

132 11. Section 951.221(1) [sexual misconduct between
133 detention facility employees and inmates]; or

134 12. Any similar offense committed in another
135 jurisdiction which would be an offense listed in this
136 paragraph if it had been committed in violation of the laws
137 of this state.

138 (c) "Murder" means either of the following:

139 1. A violation of any of the following sections which
140 results in the actual killing of a human being:

141 a. Section 775.33(4) [terrorism resulting in death].

142 b. Section 782.04(1), (2), or (3) [murder].

143 c. Section 782.09 [killing of unborn child by injury
144 to mother].

145 2. Any similar offense committed in another
146 jurisdiction which would be an offense listed in this
147 paragraph if it had been committed in violation of the laws
148 of this state.

149 (3)(a) The department shall obtain and review
150 information pursuant to s. 98.075(5) related to a person

151 who registers to vote and make an initial determination on
152 whether such information is credible and reliable regarding
153 whether the person is eligible pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of
154 the State Constitution and this section. Upon making an
155 initial determination of the credibility and reliability of
156 such information, the department [of State] shall forward
157 such information to the supervisor of elections pursuant to
158 s. 98.075.

159 (b) A local supervisor of elections shall verify and
160 make a final determination pursuant to s. 98.075 regarding
161 whether the person who registers to vote is eligible
162 pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution and
163 this section.

164 (c) The supervisor of elections may request
165 additional assistance from the department [of State] in
166 making the final determination, if necessary.

167 (4) For the purpose of determining a voter
168 registrant's eligibility, the provisions of this section
169 shall be strictly construed. If a provision is susceptible
170 to differing interpretations, it shall be construed in
171 favor of the registrant.

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173 (d) In order for a defendant to receive notice of the
174 impact of his or her sentence on voter eligibility, each
175 defendant must receive a copy of the scoresheet containing the

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176 | notice in paragraph (c) before sentence is imposed.

177 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.