1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to restoration of voting rights 3 database; amending s. 20.32, F.S.; requiring the 4 Florida Commission on Offender Review to develop and 5 maintain a database containing certain information for 6 a certain purpose; requiring certain governmental 7 entities to provide certain information to the 8 commission on a monthly basis; requiring the 9 Department of Management Services, acting through the 10 Florida Digital Service, to provide certain technical 11 assistance to the commission; authorizing the 12 department to adopt rules; requiring the commission to make available to the public the database on an 13 14 Internet website by a date certain; requiring the 15 commission to update the database monthly and publish 16 certain information on the website; requiring the commission to provide to the Governor and Legislature 17 a comprehensive plan by a date certain; providing 18 19 requirements for the comprehensive plan; providing 20 that a person who takes certain actions in reasonable 21 reliance on the database may not be charged with 22 certain violations of criminal law; requiring the 23 commission to adopt rules; providing an effective 24 date. 25

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 20.32, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 20.32 Florida Commission on Offender Review.-
- (4) (a) For the purpose of assisting a person who has been disqualified from voting based on a felony conviction other than murder or a felony sexual offense in determining whether he or she has met the requirements under s. 98.0751 and had his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution, the commission shall develop and maintain a database that contains for each such person all of the following information:
- $\underline{\mbox{1.}}$ His or her name and any other personal identifying information.
- 2. The remaining length of any term of supervision, including, but not limited to, probation, community control, or parole, ordered by a court as a part of his or her sentence.
- 3. The remaining amount of any restitution owed to a victim as ordered by a court as a part of his or her sentence.
- 4. The remaining amount due of any fines or fees that were initially ordered by a court as a part of his or her sentence or as a condition of any form of supervision, including, but not limited to, probation, community control, or parole.
 - 5. The completion status of any other term ordered by a

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court as a part of his or her sentence.

- 6. Any other information needed to determine whether he or she has met the requirements for restoration of voting rights under s. 98.0751.
- (b) Each month, the Department of State, the Department of Corrections, the clerks of the circuit courts, the county comptrollers, and the Board of Executive Clemency shall provide to the commission any information held by such governmental entity which is required under paragraph (a).
- (c) The Department of Management Services, acting through the Florida Digital Service, shall provide any technical assistance necessary for the commission to develop and maintain the database. The Department of Management Services may adopt rules to provide such assistance.
- (d) By July 1, 2029, the commission shall make available to the public the database on an Internet website. The commission must update the database monthly with the information received under paragraph (b). The commission shall publish on the website clear instructions that a person who has been disqualified from voting based on a felony conviction other than murder or a felony sexual offense may follow to have his or her voting rights restored and to register to vote.
- (e) By July 1, 2027, the commission shall provide to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a comprehensive plan that includes the

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- 1. The governmental entities from which and the methods by which the commission shall collect, centralize, analyze, and secure the information required to be included in the database.
- 2. A description of any infrastructure and services, including, but not limited to, software, hardware, and information technology services, that may be necessary to create and maintain the database.
- 3. The anticipated number of additional employees necessary for:
 - a. The commission to develop and maintain the database.
- <u>b.</u> A governmental entity to provide the information required under paragraph (b).
- c. The Florida Digital Service to provide the assistance required under paragraph (c).
- 4. The anticipated cost to initially develop the database, annual cost to maintain the database, and annual appropriation required to fund the anticipated costs of the commission, each governmental entity, and the Florida Digital Service.
- 5. Any legal authority necessary for the commission to develop and maintain the database.
- 6. Prepare proposed legislation to implement the comprehensive plan.
- (f) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person who registers to vote or who votes in reasonable reliance on

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information contained in the database indicating that his or he
voting rights have been restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of
the State Constitution has an affirmative right to register and
to vote and may not be charged with a violation of any criminal
law of this state relating to fraudulently voting or registerin
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- (g) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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