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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to notice of restoration of voting
rights information on sentencing scoresheets; amending
s. 921.0024, F.S.; specifying information to be
provided on sentencing scoresheets concerning
restoration of voting rights; requiring that a
scoresheet be provided to a defendant before a
sentence is imposed; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) are added to subsection
(1) of section 921.0024, Florida Statutes, to read:

921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations;
scoresheets.—

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(c) NOTICE CONCERNING VOTING RIGHTS:

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

SECTION 4. Disqualifications.—

(a) No person convicted of a felony, or adjudicated in this
or any other state to be mentally incompetent, shall be
qualified to vote or hold office until restoration of civil
rights or removal of disability. Except as provided in
subsection (b) of this section, any disqualification from voting
arising from a felony conviction shall terminate and voting
rights shall be restored upon completion of all terms of
sentence including parole or probation.

(b) No person convicted of murder or a felony sexual

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offense shall be qualified to vote until restoration of civil rights.

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

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

(1) A person who has been disqualified from voting based on a felony conviction for an offense other than murder or a felony sexual offense must have such disqualification terminated and his or her voting rights restored pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution upon the completion of all terms of his or her sentence, including parole or probation. The voting disqualification does not terminate unless a person's civil rights are restored pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution if the disqualification arises from a felony conviction of murder or a felony sexual offense, or if the person has not completed all terms of sentence, as specified in subsection (2).

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

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

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

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

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

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

62 5.a. Full payment of restitution ordered to a victim by the
63 court as a part of the sentence. A victim includes, but is not
64 limited to, a person or persons, the estate or estates thereof,
65 an entity, the state, or the Federal Government.

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

70 c. The financial obligations required under sub-
71 subparagraph a. or sub-subparagraph b. include only the amount
72 specifically ordered by the court as part of the sentence and do
73 not include any fines, fees, or costs that accrue after the date
74 the obligation is ordered as a part of the sentence.

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

83 e. Financial obligations required under sub-subparagraph a.
84 or sub-subparagraph b. are considered completed in the following
85 manner or in any combination thereof:

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

87 (II) Upon the payee's approval, either through appearance

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88 in open court or through the production of a notarized consent
89 by the payee, the termination by the court of any financial
90 obligation to a payee, including, but not limited to, a victim,
91 or the court.

92 (III) Completion of all community service hours, if the
93 court, unless otherwise prohibited by law or the State
94 Constitution, converts the financial obligation to community
95 service.

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97 A term required to be completed in accordance with this
98 paragraph shall be deemed completed if the court modifies the
99 original sentencing order to no longer require completion of
100 such term. The requirement to pay any financial obligation
101 specified in this paragraph is not deemed completed upon
102 conversion to a civil lien.

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

104 1. Any felony offense that serves as a predicate to
105 registration as a sexual offender in accordance with s.
106 943.0435;

107 2. Section 491.0112 [sexual misconduct by a
108 psychotherapist];

109 3. Section 784.049(3)(b) or (4) [sexual cyberharassment by
110 a person with a prior sexual cyberharassment conviction or
111 sexual cyberharassment when committed for the purpose of
112 pecuniary or any other financial gain];

113 4. Section 794.08 [female genital mutilation];

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

115 6. Section 800.101 [offenses against students by authority
116 figures];

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117 7. Section 826.04 [incest];

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

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

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

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

124 12. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction
125 which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had
126 been committed in violation of the laws of this state.

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

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

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

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

132 c. Section 782.09 [killing of unborn child by injury to
133 mother].

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

137 (3)(a) The department shall obtain and review information
138 pursuant to s. 98.075(5) related to a person who registers to
139 vote and make an initial determination on whether such
140 information is credible and reliable regarding whether the
141 person is eligible pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State
142 Constitution and this section. Upon making an initial
143 determination of the credibility and reliability of such
144 information, the department [of State] shall forward such
145 information to the supervisor of elections pursuant to s.

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146 98.075.

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

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

154 (4) For the purpose of determining a voter registrant's
155 eligibility, the provisions of this section shall be strictly
156 construed. If a provision is susceptible to differing
157 interpretations, it shall be construed in favor of the
158 registrant.

160 (d) In order for a defendant to receive notice of the
161 impact of his or her sentence on voter eligibility, each
162 defendant must receive a copy of the scoresheet containing the
163 notice in paragraph (c) before a sentence is imposed.

164 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.