

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0263

Restoration of voting rights-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn and Provenza
and Senator(s) Barlow, Case and Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; providing for the
2 automatic restoration of voting rights for nonviolent
3 felons as specified; making conforming amendments;
4 repealing a provision; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-10-106(a)(iv) and 7-13-105(c) and
9 by creating a new subsection (f) are amended to read:

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11 **6-10-106. Rights lost by conviction of felony;**
12 **restoration.**

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1 (a) A person convicted of a felony is incompetent to
2 be an elector or juror or to hold any office of honor,
3 trust or profit within this state, unless:

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5 (iv) His rights as an elector are restored
6 pursuant to W.S. ~~7-13-105(b) and (c)~~ 7-13-105(c) and (f),
7 in which case the person shall remain incompetent to be a
8 juror or to hold any office of honor, trust or profit
9 within this state.

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11 **7-13-105. Certificate of restoration of rights;**
12 **procedure for restoration in general; procedure for**
13 **restoration of voting rights for nonviolent felonies;**
14 **filing requirements.**

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16 (c) The department of corrections shall issue a
17 certificate of restoration of voting rights to eligible
18 persons eligible pursuant to subsection (f) of this section
19 as follows:

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21 (i) For persons convicted within Wyoming of a
22 nonviolent felony or nonviolent felonies arising out of the
23 same occurrence or related course of events who completed

1 their sentence before January 1, 2010, the department shall
2 require receipt of a written request on a form prescribed
3 by the department and issue each eligible person a
4 certificate of restoration of voting rights following a
5 determination that the person has completed his sentence,
6 including probation and parole and payment of any fines and
7 restitution. The department shall not require an
8 application for restoration before issuing a certificate to
9 eligible persons who complete their sentence including
10 probation and parole and payment of any fines and
11 restitution on and after January 1, 2010;

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13 (ii) For persons convicted outside of Wyoming or
14 under federal law of a nonviolent felony or nonviolent
15 felonies arising out of the same occurrence or related
16 course of events, the department shall issue each eligible
17 person a certificate of restoration of voting rights upon
18 receipt of a written request on a form prescribed by the
19 department and following a determination that the person
20 has completed his sentence, including probation and parole
21 and payment of any fines and restitution.

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1 (f) Voting rights lost pursuant to W.S. 6-10-106 for
2 any nonviolent felony shall be deemed restored, with
3 respect to the nonviolent felony, upon the completion of
4 all of the person's sentence, including probation and
5 parole, and payment of any fines and restitution arising
6 from the conviction of the nonviolent felony.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 7-13-105(b) is repealed.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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