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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2129)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 3, 2020)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the restoration of voting rights to certain
2 convicted persons and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 48A.6, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A person who has been convicted of a felony as defined
4 in section 701.7, or convicted of an offense classified as
5 a felony under federal law, and who has not discharged the
6 person's sentence as provided in section 48A.6A. If the
7 person's rights are later restored by the governor, or by the
8 president of the United States, the person may register to
9 vote.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **48A.6A Discharge of sentence —**
11 **definition.**

12 A person shall not be considered to have discharged a
13 sentence for purposes of Article II, section 5, of the
14 Constitution of the State of Iowa and section 48A.6 unless the
15 person has done all of the following:

16 1. Completed any term of confinement, parole, and
17 probation, and completed any special sentence imposed pursuant
18 to chapter 903B.

19 2. For an offense under chapter 707, the offense of child
20 endangerment resulting in the death of a child or minor under
21 section 726.6, or election misconduct in the first degree under
22 section 39A.2, received a pardon or restoration of rights from
23 the governor.

24 3. Paid all pecuniary damages owed to a natural person
25 imposed pursuant to chapter 910, as confirmed by the clerk of
26 the court.

27 Sec. 3. **CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act takes effect
28 upon the ratification of a constitutional amendment originating
29 in a resolution passed during the eighty-eighth general
30 assembly relating to the restoration of the voting rights of
31 felons upon the discharge of a criminal sentence pursuant to
32 Article X, section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

33 Sec. 4. **CONTINGENT REPEAL DATE.** This Act is repealed if
34 a constitutional amendment relating to the restoration of
35 the voting rights of felons upon the discharge of a criminal

1 sentence is not ratified pursuant to Article X, section 1, of
2 the Constitution of the State of Iowa prior to January 1, 2023.