

UNICAMERAL YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1027

Introduced by: [TBD]
Read first time June 11, 2018
Committee: Government

A BILL

FOR AN ACT relating to voting rights; to provide for the restoration of voting rights upon
completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 29-112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

29-112 Any person sentenced to be punished for any felony, when the sentence is not reversed or annulled, is incompetent to be a juror or to hold any office of honor, trust or profit within this state, unless such person receives from the Board of Pardons of this state a warrant of discharge, in which case such person shall be restored to such civil rights and privileges as enumerated or limited by the Board of Pardons. The warrant of discharge shall not release such person from the costs of conviction unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Pardons.

Any person sentenced to be punished for any felony, when the sentence is not reversed or annulled, is not qualified to vote until ~~2 years after~~ he or she has completed the sentence, including any parole term. The disqualification is automatically removed at such time.

Sec. 2. Section 29-113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

29-113 Any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of any other state shall be deemed incompetent to be a juror or to hold any office of honor, trust or profit within this state unless such person has been restored to civil rights under the laws of the state in which the felony was committed.

Any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of any other state is not qualified to vote until ~~2 years after~~ such person has completed his or her sentence, including any parole term.

Statement of Intent

LB1027 would restore voting rights to ex-felons upon completion of their sentence.

Fiscal Note

	FY2018-19		FY2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS			\$3,940	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

LB1027 changes provisions related to convicted felons' restoration of voting rights.

The Secretary of State estimates a cost of \$3,940 in fiscal year 2019-20 to have the voter registration system enhanced and be in compliance with the bill's provisions.