

REFERENCE TITLE: **civil rights; right to vote**

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AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTIONS 13-904, 13-907 AND 13-908, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION
13-926; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-101, 16-128 AND 16-165, ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES; RELATING TO RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 13-904, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 13-904. Suspension of civil rights and occupational
5 disabilities
6 A. A conviction for a felony suspends the following civil rights of
7 the person sentenced:
8 1. The right to vote DURING THE PERSON'S TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.
9 2. The right to hold public office of trust or profit.
10 3. The right to serve as a juror.
11 4. During any period of imprisonment any other civil rights the
12 suspension of which is reasonably necessary for the security of the
13 institution in which the person sentenced is confined or for the
14 reasonable protection of the public.
15 5. The right to possess a firearm.
16 B. Persons sentenced to imprisonment shall not thereby be rendered
17 incompetent as witnesses on the trial of a criminal action or proceeding,
18 or incapable of making and acknowledging a sale or conveyance of property.
19 C. A person sentenced to imprisonment is under the protection of
20 the law, and any injury to his person, not authorized by law, is
21 punishable in the same manner as if the person was not convicted and
22 sentenced.
23 D. The conviction of a person for any offense shall not work
24 forfeiture of any property, except if a forfeiture is expressly imposed by
25 law. All forfeitures to the state, unless expressly imposed by law, are
26 abolished.
27 E. A person shall not be disqualified from employment by this state
28 or any of its agencies or political subdivisions solely because of a prior
29 conviction for a felony or misdemeanor within or without this state. A
30 person may be denied employment by this state or any of its agencies or
31 political subdivisions by reason of the prior conviction for a felony or
32 misdemeanor if the offense has a reasonable relationship to the functions
33 of the employment sought.
34 F. Subsection E of this section is not applicable to any law
35 enforcement or probation agency.
36 G. Any complaints concerning a violation of subsection E of this
37 section shall be adjudicated in accordance with the procedures set forth
38 in title 41, chapter 6 and title 12, chapter 7, article 6.
39 H. A person who is adjudicated delinquent under section 8-341 for a
40 felony does not have the right to carry or possess a firearm.

1 Sec. 2. Section 13-907, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 13-907. Automatic restoration of civil rights for first
4 offenders; firearm rights

5 A. EXCEPT FOR A PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER SECTION 13-926, on
6 completion of probation for an offense committed in this state or absolute
7 discharge from imprisonment, any person who has not previously been
8 convicted of a felony offense shall automatically be restored any civil
9 rights that were lost or suspended as a result of the conviction if the
10 person pays all victim restitution imposed. A person who is entitled to
11 the restoration of any civil rights pursuant to this subsection is not
12 required to file an application pursuant to section 13-908, except that if
13 the person does file an application, the court shall grant the application
14 without receiving a response from the state or holding a hearing.

15 B. EXCEPT FOR A PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER SECTION 13-926, on
16 completion of probation for an offense committed outside the jurisdiction
17 of this state or absolute discharge from a prison in another state or the
18 federal bureau of prisons, a person who has not previously been convicted
19 of a felony offense is eligible for automatic restoration of any civil
20 rights that were lost or suspended as a result of the conviction if the
21 person pays all victim restitution imposed. A person who is entitled to
22 the restoration of any civil rights pursuant to this subsection shall file
23 an application pursuant to section 13-908, and the court shall grant the
24 application without receiving a response from the state or holding a
25 hearing.

26 C. This section does not apply to a person's right to possess a
27 firearm as defined in section 13-3101 if the person was convicted of any
28 of the following:

29 1. A dangerous offense under section 13-704 or an offense committed
30 outside the jurisdiction of this state that would be a dangerous offense
31 under section 13-704 if committed in this state.

32 2. A serious offense as defined in section 13-706 or an offense
33 committed outside the jurisdiction of this state that would be a serious
34 offense as defined in section 13-706 if committed in this state.

35 D. If the person is not entitled to the automatic restoration of
36 firearm rights pursuant to this section, the court may order the
37 restoration of the right to possess a firearm pursuant to section 13-910.

38 Sec. 3. Section 13-908, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
39 read:

40 13-908. Restoration of civil rights; application; firearm
41 rights; definition

42 A. EXCEPT FOR A PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER SECTION 13-926, on
43 final discharge, a person who has previously been convicted of a felony or
44 who has not paid all victim restitution that was imposed may apply to the

1 superior court to have the person's civil rights restored. The
2 restoration of civil rights is in the discretion of the judicial officer.

3 B. The person or the person's attorney or probation officer may
4 file the application for the restoration of civil rights. The clerk of
5 the court may not charge a filing fee for an application. The clerk of
6 the court shall forward a copy of the application to the county attorney
7 or attorney general.

8 C. EXCEPT FOR A PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER SECTION 13-926, a
9 person whose civil rights were lost or suspended as a result of a felony
10 conviction in another state or a United States district court and whose
11 period of probation has been completed may file the application for
12 restoration of civil rights in the county in which the person now resides.

13 D. EXCEPT FOR A PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER SECTION 13-926, a
14 person whose civil rights were lost or suspended as a result of a felony
15 conviction in another state or a United States district court and who has
16 received an absolute discharge from imprisonment in a prison in another
17 state or a federal prison shall file the application for the restoration
18 of civil rights in the county in which the person now resides. The
19 restoration of civil rights is in the discretion of the judicial officer.

20 E. This section does not apply to a person's right to possess a
21 firearm as defined in section 13-3101 if the person was convicted of any
22 of the following:

23 1. A dangerous offense under section 13-704 or an offense committed
24 outside the jurisdiction of this state that would be a dangerous offense
25 under section 13-704 if committed in this state.

26 2. A serious offense as defined in section 13-706 or an offense
27 committed outside the jurisdiction of this state that would be a serious
28 offense as defined in section 13-706 if committed in this state.

29 F. If the person is not entitled to the restoration of firearm
30 rights pursuant to this section, the court may order the restoration of
31 the right to possess a firearm pursuant to section 13-910.

32 G. For the purposes of this section, "final discharge" means the
33 completion of probation or the receipt of an absolute discharge from the
34 state department of corrections, a prison in another state or the federal
35 bureau of prisons.

36 Sec. 4. Title 13, chapter 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
37 by adding section 13-926, to read:

38 13-926. Automatic restoration of right to vote; process

39 A. ON RELEASE FROM IMPRISONMENT IN THIS STATE, ANOTHER STATE OR THE
40 FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A FELONY OFFENSE
41 SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BE RESTORED THE RIGHT TO VOTE. A PERSON WHO IS
42 ENTITLED TO THE AUTOMATIC RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE PURSUANT TO
43 THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
44 13-908.

1 B. AT THE TIME A PERSON IS SENTENCED TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR
2 A FELONY CONVICTION, THE COURT SHALL INFORM THE PERSON IN WRITING AND ON
3 THE ELECTRONIC COURT RECORD THAT THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE WILL BE
4 AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED ON THE PERSON'S RELEASE FROM IMPRISONMENT IF THE
5 PERSON IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN.

6 C. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE VERBAL AND WRITTEN NOTICE
7 TO A PERSON OF THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE IF THE PERSON IS A UNITED STATES
8 CITIZEN AND IS SERVING A TERM OF PROBATION.

9 D. AT THE TIME A PERSON IS RELEASED FROM IMPRISONMENT, THE STATE
10 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE VERBAL AND WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE
11 PERSON OF THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO VOTE IF THE PERSON IS A UNITED STATES
12 CITIZEN.

13 Sec. 5. Section 16-101, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
14 read:

15 16-101. Qualifications of registrant; definition

16 A. Every resident of this state is qualified to register to vote if
17 the resident:

18 1. Is a citizen of the United States and has provided satisfactory
19 evidence of citizenship as prescribed in section 16-166.

20 2. Will be eighteen years of age or more on or before the date of
21 the regular general election next following ~~his~~ THE RESIDENT'S
22 registration.

23 3. Is a resident of this state twenty-nine days next preceding the
24 election, except as provided in section 16-126.

25 4. Is able to write the resident's name or make the resident's
26 mark, unless prevented from so doing by physical disability.

27 5. Has not been convicted of treason ~~or a felony~~, unless restored
28 to civil rights.

29 ~~6.~~ 6. IS NOT CURRENTLY SERVING A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR A FELONY
30 CONVICTION.

31 ~~6.~~ 7. Has not been adjudicated an incapacitated person as defined
32 in section 14-5101.

33 B. For the purposes of this title, "resident" means an individual
34 who has actual physical presence in this state, or for purposes of a
35 political subdivision actual physical presence in the political
36 subdivision, combined with an intent to remain. A temporary absence does
37 not result in a loss of residence if the individual has an intent to
38 return following ~~his~~ THE INDIVIDUAL'S absence. An individual has only one
39 residence for THE purposes of this title.

40 Sec. 6. Section 16-128, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
41 read:

42 16-128. Clerk of the court; secretary of state; county
43 recorder; notice of conviction

44 Each month the clerk of the superior court shall transmit to the
45 secretary of state without charge a record of every PERSON WHO WAS

1 SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A felony conviction in that county within
2 the preceding month. This record shall include only the name of the
3 person convicted and the person's date of birth, social security number,
4 if available, usual legal residence and, if available, father's name or
5 mother's maiden name. The secretary of state shall use the record for the
6 sole purpose of canceling the names of convicted felons WHO WERE SENTENCED
7 TO IMPRISONMENT from the statewide voter registration database and shall
8 notify the appropriate county recorder, and that county recorder shall
9 cancel the voter registration of the convicted felon WHO WAS SENTENCED TO
10 IMPRISONMENT.

11 Sec. 7. Section 16-165, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 16-165. Causes for cancellation; report

14 A. The county recorder shall cancel a registration:

15 1. At the request of the person registered.

16 2. When the county recorder is informed and confirms that the
17 person registered is dead.

18 3. If the person has been adjudicated an incapacitated person as
19 defined in section 14-5101.

20 4. When the COUNTY RECORDER IS INFORMED BY THE COURT OR THE
21 SECRETARY OF STATE AND CONFIRMS THAT THE person registered ~~has been~~
22 ~~convicted of a felony, and the judgment of conviction has not been~~
23 ~~reversed or set aside. The county recorder shall cancel the registration~~
24 ~~on receipt of notice of a felony conviction from the court or from the~~
25 ~~secretary of state or when reported by the elector on a signed juror~~
26 ~~questionnaire that is completed pursuant to section 21-314~~ IS CURRENTLY
27 SERVING A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR A FELONY CONVICTION.

28 5. On production of a certified copy of a judgment directing a
29 cancellation to be made.

30 6. Promptly after the election if the person registered has applied
31 for a ballot pursuant to section 16-126.

32 7. When a person has been on the inactive voter list and has not
33 voted during the time periods prescribed in section 16-166, subsection C.

34 8. When the county recorder receives written information from the
35 person registered that the person has a change of residence within the
36 county and the person does not complete and return a new registration form
37 within twenty-nine days after the county recorder mails notification of
38 the need to complete and return a new registration form with current
39 information.

40 9. When the county recorder receives written information from the
41 person registered that the person has a change of address outside the
42 county, including when the county recorder either:

43 (a) Receives a form from the person pursuant to subsection ~~E~~ F of
44 this section on which the person has confirmed that the person is not a
45 resident of this state.

1 (b) Receives a summary report from the jury commissioner or jury
2 manager pursuant to section 21-314 indicating that the person has stated
3 that the person is not a resident of the county. Before the county
4 recorder cancels a registration pursuant to this subdivision, the county
5 recorder shall send the person notice by forwardable mail and a postage
6 prepaid preaddressed return form requesting the person confirm by signing
7 under penalty of perjury that the person is a resident of the county and
8 is not knowingly registered to vote in another county or another state.
9 The notice shall inform the person that failure to return the form within
10 thirty-five days will result in the person's registration being canceled.
11 If the person fails to return the notice within thirty-five days the
12 county recorder shall cancel the person's registration.

13 10. When the county recorder obtains information pursuant to this
14 section and confirms that the person registered is not a United States
15 citizen, including when the county recorder receives a summary report from
16 the jury commissioner or jury manager pursuant to section 21-314
17 indicating that a person who is registered to vote has stated that the
18 person is not a United States citizen. Before the county recorder cancels
19 a registration pursuant to this paragraph, the county recorder shall send
20 the person notice by forwardable mail that the person's registration will
21 be canceled in thirty-five days unless the person provides satisfactory
22 evidence of United States citizenship pursuant to section 16-166. The
23 notice shall include a list of documents the person may provide and a
24 postage prepaid preaddressed return envelope. If the person registered
25 does not provide satisfactory evidence within thirty-five days, the county
26 recorder shall cancel the registration and notify the county attorney and
27 attorney general for possible investigation.

28 11. When the county recorder receives confirmation from another
29 county recorder that the person registered has registered to vote in that
30 other county.

31 B. If the county recorder receives credible information that a
32 person has registered to vote in a different county, the county recorder
33 shall confirm the person's voter registration with that other county and,
34 on confirmation, shall cancel the person's registration pursuant to
35 subsection A, paragraph 11 of this section.

36 C. If the county recorder cancels a registration pursuant to
37 subsection A, paragraph 8 of this section, the county recorder shall send
38 the person notice that the registration has been canceled and a
39 registration form with the information described in section 16-131,
40 subsection C attached to the form.

41 D. When proceedings in the superior court or the United States
42 district court result in a person being declared incapable of taking care
43 of himself and managing his property, and for whom a guardian of the
44 person and estate is appointed, result in such person being committed as
45 an insane person or result in a person being convicted of a felony AND

1 SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR THAT FELONY, the clerk of the superior court
2 in the county in which those proceedings occurred shall file with the
3 secretary of state an official notice of that fact. The secretary of
4 state shall notify the appropriate county recorder and the recorder shall
5 cancel the name of the person on the register. Such a notice shall name
6 the person covered, shall give the person's date and place of birth if
7 available, the person's social security number, if available, the person's
8 usual place of residence, the person's address and the date of the notice,
9 and shall be filed with the recorder of the county where the person last
10 resided.

11 E. Each month the department of health services shall transmit to
12 the secretary of state without charge a record of the death of every
13 resident of the state reported to the department within the preceding
14 month. This record shall include only the name of the decedent, the
15 decedent's date of birth, the decedent's date of death, the decedent's
16 social security number, if available, the decedent's usual legal residence
17 at the time of death and, if available, the decedent's father's name or
18 mother's maiden name. The secretary of state shall use the record for the
19 sole purpose of canceling the names of deceased persons from the statewide
20 voter registration database. In addition, the department of health
21 services shall annually provide to the secretary of state from the
22 statewide electronic death registration system without charge a record of
23 all deaths of residents of this state that are reported to the department
24 of health services. The records transmitted by the department of health
25 services shall include only the name of the decedent, the decedent's date
26 of birth, the decedent's social security number, if available, the
27 decedent's usual legal residence at the time of death and, if available,
28 the decedent's father's name or mother's maiden name. The secretary of
29 state shall compare the records of deaths with the statewide voter
30 registration database. Public access to the records is prohibited. Use
31 of information from the records for purposes other than those required by
32 this section is prohibited. The name of each deceased person shall
33 promptly be canceled from the statewide voter registration database and
34 the secretary of state shall notify the appropriate county recorder and
35 the recorder shall cancel the name of the person from the register.

36 F. Each month the department of transportation shall furnish to the
37 secretary of state without charge a list of persons who the department has
38 been notified have been issued a driver license or the equivalent of an
39 Arizona nonoperating identification license in another state. Within ten
40 days after receiving the list of persons from the department of
41 transportation, the secretary of state shall provide to the appropriate
42 county recorder a list of registered voters in that county who have been
43 issued a driver license or the equivalent of an Arizona nonoperating
44 identification license in another state. The county recorder shall
45 promptly send notice by forwardable mail to each person who has obtained a

1 driver license or the equivalent of an Arizona nonoperating identification
 2 license in another state and a postage prepaid preaddressed return form
 3 requesting the person confirm by signing under penalty of perjury that the
 4 person is a resident of this state and is not knowingly registered to vote
 5 in another state or confirm that the person is not a resident of this
 6 state. The notice shall inform the person that failure to return the form
 7 within ninety days will result in the person's registration being placed
 8 in inactive status. If the person returns the form within ninety days
 9 confirming that the person is a resident of this state, the county
 10 recorder shall maintain the registration in active status. If the person
 11 fails to return the form within ninety days, the county recorder shall
 12 place the person's registration in inactive status.

13 G. Each month the secretary of state shall compare the statewide
 14 voter registration database to the driver license database maintained by
 15 the department of transportation. The secretary of state shall notify the
 16 appropriate county recorder if a person who is registered to vote in that
 17 county has changed the person's residence address or is not a United
 18 States citizen.

19 H. To the extent practicable, each month the county recorder shall
 20 compare the county's voter registration database to the social security
 21 administration database.

22 I. To the extent practicable, each month the county recorder shall
 23 compare persons who are registered to vote in that county and who the
 24 county recorder has reason to believe are not United States citizens and
 25 persons who are registered to vote without satisfactory evidence of
 26 citizenship as prescribed by section 16-166 with the systematic alien
 27 verification for entitlements program maintained by the United States
 28 citizenship and immigration services to verify the citizenship status of
 29 the persons registered.

30 J. For persons who are registered to vote without satisfactory
 31 evidence of citizenship as prescribed in section 16-166, the county
 32 recorder shall compare the electronic verification of vital events system
 33 maintained by a national association for public health statistics and
 34 information systems, if accessible, with the information on the person's
 35 voter registration file.

36 K. To the extent practicable, the county recorder shall review
 37 relevant city, town, county, state and federal databases to which the
 38 county recorder has access to confirm information obtained that requires
 39 cancellation of registrations pursuant to this section.

40 L. After canceling a registration pursuant to this section, the
 41 county recorder shall send a notice by forwardable mail informing the
 42 person that the person's registration has been canceled, the reason for
 43 cancellation, the qualifications of electors pursuant to section 16-101
 44 and instructions on registering to vote if the person is qualified.

1 M. The secretary of state shall report the following information to
2 the legislature at the end of each quarter:

3 1. The number of deaths reported to the secretary of state by the
4 department of health services, the number of voter registration
5 cancellation notices issued by the secretary of state to the county
6 recorders as a result of those reports and the number of registrations
7 canceled as a result of those notices.

8 2. The number of persons reported to the secretary of state who
9 have been issued a driver license or the equivalent of an Arizona
10 nonoperating identification license in another state, the number of
11 notices sent pursuant to subsection E of this section and the number of
12 voter registrations that have been placed in inactive status and the
13 number of voter registrations that have been canceled as a result of those
14 notices.

15 3. The number of persons who have stated on a **jury JUROR**
16 questionnaire that the person is not a United States citizen, the number
17 of notices sent pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 10 of this section and
18 the number of registrations that have been canceled as a result of those
19 notices.

20 4. The number of persons who have stated on a **jury JUROR**
21 questionnaire that the person is not a resident of the county, the number
22 of notices sent pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 9, subdivision (b) of
23 this section and the number of registrations that have been canceled as a
24 result of those notices.

25 5. The number of registrations on the inactive voter list that have
26 been canceled pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 7 of this section.

27 Sec. 8. Retroactivity

28 A. Sections 13-904, 13-907, 13-908 and 16-101, Arizona Revised
29 Statutes, as amended by this act, apply retroactively to from and after
30 December 31, 2025.

31 B. Section 13-926, subsections A and B, Arizona Revised Statutes,
32 as added by this act, apply retroactively to from and after December 31,
33 2025.