

**SENATE BILL NO. 7**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR DAVIS**

**Introduced: 1/19/11**

**Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the civil rights of felons."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 09.20.020 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 09.20.020. Disqualification of jurors.** A person is disqualified from  
5 serving as a juror if the person

6 (1) has served as a juror in the state within one year of the time of  
7 examination for service; or

8 (2) has been convicted of a felony for which the person **is**  
9 **incarcerated, until the person is released from incarceration** [HAS NOT BEEN  
10 UNCONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED; UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE HAS  
11 THE MEANING GIVEN IN AS 12.55.185].

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 15.05.030 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 15.05.030. Loss and restoration of voting rights.** (a) A person convicted  
14 of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude under state or federal law  
15 may not vote in a state, federal, or municipal election **while incarcerated for that**

1 **crime** [FROM THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION THROUGH THE DATE OF  
 2 THE UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE OF THE PERSON]. Upon **release from**  
 3 **incarceration** [THE UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE], the person may register  
 4 under AS 15.07.

5 (b) The commissioner of corrections shall establish procedures by which a  
 6 person **released from incarceration** [UNCONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED] is  
 7 advised of the voter registration requirements and procedures. **The procedures**  
 8 **established under this subsection must provide that, at the time of the person's**  
 9 **release from incarceration,**

10 **(1) the Department of Corrections shall provide the person a**  
 11 **written notification of the person's restored right to vote; and**

12 **(2) the commissioner of corrections shall notify the director that**  
 13 **the person is entitled to be registered as a voter.**

14 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.135 is amended to read:

15 **Sec. 15.07.135. Cancellation of registration of incarcerated**  
 16 **[CONVICTED] persons.** (a) The director shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the  
 17 names of persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude **and incarcerated**  
 18 **for that crime.** Promptly after receipt of evidence satisfactory to the director that a  
 19 person has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude **and incarcerated for**  
 20 **that crime,** the director shall cancel the registration of the person.

21 (b) Upon presenting proof that a person whose registration was canceled under  
 22 (a) of this section has been **released from incarceration** [UNCONDITIONALLY  
 23 DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY], the person may register. The director shall make  
 24 reasonable efforts to verify the **release from incarceration** [UNCONDITIONAL  
 25 DISCHARGE] of persons applying for registration under this subsection.

26 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 33.30.241(a) is amended to read:

27 (a) A person who is convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude as defined  
 28 in AS 15.60.010 is disqualified from voting in a state, **federal,** or municipal election  
 29 **while the person is incarcerated for that crime** [UNTIL THE PERSON'S  
 30 UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE].

31 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 33.30.241(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) A person who is convicted of a felony is disqualified from serving as a  
2 juror while the person is incarcerated for that crime [UNTIL THE PERSON'S  
3 UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE].

4 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 15.60.010(39) and AS 33.30.241(c) are repealed.