

HOUSE BILL 137

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 29, Part 2, relative to restoration of voting
rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-202, is amended by deleting subsections (b) and (c) in their entireties and substituting instead the following:

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person shall not be eligible to apply for a voter registration card and have the right of suffrage restored, unless the person:

(1) Has paid all restitution to the victim or victims of the offense ordered by the court as part of the sentence or is making installment payments in accordance with a court-authorized payment plan;

(2) Has paid all assessed court costs, is making payments in accordance with a court-approved payment plan, or has had the person's outstanding court costs waived by the court as a result of the person's indigency; and

(3) Is current in all child support obligations, is making payments in accordance with a plan for payment of overdue support, or has an income assignment in effect and is paying pursuant to § 36-5-501.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.