



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE BILL 873

January 21, 2022 - Introduced by Senators STROEBEL, FELZKOWSKI and MARKLEIN, cosponsored by Representatives SORTWELL, ALLEN, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, GUNDRUM, MURPHY, PENTERMAN, STEFFEN, THIESFELDT and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform and Ethics.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 304.078 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** restoration of the right
2 to vote to a person barred from voting as a result of a felony conviction.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person convicted of treason, felony, or bribery may not vote unless the person's right to vote is restored through a pardon or through completion of the term of imprisonment, including parole or extended supervision, or probation for the crime that led to the disqualification.

Under this bill, in addition to completing his or her term of imprisonment or probation for the crime, a person must have paid all fines, costs, fees, surcharges, and restitution, and have completed any court-ordered community service, imposed in connection with the crime.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 304.078 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 304.078 (3) If a person is disqualified from voting under s. 6.03 (1) (b), his or
5 her right to vote is restored when he or she completes the term of imprisonment or

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1 probation for the crime that led to the disqualification and has paid all fines, costs,
2 fees, surcharges, and restitution, and has completed any court-ordered community
3 service, imposed in connection with the crime. The department or, ~~if the person is~~
4 ~~sentenced to a county jail or house of correction, the jailer~~ the elections commission
5 shall inform the person in writing at the time his or her right to vote is restored under
6 this subsection.

7 (END)