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Bill Summary

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Overview

Current law allows a convicted felon to resume voting after completing any incarceration and period of probation or other supervised release. The bill would restore the right to vote to a convicted felon who is not incarcerated but may still be under some form of supervision.

Section

- 1** **Not eligible.** Amends a provision of the election code that lists when an individual is not eligible to vote. Current law specifies that a person convicted of a felony is not eligible to vote until civil rights are restored. The bill defines this phrase to mean the person has completed any incarceration but may still be on probation, parole, conditional release, or supervised release.
- 2** **Notice of restoration of civil rights and eligibility to vote.** Requires the commissioner of corrections to notify an individual released from incarceration that the individual is restored to civil rights and has the right to vote while on supervised release, conditional release, or parole, or has completed all of these.
- 3** **Notice of restoration of civil rights and eligibility to vote.** Requires the chief executive office of a local correctional facility to notify an individual released from incarceration that the individual is restored to civil rights and is eligible to vote. Cross-references the notice provided in section 2.