Session of 2016

SENATE BILL No. 406

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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AN ACT concerning elections; dealing with voter registration; amending 1 2 K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 22-3722 and repealing the existing section. 3 4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: 5 (a) The secretary of state shall develop a voter registration Section 1. 6 program to offer voter registration services through the following state 7 agencies: 8 (1)The department for children and families; 9 (2) the department for aging and disability services; and 10 (3) the department of labor. 11 (b) At the time of making an application for assistance or benefits 12 with the department for children and families, the department of aging and 13 disability services or the department of labor, the applicant shall be offered 14 the opportunity to register to vote. 15 (c) If proof of citizenship was not required for the service applied for, the applicant shall be informed that proof of citizenship will be necessary 16 to complete the process of registration to vote. 17 18 (d) Voter registration applications shall be submitted to the secretary 19 of state and the county election officers as provided by rules and 20 regulations adopted by the secretary of state. 21 (e) A person who is ineligible to vote and who becomes registered to 22 vote under this section, in the absence of willful misrepresentation, shall 23 be presumed to be not at fault and not subject to criminal prosecution. 24 Sec. 2. (a) The secretary of state, in cooperation with the state board 25 of education, shall develop a voter registration program to offer voter 26 registration services at each accredited high school. Students who are 17 27 vears of age or older shall be offered the opportunity to register to vote. 28 (b) Voter registration applications shall be submitted to the secretary 29 of state and the county election officers as provided by rules and 30 regulations adopted by the secretary of state. 31 K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 22-3722 is hereby amended to read as Sec. 3. 32 follows: 22-3722. (a) The period served on parole or conditional release 33 shall be deemed service of the term of confinement, and, subject to the 34 provisions contained in K.S.A. 75-5217, and amendments thereto, relating 35 to an inmate who is a fugitive from or has fled from justice, the total time 36 served may not exceed the maximum term or sentence. The period served

1 on postrelease supervision shall vest in and be subject to the provisions 2 contained in K.S.A. 75-5217, and amendments thereto, relating to an 3 inmate who is a fugitive from or has fled from justice. The total time 4 served shall not exceed the postrelease supervision period established at 5 sentencing.

6 (b) When an inmate on parole or conditional release has performed 7 the obligations of the release for such time as shall satisfy the prisoner 8 review board that final release is not incompatible with the best interest of 9 society and the welfare of the individual, the board may make a final order 10 of discharge and issue a certificate of discharge to the inmate but no such order of discharge shall be made in any case within a period of less than 11 12 one year after the date of release except where the sentence expires earlier 13 thereto.

14 (c) When an inmate has reached the end of the postrelease 15 supervision period, the board shall issue a certificate of discharge to the 16 releasee. Such discharge, and the discharge of an inmate who has served 17 the inmate's term of imprisonment, shall have the effect of restoring all 18 civil rights lost by operation of law upon commitment, and the certification of discharge shall so state. Nothing herein contained shall be 19 20 held to impair the power of the governor to grant a pardon or commutation 21 of sentence in any case.

(d) At the time of discharge, the inmate shall be offered the opportunity to register to vote. If proof of citizenship of the inmate is not available, the inmate shall be informed that proof of citizenship shall be required to complete the voter registration application.

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Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 22-3722 is hereby repealed.

27 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 28 publication in the statute book.