

FELON'S RIGHT TO HOLD OFFICE

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits an individual convicted of certain sexual offenses from holding certain offices.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits an individual who is convicted of certain sexual offenses from holding the office of State Board of Education member or local school board member; and
- ▶ makes conforming and technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-2-101.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 28

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **20A-2-101.5** is amended to read:

20A-2-101.5. Convicted felons -- Restoration of right to vote and right to hold

29 **office.**

30 (1) As used in this section, "convicted felon" means a person convicted of a felony in
31 any state or federal court of the United States.

32 (2) Each convicted felon's right to register to vote and to vote in an election is restored
33 when:

34 (a) the felon is sentenced to probation;

35 (b) the felon is granted parole; or

36 (c) the felon has successfully completed the term of incarceration to which the felon
37 was sentenced.

38 (3) ~~Each~~ Except as provided by Subsection (4), a convicted felon's right to hold
39 elective office is restored when:

40 (a) all of the felon's felony convictions have been expunged; or

41 (b) (i) 10 years have passed since the date of the felon's most recent felony conviction;

42 (ii) the felon has paid all court-ordered restitution and fines; and

43 (iii) for each felony conviction that has not been expunged, the felon has:

44 (A) completed probation in relation to the felony;

45 (B) been granted parole in relation to the felony; or

46 (C) successfully completed the term of incarceration associated with the felony.

47 (4) An individual who has been convicted of a grievous sexual offense, as defined in
48 Section 76-1-601, against a child, may not hold the office of State Board of Education member
49 or local school board member.