

Amend CSHB 2193 (House Committee Printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered sections and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION _____. Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Section 20A to read as follows:

Sec. 20A. RESTORATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS. (a) At any time after the defendant has satisfactorily completed one-third of the original community supervision period or two years of community supervision, whichever is less, and the defendant has successfully completed a citizenship class and 10 hours of community service under Subsection (b), the defendant may petition the court to restore and the court may restore the following rights:

- (1) the right to vote;
- (2) the right to serve as a petit juror; and
- (3) the right to serve as an executor or administrator of an estate for a person who is related to the defendant within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code.

(b) To be eligible for a restoration of rights under this section, the defendant must:

(1) complete a citizenship class that is administered by an organization or entity certified, in accordance with rules adopted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, to provide instruction regarding the rights and responsibilities of citizens for the purposes of this section;

(2) complete at least 10 hours of community service;
and

(3) provide documentation of the defendant's successful completion of the citizenship class and of at least 10 hours of community service to the court on the filing of a petition under Subsection (a).

(c) The court must rule on a petition filed under Subsection (a) not later than the 180th day after the date the petition is filed. If the court fails to rule on the petition on or before the 180th day after the date the petition is filed and if the defendant is otherwise eligible for the restoration of rights under this section, the court shall restore all of the defendant's rights

described by Subsection (a).

SECTION _____. Section 11.002, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.002. QUALIFIED VOTER. In this code, "qualified voter" means a person who:

(1) is 18 years of age or older;

(2) is a United States citizen;

(3) has not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;

(4) has not been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, has:

(A) fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of community supervision [~~probation~~] ordered by any court;

(B) had the person's right to vote restored as provided by law; or

(C) [~~(B)~~] been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote;

(5) is a resident of this state; and

(6) is a registered voter.

SECTION _____. Section 62.102, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62.102. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE. A person is disqualified to serve as a petit juror unless the person [~~he~~]:

(1) is at least 18 years of age;

(2) is a citizen of this state and of the county in which the person [~~he~~] is to serve as a juror;

(3) is qualified under the constitution and laws to vote in the county in which the person [~~he~~] is to serve as a juror;

(4) is of sound mind and good moral character;

(5) is able to read and write;

(6) has not served as a petit juror for six days during the preceding three months in the county court or during the preceding six months in the district court;

(7) has not been convicted of a felony or, if the

person has been convicted of a felony, has had the person's right to serve as a petit juror restored as provided by law; and

(8) is not under indictment or other legal accusation of misdemeanor or felony theft or any other felony.

SECTION _____. Chapter 493, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 493.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 493.026. CERTIFICATION TO INSTRUCT CITIZENSHIP CLASSES. The department by rule shall establish eligibility criteria, requirements, and procedures for certifying an organization or entity to provide instruction regarding the rights and responsibilities of citizens for the purposes of Section 20A, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION _____. Section 78, Texas Probate Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 78. PERSONS DISQUALIFIED TO SERVE AS EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR. A ~~No~~ person is disqualified ~~[qualified]~~ to serve as an executor or administrator if the person ~~[who]~~ is:

(a) An incapacitated person;

(b) A convicted felon, under the laws either of the United States or of any state or territory of the United States, or of the District of Columbia, unless the ~~[such]~~ person has been duly pardoned, or has had the person's ~~[his]~~ civil rights or right to serve as an executor or administrator restored, in accordance with law;

(c) A non-resident (natural person or corporation) of this State who has not appointed a resident agent to accept service of process in all actions or proceedings with respect to the estate, and caused such appointment to be filed with the court;

(d) A corporation not authorized to act as a fiduciary in this State; or

(e) A person whom the court finds unsuitable.