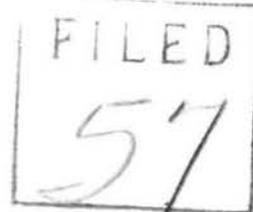


ELECTIONS:--Conviction for felony disqualifies voter until full pardon is granted:

EXCEPTIONS:- As to convicts under twenty or 18 years of age. 9120A

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Hon. G. Logan Marr  
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Dear Sir:

We have your request for an opinion as to whether or not a person who has been convicted of a felony, either under the prohibition law before repeal, or under the statute making it grand larceny to steal chickens in the night time, has a right to vote. Also, you inquire as to whether or not boys convicted of stealing chickens in the night time and sent to Alcoa for two years may later become eligible to vote.

We call your attention to that portion of Section 10178 R. S. Missouri 1929, relating to the qualifications of voters, which is as follows:

\*\*\*\*\*nor shall any person convicted of felony or other infamous crime, or of a misdemeanor connected with the exercise of the right of suffrage, be permitted to vote at any election unless he shall have been granted a full pardon;\*\*\*\*\*

There is only one way to obtain a full pardon subsequent to the conviction of a felony and that is provided for under Section 8518, Laws of Missouri 1933, page 329, requiring a petition to the governor requesting a pardon and setting out the reasons therefor.

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Under Section 4172 R. S. Missouri 1929, any person who is convicted of a certain offense and sentenced to the penitentiary for any crime punishable under the provisions of Article V of Chapter 30, R. S. Missouri 1929, is forever disqualified from voting at any election. This section does not apply to any person under the age of twenty years at the time of his conviction. As a part of Article V, Section 4066 R. S. Missouri 1929, makes it a felony to steal chickens in the night time, and such a conviction under Sections 10178 and 4172 would prevent the person from voting unless a full pardon had been received.

In the event that a person was convicted and sentenced to the Algoa Reformatory, his citizenship would automatically be restored at the expiration of his sentence under the provisions of Section 12971, only if he were under eighteen years of age at the time of his conviction.

Respectfully submitted,

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