H. F. No. 520.

CHAPTER 263.

Civil rights restored to persons convicted of a felony.

An act to restore full civil rights and citizenship to all persons who have been or may be convicted of a felony and sentenced to jail or to pay a fine, and who have served or who shall serve said sentence, or who have paid or who shall pay and discharge said fine.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. All persons residing or having their domicile in the State of Minnesota, who have been heretofore convicted of a felony and sentenced by a court of this state to jail or to pay a fine for such offense, and who have served said sentence or paid and satisfied said fine, so imposed, shall be restored to all their civil rights and to full citizenship with full right to vote and hold office, the same as though said conviction and sentence had not taken place in the manner hereinafter provided. Before said restoration to civil rights shall take effect said person or persons, shall at the end of three years from date of the judgment thereof or at any time thereafter first apply to the district court in the district where such person or persons may reside and produce before said judge three witnesses to testify as to his or their good character during the time since said conviction, and if said judge is satisfied of such good character he shall issue an order restoring such party to all civil rights, which order shall be filed with the clerk of said court, thereupon said restoration to civil rights shall take effect and be in full force.

SEC. 2. All persons who shall hereafter be convicted of a felony in any court of this state and sentenced to jail, or to pay a fine therefor and who shall serve said sentence or pay and satisfy said fine, upon complying with the provisions of section 1 of this act, shall have all their civil rights restored as therein provided.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

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