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Annette Kreitzer

Juneau, Alaska 99801

PERSPECTIVE:

Alaska is such a young state and still full of opportunities. I continue to bring enthusiasm tempered with experience. My government experience has been honed on the smaller/smarter, common sense approach to government. I've spent my governmental career finding ways to simplify, streamline and better direct government activities. Alaskans deserve to have easy access to government and receive excellent service from State employees. We have many fine State employees, and need to continue to bring in and mentor younger workers to fill ranks of seasoned employees who will be retiring. I look forward to contributing to the successes of the Palin/Parnell Administration.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

12 years Chief of Staff - Senator/Lt. Governor Loren Leman
10 years Senior Staff, staffing Natural Resource agency-related legislation
Governor's Appointee to RurAL CAP (2002-2006)
Committee Aide for: Senate Special Committee on Oil and Gas; Senate Labor &
Commerce Committee; and Senate Resources Committee
4 years Senate Finance -- Aide to the following Subcommittees:
Department of Environmental Conservation; Department of Natural Resources
University of Alaska; and Department of Revenue
Executive Director - Alaska Resource Policy Coalition (1985)
Religion Editor/News Reporter (1981-83)

ISSUE EXPERIENCE:

Key legislative staff for oil and gas legislation for six years
Tracked: Mental Health Trust Lands, Welfare Reform, University Lands bill, and other
major rewrites of Alaska statutes
Carried dozens of pieces of legislation on behalf of Senate Committees in addition to
most of Senator Leman's personal legislation

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE:

4 Years Chief of Staff to Lt. Governor
8 years Chief of Staff to State Senate Majority Leader and
State Senator Loren Leman
EMS Squad Leader and EMT
Anna Livingston Memorial Clinic Administrator

STRENGTHS:

Ability to bring consensus to contentious issues such as Mining Incentive Credit legislation and Area Wide Leasing legislation
Strong interpersonal skills and track record of mentoring younger employees in workplace (e.g., University Internship program - our legislative office had interns 9/10 years)

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

Republican. Precinct Co-Chairman. Campaigned for Republicans since 1980 including Ronald Reagan, Harrison Schmidt, John Irick and Pete Domenici; Dale Anderson vs. Fran Ulmer; Hickel vs Knowles; Campbell/Miller vs Knowles/Ulmer; Loren Leman vs Hollis French; Murkowski/Leman vs. Ulmer/Hall; Mike Miller; Palin/Parnell

REFERENCES

Employment:

Lt. Governor Loren Leman
Atwood Bldg. Suite 1740
Anchorage AK 99501

Senator Gary Wilken
State Capitol-Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801

Character:

Michael Pauley

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Home Phone:
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Joe Schmidt

Experience:

February 2005 - Present

Point Mackenzie Correctional Farm Superintendent

- Implemented Unit Management concept
- Increased Garden Vegetable production from 40,000 pounds annually to 305,000 pounds annually, for distribution to correctional facilities
- Increased Potato production to year round supply, processing 800 pounds each day for distribution to correctional facilities
- Increased Hay production from 3000 bales annually to 10,000 bales
- Increased Beef herd from 30 head, to 120 head
- Increased Chicken production from 400 birds annually, to 12,000
- Increased Turkey production from 80 birds annually, to 1,000
- Built Poultry processing room
- Built Vegetable processing center
- Made the above increases and under-spent our budget allotment by 24,000 dollars
- Built positive rapport with local legislators, farmers and the Media

2003-2005

Anchorage Jail / Cook Inlet Pre-Trial

Superintendent in charge of merging the Cook Inlet Pre-trial and the Anchorage Jail into one operational unit now called the Anchorage Correctional Complex

- Overall facility supervision
- Managed merger of both operations
- Combined budget of 20 million dollars
- Combined employee complement of 240
- Combined prisoner beds: 832
- Managed budget reduction of 1.4 million dollars

2002-2003

**Cook Inlet Pre-Trial
Superintendent**

- Overall facility supervision
 - 9.1 million dollar annual budget
 - 412 prisoner beds
 - 117 employees
- Managed one unsuccessful escape attempt

January 2002-April 2002

**Palmer Correctional Center
Assistant Superintendent**

- Supervise and evaluate all Shift Supervisors
- Supervise and evaluate Disciplinary Sergeant
- Supervise Medium Unit Manager and Unit Team staff
- Coordinated remodel of all seven medium custody housing units

1999-2002

**Cook Inlet Pre Trial
Assistant Superintendent**

- Supervise and evaluate all Shift Supervisors
- Supervise and evaluate Security Sergeants and Records Sergeant
- Indirectly supervise eighty correctional officers
- Responsible for scheduling and minimum shift posting
- Responsible for approving and scheduling annual leave requests
- Training committee chair
- Network administrator
- Acting Superintendent June 2001 through October 2001
- Responsible for investigating staff misconduct allegations
- Hiring manager
- Implemented facility inspection and cleanliness regimen

1995-1998

**Mat-Su Pre Trial
Correctional Officer II/Correctional Officer III**

- Researched and developed institutional key inventory
- Coordinated remodel of the segregation dormitory, armory, and booking control room
- Coordinated relocation of the inmate property area
- OSHA training; wrote Hazardous Materials Communication Program
- N.I.C. security audit training
- Reed school of interview/interrogation
- Shift Supervisor
- Security/Training Sergeant; Investigative/disciplinary hearing Officer
- On Call Officer for facility oversight during emergencies

1993-1995

Sixth Avenue Correctional Center
Correctional Officer II

- Booking Officer
- Shift Training Officer
- Auto Pistol Transition/Auto Pistol Instructor

1990-1993

Highland Mountain/Meadow Creek Correctional Center
Correctional Officer II/Correctional Counselor

- Supervised inmate Orientation program
- Worked with Mental Health to develop a special needs/Mental Health wing at Meadow Creek C.C.
- Correctional Counselor for mental health unit, female offenders
- Supervised Segregation unit at Meadow Creek C.C.
- Shotgun Instructor through D.O.C./A.P.D.
- Handgun Instructor through D.O.C./A.P.D.
- Range Master through D.O.C.
- P.R. 24 Baton Instructor
- C.P.R. Instructor
- Acting Sergeant Meadow Creek C.C.

1988-1990

Spring Creek Correctional Center
Correctional Officer II

- Basic Academy 4-11-88
- On duty for reception of new facility's prisoners
- Tactical Response Team Member

1987-1988

Glennwood Restitution Center

- Wrote security staff work schedule to incorporate increased staff coverage hours
- Conducted Field Surveillance on prisoners, and interfaced with public and local businesses
- Module Officer
- Lead Correctional Officer in Maximum Security Unit
- Lead Correctional Officer General Population Housing Unit

Education:

University of Alaska, Mat-Su Campus, 1987

- AA Degree, Emphasis in Criminal Justice
- 19 additional credits toward BA in Criminal Justice

Wasilla High School, High School Diploma, 1984

Certifications:

- Monadnock PR-24 Instructor
- Live-Scan Fingerprinting Instructor
- APD Shotgun Instructor
- APD Handgun Instructor (Revolver)
- APD Handgun Instructor (Semi-automatic)
- CPR Instructor

Training:

- The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation
- Basic Supervision
- Trace Evidence Collection
- Blood Evidence Collection
- DOC Supervision

Walter C. Monegan III
Alaskan Native

Professional Experience:

- Chief of Police 2001-2006
- Police Lieutenant 1996-2001
- Police Sergeant 1986-1996
- Police Corporal 1982-1986
- Police Officer 1974-1982

Summary:

- Police Chief oversees police operations for the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) [pop. 271,000] with a police staff that includes an authorized strength of 398 sworn and 176 non-sworn positions, totaling 574 authorized employees. Operations include the operation of the Municipality's Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the E-911 System. Duties include NIMS training for management and policy direction during MOA Emergency Operation Center's live and training exercises. Public speaking and political outreach for education and assistance in crafting law enforcement related legislation. Total Police Budget approx. \$80,000,000.
- Police Lieutenant included three assignments: one of five District commanders to oversee about 50 officers and detectives; Shift Commander that oversees Patrol shift operations that included about 60 officers and 5 sergeants; Mountain View Community Action Police Team; a Federal DOJ Grant Program that saturated 15 officers and two sergeants in a low income, high crime section of Anchorage.
- Police Sergeant included three assignments: Crime Prevention/Police School Liaison supervisor to oversee public education and community outreach through group presentations, media/public information, and programmatic efforts through Neighborhood Crime Watch, Crime Stoppers, and Police School Liaison [officers assigned to middle schools and their feeder elementary schools] with 8 officers; Patrol shift supervisor overseeing operations for one-half of the police service area with an assigned 8 police officers; Staff Inspections [Internal Affairs] assigned to investigate complaints of police misconduct.
- Police Corporal [now defunct rank] had two assignments: Shift supervisor for Communications and 911 Operations overseeing non-sworn staff of dispatchers and 911 operators, and the Training Supervisor for the Communications Section; and Patrol shift supervisor overseeing operations for one-half of the police service area with an assigned 8 police officers.
- Police Officer included assignments to Patrol areas, a Field Training Officer, a Uniformed Investigator, and when assigned to Investigations, assignments included both detective and undercover officer duties.
- Additional duties at ranks from sergeant to Chief included being a certified police instructor to teach in police academies.

Past Job Experience:

- Laborer at Tuluksak Dredging – Nyc, AK. Gold dredging operation that included dredge oiler, diesel and auto mechanic, and power lineman. 1973
- Laborer at City of Bethel – Bethel AK. Water truck delivery service worker for a community void of plumbing. 1972
- Radio announcer at KYUK Public Radio – Bethel AK. 1972
- Volunteer Fireman/EMT at Bethel (AK.) Volunteer Fire Department 1972
- Volunteer Fireman/EMT at Chugiak (AK) Volunteer Fire Dept. 1971-1972
- United States Marine Corps, trained as an Artillery scout or "forward observer." Received an early but Honorable Discharge. 1970-1971

Education:

- National Executive Institute, FBI, Quantico, VA. 2006
- Senior Executives in State and Local Government, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Boston, MA. 2003
- Bachelors Degree in Organizational Administration, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK. 1992
- Associate of Arts Degree, University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK. 1992
- Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. 1991
- National Crime Prevention Institute -- Crime-Prevention Technology and Program, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. 1988

Professional Highlights:

2001-2006

- Implementation of *Mobile Data Computers* into all patrol vehicles, allowing patrol officers to complete and submit electronic reports and citations from their vehicles. Also to receive electronic dispatches and locates from Police Communications and access data from the Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC); reducing radio traffic and redundant data entry, as well as subsequent transcription errors.
- Implementation of *Phase 2 of Enhanced 911 System*, which brings Anchorage to the 'cutting edge' in emergency communications technology in identifying both the originating phone-number (Phase 1) and Automated-Number Identifier [ANI], but provides the location of the phone being used (Phase 2) or Automated Location Identifier [ALI]. We also had to consolidate five different data bases into one and verified every address [approx 110,000] within the police service area. As an increasing number of cell phones are utilized in calling 911, we had to seek state legislative changes to laws that mandate the implementation of ALI technology (either through-relay tower triangulation or by satellite GPS chips) for all our community cell phone providers, along with the increase of allowable surcharge to the subscribers to maintain the operations and maintenance of this service and technology.
- After a resurgence of gang and youth violence, we put together a comprehensive plan that included certainly a reassignment of resources for police suppression tactics, but also initiated a public-outreach effort at several levels, a Mayoral appointed civic leaders group, a less formal faith based coalition, and repeated contacts with specific community leaders. This is and must remain an ongoing effort, but following two high profile shootings; significantly it was the families of the suspects involved that brought them to the police. Due to these outreach efforts, one community recognized and honored the Mayor, the School District Superintendent, and myself.
- Created and continued Anchorage's first Citizens Police Academy, a ten week program in which volunteering citizens were instructed on various police programs and tactics promoting community understanding, trust, and support.
- Created and continued the School Resource Officer Program through a Federal grant that partners the Anchorage School District and the Anchorage Police Department in promoting safe and healthy lifestyles in youth.
- Resurrection of the police Traffic Unit, which in it's first year helped to reduced DUI fatalities in Anchorage by 50%; and is on pace for further reducing it again by another 50% in it's second year.

- Currently, facilitating a work group for Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission, to produce recommendations on issues of standardization of practice and recognition for rural law enforcement programs with Village Police Officer (VPO), Tribal Police Officer (TPO), and Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO).

Community Involvement:

Community Police Advisory Boards; Ethnic Round Table; Northern Endeavor Team (multi-diagnosed homeless issues); Salvation Army Booth Memorial Home; Anchorage Sexual Assault Task Force; Mayor's Task Force on Youth and Violence, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Municipal Employee Fund Raising Campaign; Municipality's Diversity Council; Alaska Special Olympics State Board; Community Action for Drug Free Youth; Alaska Safe-Kids Project, Safe-Harbor-Advisory Board; Homeward Bound Advisory Council; Alaska Police Standards Council; Alaska Native Justice Center; South Central Foundation Privacy Board; Executive Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council; Minority Community Police Relations Task Force; and Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission Work Group on Police Standards and Cross-Designation.

Personal:

Husband to Terry Monegan, father to four surviving children, ages 32-21; and now grandfather to the first of hopefully many.

November 2006



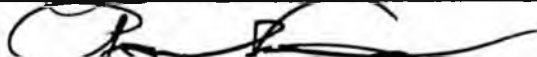


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CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: MARCH 13, 2007

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**State Commission for Human Rights
Karen Rhoades - Wasilla**

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	LYDA Green
	Blende
	STEVEN
	French
Chair: 	McGure

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KAREN RHODES

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Professional Profile

Currently own and operate Northern Living Centers, LLC a 5-bed assisted living home.

- Responsible for regulatory compliance
- Responsible for contractual issues
- Create Policy
- Hire and manage personnel
- Responsible for financial stability
- Responsible for the safety and well-being of 5 residents and staff

Professional Accomplishments

Member of the Assisted Living Association of Alaska (ALAA)
Member of the Alaska Commission on Aging Advocacy Group
Charter Board Member of the Wasilla Boys and Girls Club

Work History

Business Manager/Bookkeeper

Rhodes Wallcovering, Wasilla, AK
1986-2004

Education

BSBA Health Care
Management

Appalachian State University,
Boone, NC 1981

References

Hon. Sarah Palin
Becky Erion
Sheila Smith

Governor State of Alaska
Relationship Manager Key Bank
Office Manager Health Quest Therapy



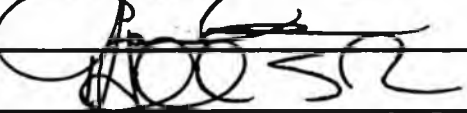
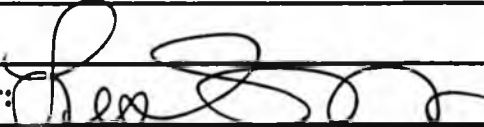
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Alaska Public Offices Commission
Shirley R. Dean - Douglas

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Signature:	Printed Last Name
	LYDA Green
	Buncle
	STEVEN French
Chair: 	McLuire

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APOC
ltr #.

Shirley R. Dean - Douglas - 364-3581

Shirley Dean is a 43-year resident of Alaska and currently resides in Douglas. She is retired from the State of Alaska after working over 16 years for the Child Support Enforcement Division and the Alaska State Human Rights Commission in investigations and management. Prior to her work for the State of Alaska, she worked as a Police Officer then a Legal Advocate in Domestic Violence Programs.

Resume

TALIS JAMES COLBERG

P.O. Box 4004
Palmer, Alaska 99645
907-746-3143

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

TALIS J. COLBERG, ATTORNEY AT LAW

Licensed attorney in Alaska since November 20, 1984

Sole practitioner in Palmer 1992 - present

21 years workers compensation law experience.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COLLEGE

Adjunct History Instructor (Eastern & Western Civilization)

1992 - present

Nominated for Outstanding Teaching 1998.

Awarded Honorable Mention by the University of Alaska,
Anchorage.

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANIES

1985 - 1992

Associate Attorney - Staff Counsel

KOPPERUD & HEFFERAN

1984 - 1985

Associate Attorney - Wasilla, Alaska

LAW OFFICE OF J.R. SNODGRASS, JR.

summers of 1981 - 1983

Law Clerk - Palmer, Alaska

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

PALMER ROTARY CLUB

1992 - present

Past President

GREATER PALMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Member

1992 - present

ALASKA STATE FAIR, INC.

Director and Secretary

1995 - 2001.

President of Board

1999 - 2001.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA VALLEYS STATE PARK CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

Board Member

1998 - 2001.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Elected to two 3 year terms

2000 - 2006.

ALASKA HUMANITIES FORUM

Board of Directors (3 year term)

2002 - 2006.

Chairman of the Board

2004 - 2005.

EDUCATION

High School 1976 Palmer High School.

BA 1979 Oriental History, Pacific Lutheran University.

JD 1983 Pepperdine University School of Law.

Currently enrolled in the Northern Studies Ph.D. program at University of Alaska Fairbanks. 9 thesis credits left to complete, currently being worked on. Planned graduation: May 2008.

ELIZABETH JOHNSTON HICKERSON

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Anchorage, Alaska 99517
(907) 272-7170 home
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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Oklahoma City University School of Law
May 1980

Bachelor of Science, University of Oklahoma
May 1973

High School Diploma, R. L. Paschal High School, Ft. Worth, Texas
May 1969

EXPERIENCE

- | | |
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| 2006 to present | Elizabeth J. Hickerson, Attorney at Law
Sole practitioner |
| 1987 to 2004 | Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law
State of Alaska

Clients included: Alaska Public Utilities
Commission/Regulatory Commission of Alaska;
Department of Transportation & Public
Facilities/International Airport; Division of
Agriculture/ARLF/Board of Agriculture &
Conservation; Division of Insurance; Department of
Human Services/HIPPA

Frequent continuing legal education instructor for
Department of Law and Alaska Bar Association on:
ethics, public records, public meetings, administrative
procedure, administrative regulations |
| 1987 | Temporary staff attorney, Anchorage Equal Rights
Commission |
| 1982-1986 | Counsel to Alaska State Senate |

1981	Utility & transportation research assistant, Alaska Consumer Advocacy Program
1980	Assistant District Attorney, Oklahoma County, OK
1974-1977	High school social studies teacher, Norman, OK

MEMBERSHIPS

Alaska Bar Association, 1981 to present

**Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct, member
Disciplinary Committee for 3rd Judicial District, member
Administrative Law Section, member**

Oklahoma Bar Association, 1980 to present



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Memorandum

TO: Senator McGuire, Chair
State Affairs Committee

FROM: Kirsten Waid *KW*
Secretary of the Senate

DATE: February 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Governor's Appointments

Pursuant to AS 39.05.080, the President has referred the following names, with attached resumes, for legislative confirmation to your committee for a hearing, recommendation and report:

State Commission for Human Rights

Grace Merkes - Sterling

Appointed: 2/19/2003

Reappointed: 1/28/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Robert B. Sawyer, Jr. - Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/19/2003

Reappointed: 1/29/2008 Term Expires: 3/1/2013

Mark S. Fish - Anchorage

Appointed: 6/11/2007

Term Expires: 3/1/2012

Attachment: Resumes

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MERKES

Grace Merkes
PO Box 8
Sterling, AK 99672

Murkowski Administration Transition
Governor's Mailroom
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

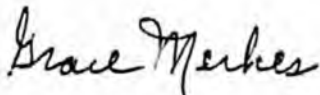
Attn: James Clark,

Mr. Clark, please pass on my congratulations to Governor-Elect, Senator Murkowski, on becoming our new Governor. I am sure that through his and his team's leadership, our state will become a better state for our citizens to live in. We can all look forward to a state that will provide high paying jobs, an education that will provide our young people an opportunity for both a college as well as a vocational education, social services that are family based, and a transportation system that will open up our state to our citizens for both employment and recreational opportunities. These are some of the issues I have heard Governor Murkowski speak about and they are the same hopes I have for this great state and all our citizens.

I am writing to request consideration from the Governor and your Transition Team, to be appointed either on the Transition Team or to be considered for some commission or Board in regard to our youth, education or community services. My past experience and involvement in our local and state government as a member of the Borough Assembly and a candidate for State House of Representatives, my volunteer service to humanitarian services, my work in starting the Head Start program in Sterling/Soldotna and my job experience working for the Division of Youth and Family Services, help qualify me for serving the Governor in any of these areas.

I am enclosing my resume along with the application form that Paulette Simpson requested. I want to thank you in advance for your consideration of an appointment. I will be looking forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely,



Grace Merkes
Cc: Paulette Simpson

GRACE MERKES

PO BOX 8, STERLING, AK. 99672

(907) 262-9811

merkes@ptialaska.net

OBJECTIVE

To work with Governor Murkowski's Transition Team, in a position of either working on the Transition Team or as a member of a Board or Committee, to offer my services to the state and communities. My personal strengths are leadership, ability to make decisions, dependability, established in the business, local and state government communities, have grass roots support, familiar with non-profit agencies and I have experience working with volunteer and state agencies. Because of my personal strengths, job and volunteer experience, I feel qualified for a position as a member of the Transition Team or being appointed to a Board or commission.

WORK HISTORY

ST. OF AK., DEPT. OF FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

10/15/90 RESIGNED 06/01/95

Administrative Clerk II; Duties included support of a staff of seven social workers with computer work including letters, court documents, reports, case plans, licensing work, and input in State PROBER system. Front office receptionist included; monthly statistical reports, screened community representative to participate in 4-E Reviews, process Permanent Fund and Medicaid applications, interview and assign Job Service volunteers to work in the office, oversee family visits and working with Foster Parents. While working for the Division, I had the opportunity to observe all functions of the Social Service system without having to make the decisions in the case.

VECO

05/01/90 RESIGNED 10/14/90

Payroll and Accounts Payable Clerk; this job included inputting data from time sheets for payroll. Solving problems, if there was a mistake on the workers check. Inputting receipts from purchases of materials and assigning them to the appropriate job site.

IRV CARLISLIE, ACCOUNTING

01/01/90 RESIGNED 04/15/90

Tax Preparer; Interviewed clients for information needed to prepare and complete their Income Tax Return. Did individual, partnerships and corporation returns. Worked on Financial Statements.

MOOSE RIVER REALTY AND TAX SERVICE

1981 SOLD BUSINESS 1986

Broker/Owner of Moose River Realty & Tax Service; Interviewed clients to establish their eligibility for financing and requirements for purchasing land, homes or business. Completed Income Tax Returns. During this time, also had a Securities License to sell interests in Limited partnerships.

PENINSULA REALTY, INC.

1974 THROUGH 1981

Salesperson for Peninsula Realty & in two years became an Associate Broker; Interviewed and sold homes, land and businesses to clients. Listed and established prices on inventory.

EDUCATION

Frontier Vocational Training Center, 1989

Certificates for Clerical, Accounting, Computers, and Business English

Kenai Peninsula Community College, 1960 through 1970

Various Business credits in Clerical, Income Tax Preparation, Accounting, Real Estate, Computers etc.

Graduate of Edgar High School, 1952-1956

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I am currently, an elected Assembly Member of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. My first term started in 1991. I was appointed to the Planning Commission from 1977 through 1984. I am a member of the Sterling Community Club; Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, Kenai Peninsula and National Republican Party, liaison person from the community to the Sterling Elementary in 1998; member of the Legislative Committee for Health & Social Services, Education Committee, and Local Government for Alaska Municipal League, Member of Sterling Seniors and a member of Bid Committee for the Arctic Winter Games.

GRACE MERKES

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION/RESUME FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

A separate application is required for each position for which you apply. Complete and specific answers will aid in rapid and accurate processing of your resumé. Please type or print legibly in ink. Forward to the above address. Be sure your answers are true. A willfully false answer may result in your disqualification or removal from office if you are appointed.

Board or Commission for which I am applying: Humanities Forum

Please list any other State Boards or Commissions on which you currently or previously have served:

Name: Grace E. Merkes
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 8
 Residence Address: Mile 8 1/2 (33210) Sterling Hwy.
 City, State and Zip Code: Sterling, AK 99672
 Home Telephone: 907-262-9811 Business or Message Telephone: 907-262-9811
 Fax Number: 907-262-6764 Cell Phone: 398-6754
 Email address: merkes@ptialaska.net

AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a state board or commission be a registered voter prior to the last general election:

Are you a registered voter? YES NO

Voter Registration Number (Optional): 00414612 Social Security Number (Optional): 390-34-9718

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

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YES NO

Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you have applied? YES NO

"YES", explain:

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: (If resumé attached, it is not necessary to complete items A-D) *See attached resumé*

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DATE OF BIRTH: 9-27-38

SEX: Male Female

ETHNICITY: Alaska Native American Indian Asian or Pacific Islander Black Hispanic White

MILITARY SERVICE (if applicable, give dates): NONE

CERTIFICATION: I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Signature (in ink): Grace Nash Date: 11/26/07

Robert B. Sawyer, Jr.

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(907) 479-7323, Alaska

Goals and Objectives

To obtain employment as a Program Manager or Executive Director with an opportunity to use my extensive experience in leadership, training, management, supervision and interpersonal skills.

Summary of Qualification

Demonstrated performance in leading a large number of personnel demonstrated skills in resource management, counseling, training and employment.

Community Activities

Boards of Director: Ft. Wainwright, AK; and Copperas Cove, TX; Federal Credit Union. Family Centered Service of Alaska; Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption; Literacy Council of Alaska, Crisis Line, Interior Neighborhood Health Clinic, Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, and FNSB School District Board of Education.

Committees: Alaska Court System Consumer User/Sub-Committee, Alaska National Guard advisor, School District Board Ethnic Committee, School to Work Program and Junior Achievement Program.

President/Chairman: Past Chairman, Tanana Valley chapter of the American Red Cross; Past President, Fairbanks Homeless Coalition; Past President, Polar Bear chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, and Past President, Family Centered Services of Alaska.

Education

- Ph.D. Candidate, Community Development UAF (2004).
- Master of Public Administration, University of LaVerne, LaVerne, CA. 1991.
- BS, Business Administration, Wayland Baptist University, Plainsview, TX. 1988.
- Senior Leadership Academy (Sergeants Major Academy) Ft. Bliss, TX. 1978.

Teaching Experience

- **Substitute Teacher:** Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, Fairbanks, Alaska. Subjects taught: Mathematics, Physical Education and Social Studies. Enforced classroom management and discipline.
- **College Instructor:** Wayland Baptist University and Texas Central College. Subjects taught: Financial Management, Economics, Ethics and Business Management.

Work Experience

Executive Director, Fairbanks Crisis Clinic Foundation 1999-2001

- Eliminated the Crisis Clinic \$50,000 debt in a three month period after assuming the position of Executive Director.
- Managed the operation of the Crisis Clinic with no staff for one year.
- Performed all budgeting functions, grant writing, and fiscal reports with assistance from a Board Member.
- Represented the organization in public in public settings and public campaigns.
- Executed a Crisis Intervention program that was instrumental in reducing suicides through crisis intervention.

Community Development Specialist with Work Force Development 1998-1999

- Assisted hundreds of clients through training and employment to attain quality jobs.
- Performed assessments to determine aptitudes, interest and abilities for vocational and educational training.
- Provided outreach for clients to take advantage of state and local training programs.

Robert B. Sawver, Jr.

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Program Manger, (STEP) Fairbanks Private Industry Council 1990-1998

- Reduced unemployment recipients by 50 percent, the result of excellent program management.
- Named outstanding employee during my first year of employment.
- Assisted nontraditional students explore options for major and degree progression.
- Wrote and issued Request for Proposals for local business and unions.

Senior Enlisted Leader (Command Sergeant Major) U.S. Army 1980-1990

Command Sergeant Major Ft. Wainwright:

- Supervised 5000 soldiers and provided counseling, safety, training, discipline and personal welfare. Improved the installation by implementing a mayoral program through out Ft. Wainwright, with the assistance of a military sponsor program.
- Participated in multi-million dollar capital improvement plans that lead to the construction of housing for enlisted and officers, expansion of the golf course, bike paths, and a vehicle storage facility.
- Provided quality of life programs for family members to include monitoring the child care center and the youth center.

Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion 21st Field Artillery, Ft. Hood, Texas:

- Provided leadership, training management and counseling for 500 soldiers.
- Assisted the Artillery battalion to be designated as the best-trained unit in Division Artillery. By passing grade of 100 percent on the nuclear readiness test.
- Provided a system for college programs to be taught in the unit to encourage soldiers to expand their education.

Command Sergeant Major, 4th Battalion 9th Infantry:

- Taught infantry tactics to enlisted and officers.
- Directed unit promotion and disciplinary boards.
- Motivated soldiers through individual and group counseling and quality training.
- Consulted the commander on issues pertaining to enlisted soldiers and family members.

Sergeant Major, Camp James E. Rudder, Florida Ranger Training Phase:

- Implemented a training doctrine that distinguished Camp Rudder as one of the army's best training units.
- Developed administrative procedures that saved the army thousands of dollars by eliminating a 500 mile round trip to Ft. Benning, GA. For administrative matters.
- Established a Youth Activity Center for the camps' youth.
- Established an out standing safety record in spite of the extremely hazardous ranger training.
- Prepared Ranger Instructors for an occupational skilled test with a 100 percent pass rate, with an average score of 97.5 percent. The best performance in the Infantry School.

Computer Skills:

- WordPerfect, Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Internet, e-mail

References are available upon request



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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION/RESUME FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

A separate application is required for each position for which you apply. Complete and specific answers will aid in rapid and accurate processing of your resumé. Please type or print legibly in ink. Forward to the above address. Be sure your answers are true. A willfully false answer may result in your disqualification or removal from office if you are appointed.

Board or Commission for which I am applying: ~~Board of Game~~

Human Rights Commission

Please list any other State Boards or Commissions on which you currently or previously have served:

none

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AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a state board or commission be a registered voter prior to the last general election:

Are you a registered voter? YES x NO

Voter Registration Number (Optional): 01139567

Social Security Number (Optional): [REDACTED]

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

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DATE OF BIRTH: November 14, 1957

SEX: Male Female

ETHNICITY: Alaska Native American Indian Asian or Pacific Islander Black
Hispanic White

MILITARY SERVICE (if applicable, give dates): February 1984-August 2003 Alaska Army National Guard.
Current status Staff Sergeant, Inactive retired reserve.

CERTIFICATION: I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Signature: _____
21, 2006

Mark A. Fish

Date: November

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Profile:

I have the ability to work as part of a diverse team of individuals or as an independent agent. I am reliable, trustworthy and intellectually curious. I require few benefits. I am seeking to supplement my income while participating in an engaging workplace environment. I prefer part time employment and I am flexible on scheduling.

• **Major Achievements:**

- λ Implemented Alaska Army National Guard (AKARNG) Aviation's first official Non Rated Crew member training program. This resulted in a deployable, night vision goggle trained, UH60 helicopter unit.
- λ Supervised components of AKARNG Aviation in their first ever out of state deployment in support of Joint Task Force 6 (California border detail). This deployment resulted in the 1/207th Aviation Regiment being awarded Alaska's Distinguished Unit Citation.
- λ Twenty years of service in the Alaska Army National Guard. Resulting in many Awards culminating with The Alaska Distinguished Service Medal.

Experience:

1984 - 2003 **Alaska Army National Guard 1/207th Aviation Regiment**

1984 - 1987 **Utility Helicopter Repairman**

- Performed all aspect of helicopter maintenance and repair. Ensured Aircraft availability and airworthiness.

1988 - 1993 **Tactical Transport Helicopter (Black hawk) Crew Chief**

- Operated as part of a coordinated flight crew during a multitude of mission profiles.
- Performed duties as flight instructor and unit trainer for other non- rated crew members.

1993-2003 **Aircraft technical Inspector**

- Ensured all safety of flight maintenance was performed to established standards and was properly documented using computer based flight logs.
- Assessed maintenance trends and implemented control measures to minimize risk and provide a safe operating

environment.

1987- 2003 Army Aviation Support Facility AKARNG

1987- 1991 Aircraft Mechanic (WG 5-10)

- Responsible for performing operational and phase maintenance on assigned aircraft.
- Performed assigned duty as bench stock supply parts manager

1991 -2003 Aircraft Mechanic (WG11)

- Supervised a team of up to five mechanics in the inspection and reconstruction of assigned aircraft.
- Initiated parts request, prioritized and tracked parts throughout the procurement process. Coordinated the performance of specialized work orders with allied shops.
- Provided daily status reports and projected Phase completion dates to assist unit commanders in assessing unit needs and readiness.

Aug 2006-Nov 2006 Volunteer Coordinator, Palin for Governor

- Directed volunteers to scheduled and unscheduled tasks.
- Provided material support and a point of contact for statewide volunteers

2003-2006 Public Service

- Currently serving as President of Airport Heights Community Council and the Federation of Community Councils executive board.
- Served as a non-voting member of a Anchorage School District, Boundary Task Force.
- Served on nominating committee for the Federation of Community Councils

Training:

- Completed many Military resident courses including but not limited to Aviation Maintenance Management and Leadership Development.

Qualifications :

- Life long Alaskan hunter and fisher with an intimate knowledge of customary and traditional use of game resources. Traveled extensively across Alaska very familiar with rural and urban Alaskan lifestyles.

Personal Details:

I pursue many different interests including hunting, fishing, building blackpowder rifles, history and current events

**Reference*

** Jim Dittlinger Chugiak wings180@mtaonline.net 688-5140*

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SB

7

SB7 3/5/07

- Almost all felons have some period of probation & parole.
- poll taxes, literacy \$2.50.
- → Technology improves
- Alaska Native 37% comprised longer sentences
- lower income
- Disparate treatment.
- Who are the felons in Alaska.

83%

65% "C" property 30/20
2% → murder

(1) Rt. to rehabilitation → it's a right in the system.
They are folks deemed worthy of re-entry of society.

(2) A.K. Law Review Dec. 2006
Felon Disfranchisement
Christopher M

(3) Overall National trend -
Steps are being taken toward
felon re-enfranchisement

(4) 16 States have taken States
* i.e. Rhode Island.

(5) 20 states whose laws
are less restrictive than
Alaska. Colorado just debated
Rep. Gov. Florida taking steps

* less likelihood that those
that remain outcasts will
re-offend.

* re-enfranchisement of all
civil rts.

* ~~Outwork~~ ~~quilt~~ in some
state that excludes
some crimes

• Crimes against persons.

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 1/16/07

FURTHER: Judiciary
Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: _____

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 7

SB 7 FELONS' RIGHT TO VOTE

"An Act relating to the voting rights of felons."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS SB7 (STA)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:
<input type="checkbox"/> Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/> New Title
<hr/>
HOUSE BILL:
<input type="checkbox"/> Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/> New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indef	Zero	FN#
CORR	01/23			✓	
DOG	01/23			✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indef	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	French			X	
	Green			X	
CHAIR:	McAure	✓			

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SB 7 "An Act relating to the voting rights of felons"

Sponsor Statement

It is essential to a democracy that every citizen who wishes to be a productive member of society be afforded the right to vote. Art. I, Sec. 12 of the Alaska Constitution provides that criminal administration is based on the "principle of reformation" in addition to protecting the public, community condemnation of the offender, and the rights of victims. Political participation helps with rehabilitation and reintegration into the community.

SB 7 grants felons the right and opportunity to vote if they wish to exercise that right immediately after having served their time. In Alaska 5,000 Alaskans have lost their right to vote because of felony convictions. Current Alaska law bars the vote to persons convicted of felonies of moral turpitude until the expiration of a post-incarceration period of parole or probation, which is often years after they have reentered society as productive citizens and tax payers. While Vermont and Maine do not disenfranchise felons at all, other states are reforming their laws to allow felons to vote either after release (13 states), after release and completion of probation or parole (21 states including Alaska), or permanent disenfranchisement to certain felons (14 states).

Harsh sentencing laws over the past 30 years have allowed the prison population to burgeon, while reducing the rehabilitative model to an anachronism. Over 4.7 million Americans or 1 in 43 adults cannot vote due to felony convictions, with 1/3 or more of them due to alcohol and drug offenses. Of those incarcerated in Alaska 47% are white; 37% Alaska Native; 11% African American; 2% Hispanic; and 3% Asian/Pacific Islanders. Minority felons are disproportionately disenfranchised under current law and the harm of continued disenfranchisement after release is exacerbated by stigma and other forms of discrimination as they try to reenter society.

SB 7 will help rehabilitate released felons by welcoming them back into the voting community immediately after release and encouraging them to become good citizens. Studies show that felons who vote have a lower rate of recidivism. CSSB 7 will streamline the process by which the state restores voting rights to felons and thus will save money. I urge your support of CSSB 7.

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SB 7 "An Act relating to the voting rights of felons"

Explanation of changes in CS for Senate Bill No. 7 ()

1. Section 1. AS 15.05.030(b) provides a cue to the Commissioner of Corrections of more specific procedures required of the Department of Corrections to advise persons of their restored right to vote upon release from incarceration, as well as providing notice to the Director of Elections of the same.

Note: These procedures are not exhaustive: In the latter case, for example, the Commissioner of Corrections may wish to establish policy and procedure for a reasonable number of days, e.g., 60 days, to advise the Director of Elections of released person's restored right to vote, as well as expedited procedures for prompt reapplication for participation in an up-coming election.

2. Section 2. AS 15.07.135(a) does not change the law, but only changes the title of the section to more accurately reflect the nature of the section.

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Bullard
2/2/07

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 7()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR DAVIS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the voting rights of felons."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 * Section 1. AS 15.05.030 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 15.05.030. Loss and restoration of voting rights.** (a) A person convicted
5 of a crime that constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude under state or federal law
6 may not vote in a state, federal, or municipal election while incarcerated for that
7 crime [FROM THE DATE OF THE CONVICTION THROUGH THE DATE OF
8 THE UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE OF THE PERSON]. Upon release from
9 incarceration [THE UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE], the person may register
10 under AS 15.07.

11 (b) The commissioner of corrections shall establish procedures by which a
12 person released from incarceration [UNCONDITIONALLY DISCHARGED] is
13 advised of the voter registration requirements and procedures. The procedures
14 established under this subsection must provide that at the time of the person's
15 release from incarceration,

1 (A) the department shall give the person a written
2 notification of the person's restored right to vote; and

3 (B) the commissioner of corrections shall notify the director
4 that the person is entitled to be reregistered as a voter.

5 * Sec. 2. AS 15.07.135 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 15.07.135. Cancellation of registration of incarcerated
7 [CONVICTED] persons. (a) The director shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the
8 names of persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude and incarcerated
9 for that crime. Promptly after receipt of evidence satisfactory to the director that a
10 person has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude and incarcerated for
11 that crime, the director shall cancel the registration of the person.

12 (b) Upon presenting proof that a person whose registration was canceled under
13 (a) of this section has been released from incarceration [UNCONDITIONALLY
14 DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY], the person may register. The director shall make
15 reasonable efforts to verify the release from incarceration [UNCONDITIONAL
16 DISCHARGE] of persons applying for registration under this subsection.

17 * Sec. 3. AS 33.30.241(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) A person who is convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude as defined
19 in AS 15.60.010 is disqualified from voting in a state or municipal election while the
20 person is incarcerated for that crime [UNTIL THE PERSON'S
21 UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGE].

22 * Sec. 4. AS 15.60.010(39) is repealed.

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SB 7 **"An Act relating to the voting rights of felons"** *Sponsored by Senator Bettye Davis*

Sectional Analysis

Section 1. A person convicted of a crime which constitutes a felony involving moral turpitude under state or federal law may not vote while incarcerated for that crime but may register after release. The Commissioner of Corrections shall establish procedures to give persons notice of voter registration requirements and procedures after release, including giving persons written notification of persons' restored right to vote and notifying the Director of Elections that the persons are entitled to be reregistered as voters.

Section 2. The Director of Elections shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the names of persons convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude and incarcerated for that crime and cancel their registration until further notice. Upon presenting proof that a person whose registration was canceled under this section has been released from incarceration, the person may register. The Director shall make reasonable efforts to verify the release from incarceration of persons applying for registration under this subsection.

Section 3. A person convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude as defined in AS 15.60.010 is disqualified from voting in a state or municipal election while incarcerated for that crime.

Section 4. Repeals AS 15.60.010(39), definition of "unconditional discharge."

FELONY DISENFRANCHISEMENT LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES

Overview

Since the founding of the country, most states in the U.S. have enacted laws disenfranchising convicted felons and ex-felons. In the last 30 years, due to the dramatic expansion of the criminal justice system, these laws have significantly affected the political voice of many American communities. The momentum toward reform of these policies has been based on a reconsideration of their wisdom in meeting legitimate correctional objectives and the interests of full democratic participation.

State Disenfranchisement Laws

- 48 states and the District of Columbia prohibit inmates from voting while incarcerated for a felony offense.
- Only two states - Maine and Vermont - permit inmates to vote.
- 35 states prohibit felons from voting while they are on parole and 30 of these states exclude felony probationers as well.
- Three states deny the right to vote to all ex-offenders who have completed their sentences. Nine others disenfranchise certain categories of ex-offenders and/or permit application for restoration of rights for specified offenses after a waiting period (e.g., five years in Delaware and Wyoming, three years in Maryland, and two years in Nebraska).
- Each state has developed its own process of restoring voting rights to ex-offenders but most of these restoration processes are so cumbersome that few ex-offenders are able to take advantage of them.

Impact of Felony Disenfranchisement

- An estimated 5.3 million Americans, or one in forty-one adults, have currently or permanently lost their voting rights as a result of a felony conviction.
- 1.4 million African American men, or 13% of black men, are disenfranchised, a rate seven times the national average.
- An estimated 676,730 women are currently ineligible to vote as a result of a felony conviction.
- More than 2 million¹ white Americans (Hispanic and non-Hispanic)² are disenfranchised.
- In five states that deny the vote to ex-offenders, one in four black men is *permanently* disenfranchised.
- Given current rates of incarceration, three in ten of the next generation of black men can expect to be disenfranchised at some point in their lifetime. In states that disenfranchise ex-offenders, as many as 40% of black men may permanently lose their right to vote.
- 2.1 million disenfranchised persons are ex-offenders who have completed their sentences. The state of Florida had an estimated 960,000 ex-felons who were unable to vote in the 2004 presidential election.

¹ This estimate is based on the proportion of whites convicted of felony offenses for the period 1988-1996.

² Bureau of Justice Statistics' reports on felony sentences in state courts do not provide separate conviction data for Hispanics.

Policy Changes

- **Alabama:** In 2003, Governor Riley signed into law a bill that permits most felons to apply for a certificate of eligibility to register to vote after completing their sentence.
- **Connecticut:** In 2001, Governor Rowland signed into law a bill that extends voting rights to felons on probation. The law is expected to make 36,000 persons eligible to vote.
- **Delaware:** In 2000, the General Assembly passed a constitutional amendment restoring voting rights to some ex-felons five years after the completion of their sentence.
- **Iowa:** Governor Vilsack issued an executive order in 2005 automatically restoring the voting rights of all ex-felons, a process that will continue on a monthly basis upon the completion of sentence.
- **Kansas:** In 2002, the legislature added probationers to the category of excluded felons.
- **Kentucky:** In 2001, the legislature passed a bill that requires that the Department of Corrections inform and aid eligible offenders in completing the restoration process to regain their civil rights.
- **Maryland:** In 2002, the legislature repealed its lifetime ban on two-time ex-felons (with the exception of felons with two violent convictions) and imposed a three-year waiting period after completion of sentence before rights can be restored.
- **Massachusetts:** In 2000, the Massachusetts electorate voted in favor of a constitutional amendment, which strips persons incarcerated for a felony offense of their right to vote.
- **Nebraska:** In 2005, the Legislature repealed the lifetime ban on all felons and replaced it with a two-year post-sentence ban.
- **Nevada:** In 2003, the state approved a provision to automatically restore voting rights for first-time nonviolent felons immediately after completion of sentence.
- **New Mexico:** In 2001, the Legislature adopted a bill repealing the state's lifetime ban on ex-felon voting. In 2005, a bill was passed that requires the Department of Corrections to provide notification of completion of sentence to the Secretary of State's office.
- **Pennsylvania:** A Commonwealth Court restored the right to vote to thousands of ex-felons who, as a result, were entitled to vote in the 2000 presidential election.
- **Rhode Island:** In 2006, Rhode Island voters approved a referendum to amend the state constitution and restore voting rights to persons currently serving a sentence of probation or parole.
- **Tennessee:** In 2006, the Tennessee legislature amended the country's most complex restoration system by greatly simplifying the procedure. All persons convicted of a felony (except electoral or serious violent offenses) are now eligible to have their right to vote restored upon completion of sentence and may apply for a "certificate of restoration" from the Board of Probation and Parole. All applicants must also satisfy any court-ordered restitution or child support obligations.
- **Texas:** In 1997, the Texas Legislature passed a bill, signed by Governor George W. Bush, eliminating the two-year waiting period after completion of sentence before individuals can regain their right to vote.
- **Utah:** In 1998, Utah voters approved an amendment prohibiting persons incarcerated for a felony conviction from voting.
- **Virginia:** The Virginia legislature passed a law in 2000 enabling certain ex-felons to apply to the circuit court for the restoration of their voting rights five years after the completion of their sentence; those convicted of felony drug offenses must wait seven years after completion. The circuit court's decisions are subject to the Governor's approval.
- **Wyoming:** In 2003, Governor Freudenthal signed a bill to allow people convicted of a non-violent first-time felony to apply for restoration of voting rights five years after completion of sentence.

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Disenfranchisement Categories Under State Law

STATE	PRISON	PROBATION	PAROLE	POST-SENTENCE	
				ALL	Partial
Alabama	X	X	X		X (certain offenses)
Alaska	X	X	X		
Arizona	X	X	X		X (2nd felony)
Arkansas*	X	X	X		
California	X		X		
Colorado	X		X		
Connecticut	X		X		
Delaware	X	X	X		X (5 years)
District of Columbia	X				
Florida	X	X	X	X	
Georgia	X	X	X		
Hawaii	X				
Idaho	X	X	X		
Illinois	X				
Indiana	X				
Iowa	X	X	X		
Kansas	X	X	X		
Kentucky	X	X	X	X	
Louisiana	X	X	X		
Maine					
Maryland	X	X	X		X (2nd felony, 3 years)
Massachusetts	X				
Michigan	X				
Minnesota	X	X	X		
Mississippi	X	X	X		X (certain offenses)
Missouri	X	X	X		
Montana	X				
Nebraska	X	X	X		X (2 years)
Nevada	X	X	X		X (except first-time nonviolent)
New Hampshire	X				
New Jersey	X	X	X		
New Mexico	X	X	X		
New York	X		X		
North Carolina	X	X	X		
North Dakota	X				
Ohio	X				
Oklahoma	X	X	X		
Oregon	X				
Pennsylvania	X				
Rhode Island	X				
South Carolina	X	X	X		
South Dakota	X		X		
Tennessee	X	X	X		X (certain offenses)
Texas	X	X	X		
Utah	X				
Vermont					
Virginia	X	X	X	X	
Washington*	X	X	X		
West Virginia	X	X	X		
Wisconsin	X	X	X		
Wyoming	X	X	X		X (5 years)
U.S. Total	49	30	35	3	9

* Failure to satisfy obligations associated with convictions may result in post-sentence loss of voting rights.

FELONY DISENFRANCHISEMENT LAWS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES



- Permanent disenfranchisement for all felony offenders, unless government approves individual rights restoration**
 FL, KY, VA

- Permanent disenfranchisement for at least some felony offenders, unless government approves individual rights restoration**
 AL, AZ, DE, MD, MS, NV, TN, WY

- Voting rights restored automatically after completion of sentence, including prison, parole and probation**
 AK, AR, GA, ID, IA, KS, LA, MN, MO, NE, NJ, NM, NC, OK, SC, TX, WA, WV, WI

- Voting rights restored automatically after release from prison and discharge from parole (probationers may vote)**
 CA, CO, CT, NY, SD

- Voting rights restored automatically after release from prison**
 DC, HI, IL, IN, MA, MI, MT, NH, ND, OH, OR, PA, RI, UT

- No disenfranchisement for felony convictions**
 ME, VT

■ ***Permanent disenfranchisement for all felony offenders, unless government approves individual rights restoration***

Florida
Kentucky
Virginia

■ ***Permanent disenfranchisement for at least some felony offenders, unless government approves individual rights restoration***

Alabama: People with certain felony convictions involving moral turpitude can apply to have their voting rights restored upon completion of sentence and payment of fines and fees; people convicted of some specific crimes are permanently barred from voting.

Arizona: People convicted of one felony can have their voting rights restored upon completion of sentence, including all prison, parole, and probation terms and payment of legal financial obligations. People convicted of two or more felonies are permanently barred from voting unless pardoned or restored by a judge.

Delaware: Felony offenders can have their voting rights restored five years after completion of sentence and payment of fines and fees. People who are convicted of certain disqualifying felonies are permanently disenfranchised.

Maryland: Voting rights are restored post-sentence¹ after a first conviction for an "infamous crime." A three-year waiting period is imposed post-sentence for individuals with subsequent convictions. People who are convicted of a second or subsequent *violent* crime are permanently disenfranchised.

Mississippi: People who are convicted of one of ten disqualifying offenses are permanently disenfranchised. Others never lose the right to vote.

Nevada: The right to vote is automatically restored to first-time offenders of non-violent crimes upon completion of sentence. Repeat offenders and those convicted of violent crimes cannot vote unless pardoned or granted a restoration of civil rights from the court in which they were convicted.

Tennessee: People convicted of felonies after 1981 can have their voting rights restored if they have completed their full sentences, paid all restitution, and are current with child support payments. People convicted of some categories of crimes cannot regain the right to vote unless pardoned.

Wyoming: First-time nonviolent felony offenders can have their rights restored five years after completion of sentence. Repeat offenders and those convicted of violent crimes are permanently barred from voting, unless pardoned or restored to rights by the Governor.

¹ In Maryland, post-sentence means the individual "has completed the court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, parole, community service, restitutions, and fines." Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law § 3-102(b)(1)(ii).