## **Bill Summary** 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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## **Bill Analysis**

SB 282 creates the Oklahoma Restoration of Voting Rights Act. The measure restores the voting rights of a convicted felon upon the felon's release. Each person convicted of a felony must be informed by the court that they will lose their right to vote while incarcerated but will have their rights restored upon release. The State Election Board is also required by the measure to ensure persons released from incarceration do not face continued barriers to vote. Furthermore, the Board is responsible for educating the public, lawyers, courts, and election officials on the provisions of this measure.

The measure also requires the Department of Corrections to transmit a list of convicted felons and released felons to the Board. Under this measure, the Board must restore the right to vote to those released from the custody of the Department. The provisions of this measure will retroactively apply to all persons who are otherwise eligible to vote.

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