



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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Governor

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Secretary of State

August 17, 2020

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(via email – [REDACTED])

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion F-20-4

Dear [REDACTED],

On June 15, 2020, we received from you the attached request for an advisory opinion pursuant to the form and procedure articulated by the court in *Jones et al. v. DeSantis et al.*; U.S. District Court, Northern District, Case No. 4:19cv300-RH/MJF.

Specifically, you requested:

A statement of the amount of any fine or restitution that must be paid to make you eligible to vote and an explanation of how the amount was calculated.

Although the district court's decision has been stayed by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Division is responding to your request pursuant to its legal authority under section 106.23(2), Florida, Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.010, in that you are an individual seeking to be involved in political activity (voting) and the inquiry concerns that activity (eligibility to vote).

Rule 1S-2.010(f) requires the requestor to provide the precise factual circumstances giving rise to the request. Although in your written request you did not provide information regarding any of your felony convictions, and as a result, your request would not otherwise satisfy the requirements of the Rule, we were able to locate Florida felony records for you using the date of birth you provided. Specifically, Division of Elections staff located the following felony case with convictions in [REDACTED] County:

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Amount ordered at sentencing: \$571.00
Amount paid: \$0.00

The Division of Elections finds that the amount of legal financial obligations related to your felony convictions in the above-referenced case that must be paid to make you eligible to vote is **\$571.00**. *See* Article VI, Fla. Const. and section 98.0751, Fla. Stat. (articulating restoration of voting rights upon all terms of a felony sentence). Please see attached Comprehensive Case Information System record regarding amounts ordered at sentencing as well as the Final Judgment Assessing Application Fee, Attorney's Fees and Costs. It does not appear that any payments toward this amount have been made.

You may wish to consult section 98.0751(2)(a)5.e., Florida Statutes, for alternative paths to monetarily satisfying the terms of the sentence such as seeking a waiver from the court or conversion of the amounts to community service and subsequent completion of such service.

Please note that the finding in this opinion is based upon cases located from the personal identifying information you provided. You have not indicated any specific convictions in any statewide or national jurisdictions and the Division does not opine as to whether any other convictions exist nor whether any such other convictions would interfere with eligibility. If you have any other felony convictions other than those in the case number noted above, please advise and we will gladly research further to ascertain whether any other amounts ordered and unpaid likewise preclude you from voting at this time.

Thank you for submitting your request. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections