



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-20-5

Dear [REDACTED],

On June 26, 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 nevertheless responds 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 name and address you provided. Specifically, Division of Elections staff located the following felony cases with convictions in [REDACTED] County:

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- ■-CF-■
Amount ordered at sentencing: \$330.00
Amount paid: \$330.00
- ■-CF-■¹
Amount ordered at sentencing: \$760.00
Amount paid: \$760.00

The Division of Elections finds that the amount of legal financial obligations related to your felony convictions in the above-referenced cases that must be paid to make you eligible to vote is **\$0.00**. 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 records showing assessments ordered and then subsequently paid. We conclude, based upon the information we located indicating that you satisfied the terms of your sentences, that you are eligible to vote.

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 numbers noted above, please advise and we will gladly research further to ascertain whether any other amounts ordered and unpaid preclude you from voting.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections

¹ This case includes a misdemeanor conviction as well, which would not be required to be paid for restoration of voting rights. Because the total assessed was paid in full, however, it is not relevant in this particular case for the Division to analyze herein which of the costs were attributable to which conviction.