



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-24-6

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

We received your request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you have one or more felony convictions and request whether you are eligible to vote, including whether you have any outstanding legal financial obligations under section 98.0751, Florida Statutes, which would otherwise make you ineligible to vote and, if so, a statement of the amount that must be paid to make you eligible to vote, and an explanation of how the amount was calculated.

The Division hereby responds to your request pursuant to its legal authority under section 106.23(2), Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.010, to provide an advisory opinion to you as an individual seeking to be involved in a political activity (voting) and the particular activity in your inquiry (eligibility to vote).

Per Rule 1S-2.010(4)(f), the requestor must provide the precise factual circumstances giving rise to the request. In your request, you identify yourself as "[REDACTED]" and give your date of birth as [REDACTED]. In your request, you have provided several case numbers, the courts that these charges arose in, and your current address. Our review is based only on the information that you provided to us. The Division was able to determine the following:

In [REDACTED] County:

1. [REDACTED]

On December [REDACTED], 20[REDACTED], you were adjudicated guilty of a felony offense and ordered to pay **\$768.00** in fines, fees, and costs. You have paid **\$72.12** and have an outstanding balance of **\$695.88**. Your outstanding fine consequence of **\$695.88** makes you ineligible to vote.

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In Duval County:

2. [REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED], our records indicate you were adjudicated guilty of a felony offense, and you were sentenced to 23 days imprisonment and ordered to pay **\$428.00** in fines, fees, and costs and **\$188.50** in restitution. This total comes to **\$616.50**. Our records indicate that you have not repaid any amount of the fines, fees, costs, and restitution that you owe. At the time of this letter, the remaining amount that you must pay to restore your voting rights as relates to this sentence is **\$616.50**.

Accordingly, due to your failure to pay the **\$1,312.38** fines, fees, and costs, you have not paid all fines, fees, and costs associated with your felony and are ineligible to vote. *See* Article VI, Fla. Const. § 98.0751(1), (2)(a)5. b., Fla. Stat. (articulating restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence including the payment of all fines, fees, and costs). We conclude, based upon the information we located, that you are ineligible to vote.

Nothing in this opinion should be construed as evaluating your voting eligibility with respect to any other felony convictions you may have, given the incomplete information you have provided to the Division. If there are additional cases or convictions you would like the Division to examine, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections