

REFERENCE TITLE: **suspension; civil rights**

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SB 1475

Introduced by
Senator Kern

AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTION 13-904, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO RESTORATION
OF CIVIL RIGHTS.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 13-904, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 13-904. Suspension of civil rights and occupational
5 disabilities
6 A. A conviction for a felony suspends the following civil rights of
7 the person sentenced:
8 1. The right to vote.
9 2. The right to hold public office of trust or profit.
10 3. The right to serve as a juror.
11 4. During any period of imprisonment any other civil rights the
12 suspension of which is reasonably necessary for the security of the
13 institution in which the person sentenced is confined or for the
14 reasonable protection of the public.
15 5. The right to possess a firearm.
16 B. Persons sentenced to imprisonment shall not thereby be rendered
17 incompetent as witnesses on the trial of a criminal action or proceeding,
18 or incapable of making and acknowledging a sale or conveyance of property.
19 C. A person sentenced to imprisonment is under the protection of
20 the law, and any injury to his person, not authorized by law, is
21 punishable in the same manner as if the person was not convicted and
22 sentenced.
23 D. The conviction of a person for any offense shall not work
24 forfeiture of any property, except if a forfeiture is expressly imposed by
25 law. All forfeitures to the state, unless expressly imposed by law, are
26 abolished.
27 E. A person shall not be disqualified from employment by this state
28 or any of its agencies or political subdivisions solely because of a prior
29 conviction for a felony or misdemeanor within or without this state. A
30 person may be denied employment by this state or any of its agencies or
31 political subdivisions by reason of the prior conviction for a felony or
32 misdemeanor if the offense has a reasonable relationship to the functions
33 of the employment sought.
34 F. Subsection E of this section is not applicable to any law
35 enforcement or probation agency.
36 G. Any complaints concerning a violation of subsection E of this
37 section shall be adjudicated in accordance with the procedures set forth
38 in title 41, chapter 6 and title 12, chapter 7, article 6.
39 H. A person who is adjudicated delinquent under section 8-341 for a
40 felony does not have the right to carry or possess a firearm.
41 I. **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A PERSON IS NOT INELIGIBLE TO RUN**
42 **FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DUE TO ANY CRIMINAL**
43 **CONVICTION OR CIVIL JUDGMENT UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW.**