

RES 16-056

Wilmington, Delaware
June 16, 2016

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Sponsor:

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WHEREAS, an act to amend Title 15 of the Delaware Code relating to elections was proposed by the 148th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by Senator Margaret Rose Henry, Senate Bill No. 242 eliminates the financial bar to voter registration and allows a person convicted of a non-disqualifying felony to vote before they have paid all the fines and fees levied by the courts; and

WHEREAS, it is important to give ex-offenders who are honestly working to pay back their debts the same rights afforded to all citizens, including the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, as we encourage ex-offenders to become productive citizens in our community it is essential to adopt principals of inclusion, fairness and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that Council fully supports Senate Bill No. 242, Felon Voting Bill and further encourages the members of the Delaware General Assembly to vote to approve proposed legislation.

Passed by City Council,
June 16, 2016

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 15th
day of June, 2016.

Dana Shetler
Asst. City Solicitor