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To A. F. Lykke, Employment Placement Officer  
McNeil Island, Washington

. . . While one convicted of a felony is confined in execution of sentence, he is considered to be disfranchised, so far as his rights or privileges as an elector are concerned. Upon completion of his sentence he is not considered in Maine to have lost any of his legal rights except as various statutes governing the right to be licensed in certain professional fields may specify that a prior conviction for certain grounds may be a reason for denying a license to engage in such professional activity. We have no compilation of statutes from which we could specifically enumerate these categories. Each case would have to be decided as the actual application for a license was received.

Any convicted felon who has lost any rights may have those rights restored to him only as a result of a pardon by the Governor and Council.

When any person in Maine is under sentence of imprisonment for life and is confined in pursuance thereof, he is from the time of such imprisonment considered to be civilly dead and his estate shall be administered upon and distributed and his contracts and relations to persons and things are affected in all respects as if he were dead. . .

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