

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: VOTING IN NEVADA WITH A FELONY CONVICTION

Can I vote?

Under Nevada law, you can register to vote if you are a citizen of the United States, will reside in the county where you are registering at the time of the next election, will be at least 18 years old at the time of the next election. Additionally, if you have been convicted of felony you may not vote in Nevada until your voting rights have been restored.

Have my voting rights been automatically restored?

If you completed your sentence before July 1, 2003, then your voting rights should have been automatically restored. You will need to attached documentation of your discharge from supervision to your voter registration.

If you did not complete your sentence before July 1, 2003, your voting rights will be automatically restored once you have completed your sentence, including probation or parole, UNLESS one or more of the following applies:

- You were dishonorably discharged from parole or probation.
- You have multiple convictions that did not arise from the same event.
- You were convicted of a category A felony or a category B felony that involved the use of force or violence and resulted in substantial bodily harm.

If any of the above list apply, your voting rights have not been and will not be automatically restored will have to petition the court for restoration of your voting rights.

How do I petition a court to restore my voting rights?

Contact Campaign Legal Center for assistance seeking pro bono representation.

What if my conviction is federal or from another state but I reside in and want to vote in Nevada?

If you have a Federal conviction you should call the election division of the Secretary of State's office (775-684-5705). If you have an out-of-state conviction, you will need to restore your right to vote in that state before you can vote in Nevada.

What's changing in 2019?

Nevada recently passed a new law that will automatically restore voting rights to tens of thousands of Nevadans. If you were dishonorably discharged from probation or parole, under current law you need to petition a court to restore your voting rights. Starting on January 1, 2019, people who were dishonorably discharged from probation or parole will have their voting rights automatically restored IF they only had one conviction and that conviction was not Category A or Category B involving force or violence and resulting in substantial bodily harm to the victim.

My right to vote has been restored, how do I register to vote?

If you have had a felony conviction you will need to attach certain documentation to your voter registration in order for it to go through. You should attach the relevant document from the following list:

- If you were honorably discharged from parole/probation, you should attach your Petition and Order for Honorable Discharge.

- If you were honorably discharged from parole, you should attach a Final Discharge from probation/parole.

- If you were unconditionally released from prison without an additional supervision, you should attach your Certificate of Discharge.

- If you successfully petitioned a court for restoration of voting rights, you should attach your Order showing restoration of voting rights.

If you do not have the relevant documentation you may request it from the authority that originally issued it, or from a court of competent jurisdiction.

What if I have more questions or need assistance?

Campaign Legal Center is prepared to help you restore your voting rights. For more information on the law in Nevada, see our online toolkit at www.restoreyourvote.org. To request assistance, please call Blair at 202-736-2201.