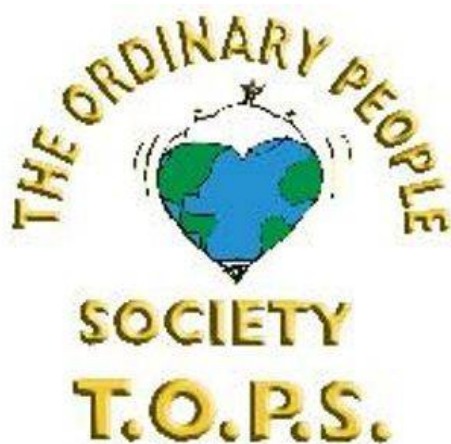


VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION

A Manual for Activists and Advocates to Help People with
Convictions in Alabama Vote

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Introduction

In Alabama, the law regarding which people with past convictions can and cannot vote has been confusing. In 2017, the Alabama Legislature passed a new law clarifying the rules and likely enfranchising tens of thousands or more Alabamians. There are likely tens of thousands more Alabamians with past convictions who are eligible to receive a mandatory voting rights restoration if they apply.

But these laws will only empower voters if they know about their eligibility. Many people with convictions assume they are not eligible and many people with convictions have been wrongly told they are not eligible. This manual is designed to provide all the tools citizens with convictions, activists, and advocates need to help people in Alabama know if they can vote or to restore their right to vote.

Felony disenfranchisement laws silence the voices of over 6 million citizens who are banned from the polls today. As many as 75 percent of these disenfranchised voters are no longer in prison but are unable to vote.

Citizens with past felony convictions work and pay taxes. They should have a say in deciding their communities' and the nation's laws that directly impact their lives. Denying these citizens with past felony convictions the opportunity to fully integrate as members of society sends the message that they will permanently be treated as second-class citizens. Studies have shown that restoring the vote to persons leaving prison could aid their transition back into community life.

In addition, felony disenfranchisement laws are largely the legacy of the Jim Crow era. They continue to primarily impact people of color and therefore distort our democracy. Nearly half of voters disenfranchised through these laws are black. Disenfranchisement not only impacts citizens with past convictions but also disempowers the minority groups to which they belong.

Some U.S. states have no restrictions on voting, while others have a lifetime ban upon conviction. Twelve states, including Alabama, permanently disenfranchise some or all citizens convicted of felony offenses.

Alabama's law prevents some people from ever voting again even after they have fully served their sentence, while others are only able to restore their rights if they affirmatively apply. Alabama is one of 11 other states that restrict voting rights even after a person has served his or her prison sentence and is no longer on probation or parole. Based on the most recent estimates Alabama's law disenfranchises over 286,000 people in the state: 7.6% of the entire state-wide voting-age population and 15.1% of the adult black male voting-age population.¹

It is no surprise that Alabama's disenfranchisement scheme has such a stark disparate impact on communities of color; it was intentionally designed that way in a 1901 constitutional convention to "establish white supremacy." The law disenfranchised people who were convicted of "crimes of moral

¹ These figures were estimated by the Sentencing Project before Alabama's 2017 law that re-enfranchised many.

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turpitude,” a purposefully vague phrase that gave discretion over who could vote to individual county registrars. Pastor Kenneth Glasgow faced this confusing barrier to voting upon returning home from prison in 2001. Glasgow started an organization of formerly incarcerated people, The Ordinary People's Society (TOPS), and began helping others to restore their voting rights. In 2008, he successfully sued the state to start removing barriers to voting for people with felony convictions, beginning with allowing Glasgow access to prisons to bring his voting rights campaign there. But the state did not provide clarity on which convictions would strip a person of the right to vote until 2017 after years of campaigning from activists like Glasgow and TOPS.

Alabama's new law clarifies which convictions disqualify a person from voting, effectively giving the right to vote back to a large number of people who had lost or thought they had lost that right. For others who are disqualified, they may be able to restore their rights through a simple application to the state.

This manual first details how you can determine what a person's path to rights restoration will look like: if they ever lost their right to vote, whether they can apply to the state to have it restored, if they will need to remit their fines and fees, or if they will need a pardon. It also includes template versions of the paperwork a person may need to complete and contact information for some groups who can help further.

We hope that this information and material will be of use to anyone who seeks to strengthen democracy and their communities by empowering those whose voices have been silenced by felony disenfranchisement.

Working with Disenfranchised Citizens

When assisting people with convictions, it is important to keep in mind that they may have particular sensitivities and privacy concerns. So, please:

- Be welcoming and personable. Understand that there can be guilt and stigma associated with having a criminal record.
- Be patient. The person you are helping may be emotional or nervous in recalling the details of their conviction. Be aware that other issues may be involved, such as mental health concerns or disability. The person may need assistance with reading and writing.
- Respect the privacy of the person you are assisting. Keep the conversation private by speaking at a reasonable volume and finding a space away from others. All assistance should be confidential.
- Do not pry into their personal business. Questions of innocence or morality regarding their conviction are irrelevant to rights restoration and should not be discussed.
- Do not pass judgment. It is important to enter this work aware of your own biases. Be mindful of your tone of voice and facial expressions. Do not talk down to the people you are assisting.

The bottom line is to remember that all people deserve dignity and respect.

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The Path to Rights Restoration

This section details the steps to determining the voting rights of people with convictions in Alabama. It will help you determine whether an individual has the right to vote or has the ability to restore their right to vote. It includes many details to thoroughly give information about a range of possible situations. But for most people, rights restoration is not complicated and many of these footnotes and tips will not apply. Helping someone restore their rights can be as simple as glancing at the list of disqualifying convictions. If a person does not have a conviction on the disqualifying list, they can immediately register to vote. Even if a person needs to fill out the required paperwork to restore their rights, it often should not take more than ten minutes.

After you have read through this section or helped a few people through the process, it may be easier to refer to the short Rights Restoration Worksheet and the following flow chart when assisting a person with a conviction.

Step 1: Checking whether the person's conviction was disqualifying

In May 2017, Alabama passed a new law that effectively re-enfranchised many people who had lost their right to vote or thought that they had lost it because of their conviction(s).

Ask the person you are helping if they remember their exact conviction(s). Check the list on page 16 to see if the conviction(s) is on the list. If it is NOT on that list, **the person never lost their right to vote**. That means that they are eligible to register to vote now and need not take additional steps except for registering like all other citizens. This is true regardless of whether they are currently incarcerated² and whether they owe any legal financial obligations to the state. Skip to step 2 for information on registration.

If a person **does have** a disqualifying conviction, skip to step 3 for more information about rights restoration.

TIPS:

- Ask about the degree of a person's conviction. Many convictions in the third degree are not on the list, such as burglary 3rd.
- There are no drug-related crimes on the list except trafficking. Distribution and possession convictions are not disqualifying.

² People who have not lost their right to vote but are incarcerated are entitled to vote by absentee ballot. See part VI.

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- Crimes prosecuted under the youthful offender statutes³ are not disqualifying.
- Federal and out-of-state convictions may be disqualifying if their definitions mirror the state law crime on the disqualifying list.

It is important to know that many people were wrongly told by the state that they had lost their right to vote before the 2017 law went into effect. If someone was told by the state, often by having their registration rejected or receiving a notice in the mail, that they had lost the right to vote before August 2017, there is a very real possibility that the information was incorrect. In other words, questions about a person's right to vote are not resolved by information they received from the state before August 2017.

Sometimes people cannot remember their exact convictions, maybe because they occurred a long time ago or because they were charged with something different than what they were convicted of. If this is the case, we - or another group - can help them look it up in the state's database. Please give us a call at 202-736-2200. Additionally, any attorney in Alabama with access to Alacourt can access this information. A person can also check in with the Board of Pardons and Paroles or local courthouse to access this information as well. Feel free to contact us for assistance.

Step 2: Registering to vote

A person may register to vote by filling out an online form, filling out and mailing to their local or the statewide board of registrar's office the paper registration form found on pages 17-18, or by going to their local registrar's office in-person.

- To register online visit <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote>.
- To register by mail: Fill out the form on pages 17-18 and mail it to your local board of registrars office, addresses are found here: <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/board-of-registrars-all-counties>.

- To register in person: Visit your local board of registrars office.

The deadline to register to vote is 15 days before an election. For up to date information on upcoming elections and deadlines, visit <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/upcoming-elections>

Occasionally people who are qualified to vote are denied registration by error. If you have determined that someone is eligible to vote and helped them register, you should check this website after 14 days to see if they are registered to vote:

<https://myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/VoterView/RegistrantSearch.do> or call 1-800-274-8683.

³ Ala. Code § 15-19-1(-7).

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If they are not in the system after two weeks, you can follow up with the local board of registrars office or call Campaign Legal Center at 202-736-2200 and we will follow up.

Step 2(a). Registering incarcerated people to vote

If you are working with people who are currently incarcerated, step 1 should be performed in the same way as described above. Unfortunately, if a person who is incarcerated has been convicted of a disqualifying felony, they will not be able to restore their rights until their sentence is complete.

However, if an incarcerated person has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony, then they retain the right to vote. Their path to registration and casting their ballot, however, may be more complicated than for someone who is not incarcerated.

TIP: It is best to have an incarcerated person fill out the paperwork required under A and B, below, in one visit.

A. Registering to vote

The first step towards voting while incarcerated is to register to vote, either by mail or online. See above, Step 2. If a person wishes to vote at their last address before being incarcerated, they may, or they may use the address of the facility at which they are incarcerated.

The deadline to register to vote is fifteen days before an election.

B. Requesting an absentee ballot

People who are incarcerated can vote only by absentee ballot. They must fill out a form to request the ballot (pages 19-20).

- A person who is detained outside of the county of their residence should mark the box stating that they will be out of the county on Election Day.⁴ A person who is detained inside their county of residence should mark the box that states they are unable to vote because of a physical illness or infirmity.⁵ A person who will use the address of the facility in which they are incarcerated as their residential address should similarly mark that they are unable to vote because of a physical illness or infirmity.

- Absentee ballot requests are specific to particular elections and will only cover elections within 42 days of each other. Practically speaking, this means a person will likely have to fill out a new application to receive a ballot for every primary and general election.

⁴ Ala. Op. Atty. Gen. No. 2001-052 (2000).

⁵ *Id.*

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- Applications for absentee ballot must be *received* five days before an election. You may need to build in extra time to ensure that the ballot is received on time.
- Send each application in a separate envelope to the Absentee Election Manager in the county in which the voter is registered. The list of addresses for these managers can be found online at <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/absentee-election-manager-all-counties>.

C. Casting an absentee ballot

The absentee ballot should arrive by mail. You may assist the voter by giving instructions on how to properly submit the ballot, but should otherwise not be involved with the process of the casting the ballot.

The absentee ballot comes with three envelopes one plain (the secrecy envelope), one with an affidavit, or oath, printed on the outside, and one plain, pre-addressed envelope (the outer envelope). Once the voter casts the ballot, the procedure is as follows:

- i. Voter seals the ballot in the plain envelope
- ii. Voter places the plain envelope inside the accompanying affidavit envelope
- iii. Voter seals the affidavit envelope and completes the affidavit that is on the outside of the envelope
- iv. Voter signs the affidavit and has the signature witnessed by two witnesses 18 years of age or older
- v. Voter places the affidavit envelope and a COPY of voter identification inside the outer envelope

The ballot should be returned by mail and must be postmarked no later than the day prior to the election or received by the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon on Election Day.

Do not return multiple ballots in one envelope.

2(b). Voter ID requirements

Voters in Alabama are now required to present photo identification at the polls or to enclose a copy of identification in their absentee ballot application.

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The following forms of ID are acceptable:

- Valid Driver's License
- Valid Nondriver ID
- Valid Alabama Photo Voter ID
- Valid State-Issued ID (Alabama or any other state)
- Valid Federal-Issued ID
- Valid US Passport
- Valid Employee ID from Federal Government, State of Alabama, County Government, Municipality, Board, Authority, or other entity of this state
- Valid student or employee ID from a college or university in the state of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)
- Valid Military ID
- Valid Tribal ID

If you do not possess one of these forms of ID, you are eligible to receive a free voter ID. To get a free voter ID you must go in person to your local Board of Registrars, the Secretary of State's office in Montgomery, or to one of the roving mobile units, the schedules for which are posted online.

For more information visit: <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/voter-id>

For the address of your local Board of Registrar's office, visit:

<http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/board-of-registrars-all-counties>

3. Requesting a Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote (CERV) for people with disqualifying convictions

Even if someone has a disqualifying conviction, as determined under step one, that does not mean they can never vote. Many people with convictions are eligible to restore their right to vote through a simple application process. Voters who meet the eligibility requirements for a CERV *must* be given a CERV that will allow them to register to vote within 44 days; it is not a discretionary process.

A . Determine eligibility for a CERV

A person is eligible if they meet all of the following four criteria:

- i. They do not have a conviction of impeachment, murder, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, sexual crimes against children, or treason. (If they do have one of these convictions, skip to step 5 of this section);

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- ii. They do not have any felony charges currently pending;
- iii. They do not owe any outstanding fines, fees, or restitution from the disqualifying conviction (if they do, skip to step 3 of this section);

- It is important to note that outstanding fines, fees, or restitution are only relevant to voting rights if they are connected to a disqualifying conviction. For example, if someone has a conviction of Burglary 2nd (disqualifying) and Burglary 3rd (not disqualifying) and owes fines and fees under the Burglary 3rd conviction, they do not owe any relevant fines or fees for purposes of the CERV.
 - For those who are not sure whether they owe fines, fees, or restitution, or are not sure which conviction they are connected with, this information can be looked up by us, another group, or they may call the Board of Pardons and Paroles to request it.

- If they do owe disqualifying fines, fees, or restitution, skip to step 4.

- iv. Their sentence for the disqualifying conviction must be complete, including all probation and parole. If this is not yet the case, they can apply for a pardon (see step 5).

B. If eligible, fill out the form to request a CERV

If a person meets all of the above criteria, they are eligible for a CERV. CERVs are not discretionary – if a person meets the criteria the state must grant it within 44 days.⁶ There are four ways to apply for a CERV:

- i. In person: The person you are assisting may go in person to the local Board of Pardons and Paroles office and fill out a form there. The address for this office in each county can be found at: <http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Offices.aspx>.

This may be the best option for ensuring that a CERV is granted in a timely manner.

- ii. By Mail: Fill out and mail in the form on pages 21-22.

The person you are assisting - or you - should fill out as much information as possible. If you do not have some information or a section does not apply to the person you are helping, that may be okay as long as the form includes the person's name, mailing address, date of birth, list of all convictions (using the back if necessary), and their signature.

Important: The form must be signed.

⁶ AL Code § 15-22-36.1(c)-(f).

Mail the form to the local Board of Pardons and Paroles office found here, <http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Offices.aspx>, OR to

The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles
PO Box 302405 Montgomery, AL 36130-2405

If you are working with a community organization, we recommend asking if you can make a record of the person's name and contact information, and note the date the request was sent, so that you may follow up with that person in 44 days to ensure that the CERV has arrived. If it has not, it is worth following up with the Board of Pardons and Paroles to find the root of the delay. Campaign Legal Center is tracking lengthy delays; please report these incidents to us.

iii. By Phone: Call the Board of Pardons and Paroles at (334) 353-7771 or (334) 353-8067

iv. By Email: Email the form or all of the information requested on the form to pardons@paroles.alabama.gov, subject line: Request for "Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote."

After the person has received their CERV in the mail, they should make a copy and attach it to their completed voter registration form before submitting it to the state.

4. Request for remission of fines and fees

If a person owes outstanding fines, fees, or restitution that were imposed because of the disqualifying conviction, they are not yet eligible to restore their right to vote through the CERV process. They may, however, ask the Board of Pardons and Paroles to reduce or forgive those fees.

If the person has outstanding fines, fees, or restitution but they were imposed in connection with a conviction that was **not** a disqualifying felony, they are not a barrier to restoring the person's rights or registering to vote.

If the person is not sure whether they owe fines, fees, or restitution or are unsure of which conviction they are related to, we or another organization with access to Alacourt can help them find out.

A person can request a reduction or forgiveness of fines, fees, or restitution:
-By filling out the form on pages 23-24 and mailing it to The Alabama Board of Pardons

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and Paroles, PO Box 302405, Montgomery, AL 36130-2405,
-By calling the Board of Pardons and Paroles at 334-353-7771 or 334-353-8067),
-Or by emailing a completed form or all the information requested on the form to
pardons@paroles.alabama.gov, subject line: "Request for Remission of Fines and Fees"

The Board can only reduce or forgive fines and fees that have been imposed by the state of Alabama, not by other states or the United States government.⁷

5. Request for a pardon

If someone has a conviction of murder, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, or sexual crimes against children, they are not eligible for a CERV but may still be able to restore their right to vote by seeking a pardon from the Board of Pardons and Paroles. Additionally, a person who is not eligible for a CERV because they are still on probation or because they owe outstanding fines and fees may also apply for a pardon. A person is not eligible for a pardon if they have been convicted of treason, impeachment, or if a death sentence has been imposed and not commuted.⁸

A pardon may be requested:

1. in writing: The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, P.O. Box 302405, Montgomery, AL 36130-2405;
2. by phone: 334-353-7771 or 334-353-8067; or
3. by email: pardons@paroles.alabama.gov.

⁷ More information can be found on the Board of Pardons and Paroles' website: http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Rules.aspx#Article_Nine.

⁸ More information on pardons is found online with the Board of Pardons and Paroles: http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Rules.aspx#Article_Eight.

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Rights Restoration Worksheet

Name of Helper: _____ Date: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Citizen: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Step 1: Disqualifying Conviction(s)? (Check the list.)

If yes, write conviction(s) here and move to **step 2**: _____

If no, register to vote and follow up in two weeks. Date of registration: _____

Step 2: Eligible for CERV? Must meet all four of the following criteria:

____ No conviction of impeachment, murder, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, sexual crimes against children or treason?

- If the citizen has one or more of the above convictions, fill out a pardon request form. Date pardon form submitted: _____

____ No felony charges currently pending?

____ No outstanding fines, fees, or restitution from a disqualifying conviction?


- If the citizen has fines, fees, or restitution in connection with a disqualifying conviction, fill out a form to request remission of fines and fees. Date remission request submitted: _____

____ Sentence is complete, including probation or parole?

- If the citizen is on probation, they may fill out a pardon request form. Date pardon form submitted: _____

Date CERV submitted: _____

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Know Your Rights!

Voting for people with convictions

Disqualifying Conviction?*

*Only those listed on back of this sheet

No

You have the right to vote!
Even if you have not completed your sentence, have outstanding fines or fees, or have been wrongly told you cannot vote, **you never lost your voting rights.**

Register to vote now!

[http://
sos.alabama.gov/
alabama-votes/voter/
register-to-vote](http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote)

Yes

Do you meet the criteria to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote (CERV)?

- No conviction of impeachment, murder, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, sexual crimes against children, or treason
- No felony charges currently pending
- No outstanding fines, fees, or restitution from your disqualifying conviction
- Sentence complete, including probation or parole

Yes

Fill out a form to apply to restore your right to vote. You should hear back within 44 days. Then, if you receive the CERV, you can register to vote.
[http://
www.pardons.state.al.us/
Pardons.aspx](http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Pardons.aspx)

No, because of outstanding fines and fees

You may ask the Board of Pardons and Paroles to remit your outstanding fines and fees.
[http://www.pardons.state.al.us/
Pardons.aspx](http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Pardons.aspx)

No, because of type of conviction

You may request a pardon with restoration of political rights from the Board of Pardons and Paroles.
[http://www.pardons.state.al.us/
Pardons.aspx](http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Pardons.aspx)

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Disqualifying Felonies in Alabama

If you have NOT been convicted of one of the following,
then you NEVER lost your right to vote, and you ARE eligible to register now.

- Aggravated child abuse
- Assault (1st or 2nd degree)
- Attempt to commit an explosives or destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapons crime
- Bigamy
- Burglary (1st or 2nd degree)
- Conspiracy to commit an explosives or destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapons crime
- Dissemination or public display of obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts
- Distribution, possession with intent to distribute, production of, or offer or agreement to distribute or produce obscene material
- Electronic solicitation of a child
- Endangering the water supply
- Enticing a child to enter a vehicle for immoral purposes
- Facilitating solicitation of unlawful sexual conduct with a child
- Facilitating the online solicitation of a child
- Facilitating the travel of a child for an unlawful sex act
- Forgery (1st or 2nd degree)
- Hindrance or obstruction during detection, disarming, or destruction of a destructive device or weapon
- Hindering prosecution of terrorism
- Human trafficking (1st or 2nd degree)
- Incest
- Kidnapping (1st or 2nd degree)
- Manslaughter
- Murder (including noncapital, reckless, and felony murder)
- Parents or guardians permitting children to engage in production of obscene matter
- Possession or possession with intent to disseminate of obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts
- Possession, manufacture, transport, or distribution of a destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapon
- Possession, manufacture, transport, or distribution of a detonator, explosive, poison, or hoax device
- Possession or distribution of a hoax device represented as a destructive device or weapon
- Production of obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts
- Production or distribution of a destructive device or weapon intended to cause injury or destruction
- Prohibited acts in the offer, sale, or purchase of securities
- Rape (1st or 2nd degree)
- Robbery (1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree)
- Selling, furnishing, giving away, delivering, or distribution of a destructive device, a bacteriological weapon, or biological weapon to a person who is less than 21 years of age
- Sexual abuse (1st or 2nd degree)
- Sexual abuse of a child under 12 years old
- Sexual torture
- Sodomy (1st or 2nd degree)
- Soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism
- Terrorism
- Theft of lost property (1st or 2nd degree)
- Theft of property (1st or 2nd degree)
- Theft of trademarks or trade secrets
- Torture or other willful maltreatment of a child under the age of 18 (Child Abuse)
- Trafficking in cannabis, cocaine, or other illegal drugs or trafficking in amphetamine or methamphetamine
- Traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act
- Treason

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State of Alabama Mail-In Voter Registration Form

NVRA-2
2015.02.09

FOR USE BY U.S. CITIZENS ONLY ♦ FILL IN ALL BOXES ON THIS FORM ♦ PLEASE USE INK ♦ PRINT LEGIBLY

You can use this form to:

- ▶ Register to vote in Alabama.
- ▶ Update your voter registration record, if you have changed your name or address.

Deadline for submitting application:

Voter registration and updating of voter records is closed during the 14 days prior to each election in Alabama.

To register to vote in the State of Alabama, you must:

- ▶ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ▶ Reside in Alabama.
- ▶ Be at least 18 years of age on or before election day.
- ▶ Not have been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or if you have been convicted, you must have had your civil rights restored.
- ▶ Not have been declared "mentally incompetent" by a court.

ID requested: You may send with this application a copy of valid photo identification. You will be required to present valid photo identification when you vote at your polling place or by absentee ballot, unless exempted by law. For more information, go to www.AlabamaVoterID.com or call the Elections Division: 800-274-8683.

① Are you a citizen of the United States of America?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	⬅ ATTENTION! If you answer "No" to either of these questions, do not complete this application.
② Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

③ Print Your Name:			
First	Middle	Last	Suffix

④ Print Maiden Name / Former Name (if reporting a change of name)			
First	Middle	Last	Suffix

⑤ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	⑥ Primary Telephone ()	⑦ Email Address
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Alabama Driver's License or Non-Driver ID Number:	STATE	NUMBER
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⬇ IF YOU HAVE NO ALABAMA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ALABAMA NON-DRIVER ID NUMBER ⬇

Last four digits of Social Security number:

☐ I do not have an Alabama driver's license or Alabama non-driver ID or a Social Security number.

Addresses	Current	⑧ Address where you live: (Do not use post office box)	Home Address (include apartment or other unit number if applicable)	City	State	ZIP
		Address where you receive your mail:	Mailing Address, if different from Home Address	City	State	ZIP
	Old	Address where you were last registered to vote: (Do not use post office box)	Former Address	City	County	State

⑨ Sex (check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male

⑩ Race (check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other

REGISTRARS USE ONLY	
DATE	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DENIED
(mm/dd/yyyy)	
County Pct	
City Pct	
Board member	
Board member	
Board member	

⑪ Place of Birth	City	County	State	Country
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⑫ Map / Diagram
If your home has no street number or name, please draw a map of where your house is located. Please include roads and landmarks.

⑬ Did you receive assistance?
If you are unable to sign your name, who helped you fill out this application? Give name, address, and phone number (phone number is optional).

Voter Declaration - Read and Sign Under Penalty of Perjury	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ I am a U.S. citizen▶ I live in the State of Alabama▶ I will be at least 18 years of age on or before election day▶ I am not barred from voting by reason of a disqualifying felony conviction▶ I have not been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law	I solemnly swear or affirm to support and defend the constitution of the United States and the State of Alabama and further disavow any belief or affiliation with any group which advocates the overthrow of the governments of the United States or the State of Alabama by unlawful means and that the information contained herein is true, so help me God.
YOUR SIGNATURE	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)
If you falsely sign this statement, you can be convicted and imprisoned for up to five years.	

The decision to register to vote is yours. If you decide to register to vote, the office at which you are submitting this application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes. If you decline to register to vote, your decision will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.



John H. Merrill - Secretary of State Questions? Call the Elections Division at 1-800-274-8683 or 334-242-7210

To mail, put the address of your county Board of Registrars on the lines below.

AUTAUGA COUNTY
PO Box 680036
Prattville 36068-0036
(334) 358-6740

BALDWIN COUNTY
PO Box 1507
Bay Minette 36507-1507
(251) 937-0305

BARBOUR COUNTY
PO Box 402
Clayton 36016-0402
(334) 775-8579

303 E Broad St Rm 108
Eufaula 36027
(334) 687-1585

BIBB COUNTY
8 Court Square W
Centreville 35042
(205) 926-3102

BLOUNT COUNTY
220 Second Ave E Rm B-5
Oneonta 35121
(205) 625-4182

BULLOCK COUNTY
217 Prairie St N Rm 101
Union Springs 36089-1659
(334) 738-5372

BUTLER COUNTY
700 Court Sq Rm 8
Greenville 36037-2308
(334) 382-5685
(334) 382-6829

CALHOUN COUNTY
1702 Noble St Ste 113
Anniston 36201-3889
(256) 241-2930

CHAMBERS COUNTY
18 Alabama Ave E Rm 101
LaFayette 36862
(334) 864-4313

610 S Gilmer Ave
Lanett 36863
(334) 644-7781

CHEROKEE COUNTY
260 Cedar Bluff Rd Ste 106
Centre 35960-1403
(256) 927-5336

CHILTON COUNTY
PO Box 640
Clanton 35046-0640
(205) 755-3820

CHOCTAW COUNTY
117 S Mulberry Ave Ste 1
Butler 36904-0132
(205) 459-2531

CLARKE COUNTY
PO Box 10
Grove Hill 36451-0010
(251) 275-3062

CLAY COUNTY
PO Box 446
Ashland 36251-0446
(256) 354-7815

CLEBURNE COUNTY
120 Vickery St Rm 103
Heflin 36264-1166
(256) 463-5299

COFFEE COUNTY
6 County Complex
New Brockton 36351-9791
(334) 894-5347

COLBERT COUNTY
201 N Main St
Tuscumbia 35674-2095
(256) 386-8535

CONECUH COUNTY
111 Court St Rm 102
Evergreen 36401
(251) 578-7024

COOSA COUNTY
PO Box 218
Rockford 35136-0218
(256) 377-2418

COVINGTON COUNTY
228 Hillcrest Dr
Andalusia 36420-2570
(334) 428-2685

CRENSHAW COUNTY
PO Box 328
Luverne 36049-0328
(334) 335-6568 x252
(334) 335-6568 x253

CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW Ste 112
Cullman 35055-4135
(256) 775-4697
(256) 775-4750

DALE COUNTY
PO Box 1101
Ozark 36361-1101
(334) 774-9038

DALLAS COUNTY
PO Box 987
Selma 36702-0987
(334) 874-2534

DEKALB COUNTY
111 Grand Ave SW Ste 105
Fort Payne 35967
(256) 845-8598

ELMORE COUNTY
100 E Commerce St Rm 205
Wetumpka 36092-2746
(334) 567-1150
(334) 567-1197

ESCAMBIA COUNTY
PO Box 557
Brewton 36427-0557
(251) 867-0243
(251) 867-0312

ETOWAH COUNTY
800 Forrest Ave Ste 206
Gadsden 35901-3651
(256) 549-5384

FAYETTE COUNTY
103 First Ave NW Ste 4
Fayette 35555-2627
(205) 932-5432

FRANKLIN COUNTY
PO Box 70
Russellville 35653-0070
(256) 332-8849

GENEVA COUNTY
PO Box 430
Geneva 36340-0430
(334) 684-5655

GREENE COUNTY
PO Box 224
Eutaw 35462-0224
(205) 372-9669

HALE COUNTY
905D Centerville St
Greensboro 36744-1536
(334) 624-4672

HENRY COUNTY
101 Court Square Ste K
Abbeville 36310-2135
(334) 585-6080

HOUSTON COUNTY
PO Box 6406
Dothan 36302-6406
(334) 677-4776

JACKSON COUNTY
PO Box 548
Scottsboro 35768-0548
(256) 574-9339
(256) 574-9335

JEFFERSON COUNTY
716 R Arrington Jr Blvd N
Ste A-410
Birmingham 35203-0115
(205) 325-5550

LAMAR COUNTY
PO Box 338
Vernon 35592-0338
(205) 695-6348
(205) 695-9197

LAUDERDALE COUNTY
PO Box 1059
Florence 35630-1059
(256) 760-5840
(256) 760-5841

LAWRENCE COUNTY
14451 Market Street Ste 340
Moulton 35650
(256) 974-2460
(256) 974-2461

LEE COUNTY
PO Box 1530
Opelika 36803-1530
(334) 737-3635

LIMESTONE COUNTY
100 Clinton St S Ste E
Athens 35611-2665
(256) 233-6405

LOWNDES COUNTY
PO Box 311
Hayneville 36040-0311
(334) 548-2389
(334) 548-2080

MACON COUNTY
101 Rosa Parks Ave Ste 100
Tuskegee 36083-1735
(334) 724-2617

MADISON COUNTY
819 Cook Avenue NW
Suite 150
Huntsville 35801-5983
(256) 532-3510
(256) 532-3519

MARENGO COUNTY
PO Box 480715
Linden 36748-0715
(334) 295-2249
(334) 295-2086

MARION COUNTY
PO Box 964
Hamilton 35570-0964
(205) 921-3625

MARSHALL COUNTY
424 Blount Ave Ste 106A
Guntersville 35976-1122
(256) 571-7740

MOBILE COUNTY
151 Government St Ste 165
Mobile 36602
(251) 574-8586
(251) 574-8587

MONROE COUNTY
PO Box 972
Monroeville 36461-0972
(251) 743-4107 x141

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PO Box 1667
Montgomery 36102-1667
(334) 832-1215

MORGAN COUNTY
PO Box 668
Decatur 35602-0668
(256) 351-4660
(256) 351-4663

PERRY COUNTY
PO Box 555
Marion 36756-0555
(334) 683-2218 x5

PICKENS COUNTY
PO Box 173
Carrollton 35447-0173
(205) 367-2074

PIKE COUNTY
120 W Church St Rm B2
Troy 36081-1913
(334) 566-1757
(334) 566-6449

RANDOLPH COUNTY
PO Box 215
Wedowee 36278-0215
(256) 357-2138

RUSSELL COUNTY
PO Box 700
Phenix City 36868-0700
(334) 298-1443
(334) 448-1508

SHELBY COUNTY
PO Box 1642
Columbiana 35051-1642
(205) 669-3913

ST. CLAIR COUNTY
1815 Cogswell Ave Ste B-25
Pell City 35125
(205) 338-3954

SUMTER COUNTY
PO Box 783
Livingston 35470-0783
(205) 652-7902

TALLADEGA COUNTY
400 N Norton Ave
Sylacauga 35150-2010
(256) 249-1007
(256) 249-1014

PO Box 6170
Talladega 35150-6170
(256) 761-2131
(256) 761-2132

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY
125 N Broadnax St Rm 20
Dadeville 36853-1371
(256) 825-1081

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY
2501 7th St Ste 200
Tuscaloosa 35401-1801
(205) 349-3870 x415

WALKER COUNTY
PO Box 1472
Jasper 35502-1472
(205) 384-7279

WASHINGTON COUNTY
PO Box 1224
Chatom 36518-1224
(251) 847-3255

WILCOX COUNTY
PO Box 661
Camden 36726-0661
(334) 682-9753

WINSTON COUNTY
PO Box 459
Double Springs 35553-0459
(205) 489-3966

SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS DIVISION
PO Box 5616
Montgomery 36103
(334) 242-7210
(800) 274-8683

YOUR ADDRESS:

PUT
FIRST
CLASS
STAMP
HERE

MAIL TO:

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT FORM AV-R1

Return this
application
to:

COUNTY, ALABAMA

General Voter Information - Please provide complete information so that we may verify your eligibility to vote.

Last Name (Please print)		First Name		Middle or Maiden Name		E-mail Address	
Street Address (address where you are registered to vote; do not use PO box)						City	State ZIP
Mail my ballot to the address where I regularly receive mail, if different from the street address provided above							
Precinct where you vote (name and/or location of your polling place)							
Date of Birth		Month	Day	Year	Driver's License Number		IF NO DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER
Home Telephone Number ()		Work Telephone Number ()			<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> STATE NUMBER		Last 4 digits of Social Security number <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>

For all registered voters

I hereby make application for an absentee ballot so that I may vote in the following election:

☐ Primary Election or Presidential Preference Primary

Select one: ☐ Democratic Party

☐ Republican Party

☐ Other _____

☐ Amendments Only

☐ General Election

☐ Primary Runoff Election

Select one: ☐ Democratic Party

☐ Republican Party

☐ Other _____

☐ Amendments Only

☐ Special Election (specify) _____

If a primary or runoff, check one: ☐ Democratic Party ☐ Republican Party

- Absentee ballots for elections more than 42 days apart must be requested on separate applications, unless you are a member of the armed forces, or a spouse or dependent of such person, or you are a United States citizen residing overseas.
- An application submitted by a member of the armed forces, or a spouse or dependent of such person, or a United States citizen residing overseas, is valid for all county, state and federal elections in the current calendar year.

I am applying for an absentee ballot because (check one box):

☐ I will be out of the county or the state on election day.

☐ I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my attendance at the polls.

☐ I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my attendance at the polls. I am unable to access my assigned polling place due to a neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, or other life-altering disorder that affects my ability to perform manual tasks, stand for any length of time, walk unassisted, see, hear or speak **and**:

a) I am an elderly voter aged 65 or older; **or**

b) I am a voter with a disability.

☐ I work a shift which has at least ten (10) hours that coincide with the polling hours at my regular polling place.

☐ I am enrolled as a student at an educational institution located outside the county of my personal residence, attendance at which prevents my attendance at the polls.

☐ I am a member of, or a spouse or dependent of a member of, the Armed Forces of the United States or am otherwise similarly qualified to vote absentee pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff.

This application for an absentee ballot will be valid for all county, state, and federal elections held during this calendar year unless you specify an earlier expiration date here: _____.

☐ I have been appointed as an election officer at a polling place which is not my regular polling place.

When I apply for this absentee ballot, I understand that my name will be stricken from the list of qualified electors and, when I cast this absentee ballot, I understand that I will not be entitled to vote at my regular polling place.

Voter's Signature	Complete this section if voter signs by mark →	Witness Signature
		Print Witness Name

The voter may hand this application to the Absentee Election Manager. The voter may also forward this application to the Absentee Election Manager by U.S. Mail [§17-11-3 and §17-11-4, Code of Alabama, 1975]. **Do not include more than one application per envelope if mailing.**

READ PENALTIES ON BACK

PENALTIES

§17-17-24, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended

(a) Any person who willfully changes an absentee voter's ballot to the extent that it does not reflect the voter's true ballot, any person who willfully votes more than once by absentee ballot in the same election, any person who willfully votes for another voter or falsifies absentee ballot applications or verification documents so as to vote absentee, or any person who solicits, encourages, urges, or otherwise promotes illegal absentee voting, shall be guilty, upon conviction, of a Class C felony. Any person who willfully aids any person unlawfully to vote an absentee ballot, any person who knowingly and unlawfully votes an absentee ballot, and any voter who votes both an absentee and a regular ballot at any election shall be similarly punished.

(b) Upon request by the local district attorney or the Secretary of State, the Attorney General shall provide investigating assistance in instances of absentee ballot or voting violations.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impede or inhibit organized legal efforts to encourage voter participation in the election process or to discourage a candidate from encouraging electors to lawfully vote by absentee ballot.

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE ("CERV") APPLICATION

(Read and follow the attached **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A CERV** before submitting this Application.)

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
(At Time of Conviction)

CURRENT NAME (if different from above): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code
Telephone#: _____ **Cellular#:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

RACE: _____ **SEX:** _____ **DOB:** _____

SS#: _____ **AIS# (if applicable):** _____

CONVICTION: STATE ☐ FEDERAL ☐ **COUNTY OF CONVICTION(S):** _____

YEAR(S) OF CONVICTION(S): _____

(Attach a complete list of charges for which this CERV is requested)

I have read the **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A CERV** and agree to the terms and conditions stated in that document. I also acknowledge that this application **SHALL ONLY COVER** those charges which I was convicted of.

Signature **Date**

Print Name

ALABAMA BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES USE ONLY

Application received on ____ day of _____, 20____.

Tracking Number: _____.

Waiver Form Received: Yes ☐ No ☐

Print Name

Signature

ALABAMA BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A CERV

Alabama law allows convicted persons to apply for a certificate of eligibility to register to vote, subject to the procedures and requirements specified by law. These procedures require the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles to grant CERV applications if the applicant satisfies the statutory requirements.

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH YOUR REQUEST.

1) Complete the "CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE APPLICATION" form. The form must be submitted to the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles at the following address:

Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles
P.O. Box 302405
Montgomery, AL 36130-2405
Email: pardons@paroles.alabama.gov

2) No CERV investigation will be started without a signed application from the person whose conviction is at issue.

REMISSION OF FINE AND/OR FORFEITURE APPLICATION

(Read and follow the attached **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A REMISSION OF FINE AND/OR FORFEITURE** before submitting this Application.)

FOR: REMISSION OF FINE ☐ **REMISSION OF FORFEITURE** ☐ **BOTH** ☐

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
(At Time of Conviction)

CURRENT NAME (if different from above): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code
TELEPHONE# _____ **CELLULAR#** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RACE: _____ **SEX:** _____ **DOB:** _____

SS#: _____ **AIS# (if applicable):** _____

COUNTY OF CONVICTION(S): _____ **YEAR(S) OF CONVICTION(S):** _____

(Attach a complete list of charges for which a remission is requested)

IS THIS APPLICATION YOUR FIRST: **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

IF NO, DATE OF LAST APPLICATION: _____

(Attach a short and plain statement of the reasons that the Board should remit the imposed fine(s) or forfeiture(s))

FOR FORFEITURE

NAME OF SURETY: _____

SURETY'S ADDRESS: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code
SURETY'S PHONE#: _____ **SURETY'S CELLULAR#:** _____

SURETY'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SURETY'S RACE: _____ **SURETY'S SEX:** _____ **SURETY'S DOB:** _____

I have read the INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A REMISSION OF FINE AND/OR FORFEITURE and agree to the terms and conditions stated in that document, including the requirement for submitting a “WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION” form. I also acknowledge that the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles has complete discretion to grant or deny remissions for fines and/or forfeitures and that there is no right to a remission of fines and/or forfeitures.

Signature

Date

Print Name

ALABAMA BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES USE ONLY

Application received on ____ day of _____, 20____.

Tracking Number: _____.

Waiver Form Received: Yes ☐ No ☐

Print Name

Signature

ALABAMA BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A REMISSION OF FINE AND/OR FORFEITURE

Alabama law allows convicted persons to apply for a remission of fines and/or forfeitures, subject to the procedures specified by law. These procedures give the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles the discretionary authority to grant or deny an application for a remission of fines and/or forfeitures.

Under Alabama law, the following persons may not apply for a remission of fine and/or forfeiture: persons convicted of treason and impeachment and persons sentenced to death and such sentence is not commuted.

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH YOUR REQUEST.

All applications for a remission of fines and/or forfeitures are considered a request for a full remission of the imposed fines and/or forfeitures. **HOWEVER**, the Board retains the discretion to grant, as an alternative to a full remission of fines and/or forfeitures, a partial remission of the imposed fines and/or forfeitures.

1) Complete the attached "REMISSION OF FINE AND/OR FORFEITURE APPLICATION" form and complete a "WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION" form and submit these forms to the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles at the following address:

Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles
P.O. Box 302405
Montgomery, AL 36130-2405
Email: pardons@paroles.alabama.gov

2) No remission of fines and/or forfeitures investigation will be started without an signed application from the person whose fine or forfeiture is at issue.

3) Upon receiving the application and waiver, the Bureau's Pardon Unit will begin investigating the applicant's case. The investigation includes current information on the applicant's home situation, job status, an updated criminal arrest record, written references, and other information as warranted. Additionally, applicants must fully cooperate with the investigation of his or her criminal history, personal and social history, and the circumstances of his or her crime.

4) When the investigation is complete, the case will be docketed for consideration by the Board, and once the case is docketed, required notification will be sent to the victim, certain officials in the jurisdiction of the conviction, and the applicant.

5) The time needed to complete an investigation varies from case to case and depends on numerous factors, so no completion date estimate will be provided.

6) The Board will only grant a remission of fines and/or forfeitures in cases to which the State of Alabama is a party.

7) If the Board grants a remission, the Board will also decide whether the remission applies to some or all imposed fines and/or forfeitures. As required by law, the Board shall provide the reasons supporting its decision to grant a remission in its order. The Board's order will be made a public record. However, all other portions of the file shall remain privileged.

8) If the Board declines to grant a remission of fines and/or forfeitures, the applicant may not re-apply until at least two (2) years have passed from the date of the Board's action, unless expressly ordered by the Board. **Any application submitted within two (2) years of the applicant's last application will be subject to rejection.**

PARDON APPLICATION

(Read and follow the attached **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A PARDON** before submitting this Application.)

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
(At Time of Conviction)

CURRENT NAME (if different from above): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code
Telephone# _____ Cellular# _____

E-mail Address _____

RACE: _____ **SEX:** _____ **DOB:** _____

SS#: _____ **AIS# (if applicable):** _____

CONVICTION: STATE ☐ FEDERAL ☐ **COUNTY OF CONVICTION(S):** _____

YEAR(S) OF CONVICTION(S): _____

(Attach a complete list of charges for which this pardon is requested)

IS PARDON BASED ON CLAIM OF INNOCENCE: YES ☐ NO ☐

IS THIS APPLICATION YOUR FIRST: YES ☐ NO ☐

IF NO, DATE OF LAST APPLICATION: _____

I have read the **INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A PARDON** and agree to the terms and conditions stated in that document, including the requirement for submitting a “**WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**” form. I also acknowledge that the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles has complete discretion to grant or deny pardon and that there is no right to a pardon.

Signature **Date**

Print Name

ALABAMA BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES USE ONLY

Application received on ____ day of _____, 20____.

Tracking Number: _____.

Waiver Form Received: Yes ☐ No ☐

Print Name

Signature

ALABAMA BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A PARDON

Alabama law allows convicted persons to apply for a pardon, subject to the procedures specified by law. These procedures give the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles the discretionary authority to grant or deny pardon applications. The Board may also consider pardons for convictions in the courts of the United States or of other states if the petitioner is, at the time of application and consideration, an Alabama resident.

Under Alabama law, the following persons may not apply for a pardon: persons convicted of treason and impeachment and persons sentenced to death and such a sentence is not commuted. For a person whose sentence to death has been commuted, such a person shall not be eligible for a pardon unless (1) sufficient evidence is presented to the Board to satisfy it that the person was innocent of the crime for which he or she was convicted, (2) the Board votes unanimously to grant the person a pardon, and (3) the Governor concurs in and approves the granting of the pardon.

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH YOUR REQUEST.

All applications for a pardon are considered requests for a Full Pardon. **HOWEVER**, the Board retains the discretion to grant, as an alternative to a Full Pardon, a Pardon for Licensing/Bonding, a Pardon with Gun Rights (for Alabama convictions only), or a Pardon Excluding Gun Rights.

1) Complete the "PARDON APPLICATION" form and complete a "WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION" form. These forms must be submitted to the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles at the following address:

Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles
P.O. Box 302405
Montgomery, AL 36130-2405
Email: pardons@paroles.alabama.gov

2) No pardon investigation will be completed except at the request of the person whose conviction is at issue.

3) To be considered for a pardon, an applicant must have either completed his or her sentence or have successfully served at least three (3) years on parole for the sentence for which the applicant seeks a pardon.

4) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a pardon based on innocence may be granted upon the unanimous affirmative of the Board following receipt and filing of clear proof of his or her innocence of the crime for which he or she was convicted and the written approval of the judge who tried his or her case or district attorney or with the approval of a circuit judge in the circuit where he or she was convicted if the judge who tried his or her case is no longer serving.

5) Upon receiving the application and waiver, the Bureau's Pardon Unit will begin investigating the applicant's case. The investigation includes current information on the applicant's home situation, job status, an updated criminal arrest record, written references, and other information as warranted. Additionally, pardon applicants must fully cooperate with the investigation of his or her criminal history, personal and social history, and the circumstances of his or her crime.

6) When the investigation is complete, the case will be docketed for consideration by the Board, and once the case is docketed, required notification will be sent to the victim, certain official s in the jurisdiction of the conviction, and the applicant.

7) The time needed to complete the investigation depends on numerous factors, and no estimate will be provided.

8) If the Board grants a pardon, the Board will also decide whether to restore any or all civil and political rights lost as a result of the conviction. As required by law, Board Members shall provide the reasons supporting their decision to grant a pardon in its file. The Board's order granting a pardon will be made a matter of public record. All other portions of the file shall remain subject to statutory privilege.

9) If the Board declines to grant a pardon and/or to restore any or all civil and political rights, the applicant may not re-apply until at least two (2) years have passed from the date of the Board's action, unless expressly ordered by the Board. **Any application submitted within two (2) years of the applicant's last application will be subject to rejection.**



Know Your Rights! Voting in Alabama for People with Convictions

Who can vote?

Under Alabama law, you have the right to vote if: You are a United States Citizen; you reside in Alabama; you are at least 18 years old; you have not been legally declared “mentally incompetent” by a court; **you have not been convicted of a disqualifying felony listed on the back of this page.**

What is a disqualifying felony?

As of August 2017, disqualifying felonies are *only* those listed on the back of this page. If you have not been convicted of one of the crimes listed on the back of this page, you do not have a disqualifying felony conviction and are eligible to vote.

What if I want to vote but my registration was rejected?

Before August 2017, the definition of disqualifying felonies was left up to individual registrars. This meant that some people were wrongly told they were ineligible to vote. **If you have NOT been convicted of a disqualifying felony, you ARE able to register right now, even if you were incorrectly told that you were ineligible.**

If I have a disqualifying conviction, can I get the right to vote back now that I am out of prison?

Maybe. A person with a disqualifying conviction can, sometimes, restore his or her right to vote by applying for a Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote (CERV).

You are eligible for a CERV if:

- You have not been convicted of one of the following crimes: Impeachment, murder, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, sexual crimes against children, or treason.
- You do not have any felony charges currently pending.
- You have paid all legal fines and fees, as well as any victim restitution, ordered by the court that sentenced you for your disqualifying conviction.
- You completed your sentence, were pardoned, or completed probation or parole.

For more information about applying for a CERV, visit the Board of Pardons and Paroles website: <http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Pardons.aspx>. If you are not eligible for a CERV, you can apply for a pardon to restore your voting rights. Whether you receive a pardon is up to the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

What if I have more questions?

If you have additional questions or want help registering to vote or applying for a CERV, call Danielle Lang or Blair Bowie at (202) 736-2200 or visit <http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/blog/alabama-voting-rights-restoration-toolkit>.

Disqualifying Felonies in Alabama

If you have NOT been convicted of one of the following,
then you NEVER lost your right to vote, and you ARE eligible to register now.

- Aggravated child abuse
- Assault (1st or 2nd degree)
- Attempt to commit an explosives or destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapons crime
- Bigamy
- Burglary (1st or 2nd degree)
- Conspiracy to commit an explosives or destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapons crime
- Dissemination or public display of obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts
- Distribution, possession with intent to distribute, production of, or offer or agreement to distribute or produce obscene material
- Electronic solicitation of a child
- Endangering the water supply
- Enticing a child to enter a vehicle for immoral purposes
- Facilitating solicitation of unlawful sexual conduct with a child
- Facilitating the online solicitation of a child
- Facilitating the travel of a child for an unlawful sex act
- Forgery (1st or 2nd degree)
- Hindrance or obstruction during detection, disarming, or destruction of a destructive device or weapon
- Hindering prosecution of terrorism
- Human trafficking (1st or 2nd degree)
- Incest
- Kidnapping (1st or 2nd degree)
- Manslaughter
- Murder (including noncapital, reckless, and felony murder)
- Parents or guardians permitting children to engage in production of obscene matter
- Possession and possession with intent to disseminate of obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts
- Possession, manufacture, transport, or distribution of a destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapon
- Possession, manufacture, transport, or distribution of a detonator, explosive, poison, or hoax device
- Possession or distribution of a hoax device represented as a destructive device or weapon
- Production of obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts
- Production or distribution of a destructive device or weapon intended to cause injury or destruction
- Prohibited acts in the offer, sale, or purchase of securities
- Rape (1st or 2nd degree)
- Robbery (1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree)
- Selling, furnishing, giving away, delivering, or distribution of a destructive device, a bacteriological weapon, or biological weapon to a person who is less than 21 years of age
- Sexual abuse (1st or 2nd degree)
- Sexual abuse of a child under 12 years old
- Sexual torture
- Sodomy (1st or 2nd degree)
- Soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism
- Terrorism
- Theft of lost property (1st or 2nd degree)
- Theft of property (1st or 2nd degree)
- Theft of trademarks or trade secrets
- Torture or other willful maltreatment of a child under the age of 18 (a.k.a. Child Abuse)
- Trafficking in cannabis, cocaine, or other illegal drugs or trafficking in amphetamine or methamphetamine
- Traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act
- Treason

Index and Other Resources

Upcoming Election Information

<http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/upcoming-elections>

Voter ID information

Voter ID Guide:

<http://sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/AlabamaPhotoVoterIDGuide.pdf>

Application for free Voter ID: <http://sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/voter-pdfs/candidate-resources/ApplicationForFreeALPhotoVoterIdCard.pdf>

State Contact Information:

Complete list of Absentee Managers: <http://sos.alabama.gov/city-county-lookup/absentee-election-manager>

Complete list of Boards of Registrars: <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/board-of-registrars-all-counties>

Complete list of Boards of Pardons and Paroles:
<http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Offices.aspx>

Other Organization Contact Information:

ACLU of Alabama
info@aclualabama.org
P.O. Box 6179
Montgomery, AL 36106
Phone: (334) 265-2754
<http://www.aclualabama.org>

Alabama Non-Violent Offenders Organization (Huntsville)
701 Andrew Jackson Way
Suite 118
Huntsville, AL 35801
Phone: (256) 288-3175
<http://www.anvoo.org/>

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Greater Birmingham Ministries (Birmingham)
2304 12th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35234
Phone (205) 326-6821
Fax (205) 252-8458
Email info@gbm.org
<http://gbm.org/>

League of Women Voters of Alabama
1321 Dauphin Street
Mobile, AL 36604
Phone: 205 871-8194
<https://lwval.org/>

Legal Services Alabama
Toll Free: 1-866-456-4995
<https://www.legalservicesalabama.org/>

Southern Poverty Law Center
400 Washington Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36104
(334) 956-8200 or Toll-Free at (888) 414-7752
<https://www.splcenter.org/>

The Ordinary People Society (Dothan)
403 West Powell St.
Dothan, AL 36303
Phone/Fax: (334) 671-2882
Email: TopsSociety@yahoo.com
<http://www.theordinarypeoplesociety.org/>

List of Disqualifying Convictions by Statute Numbers:

Listed under the Felony Voter Disqualification Act Codified as Code of Alabama (1975),
section 17-3-30.1. Effective August 1, 2017 per Act #2017-378

Felonies listed in red require pardons for voting rights restoration.

- Prohibited acts in the offer, sale, or purchase of securities – Section 8-6-17
- **Murder – Section 13A-5-40 (A) 1-19**
- **Murder (Noncapital, Reckless, Felony Murder, etc.) – Section 13A-6-2**
- **Manslaughter – Section 13A-6-3 Exceptions: 13A-6-20 (A) (5) and 13A-6-21**
- Assault 1st Degree – Section 13A-6-20
- Assault 2nd Degree – Section 13A-6-21
- Kidnapping 1st Degree – Section 13A-6-43
- Kidnapping 2nd Degree – Section 13A-6-44
- **Rape 1st Degree – Section 13A-6-61**

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- Rape 2nd Degree – Section 13A-6-62
- Sodomy 1st Degree – Section 13A-6-63
- Sodomy 2nd Degree – Section 13A-6-64
- Sexual Torture – Section 13A-6-65.1
- Sexual Abuse 1st Degree – Section 13A-6-66
- Sexual Abuse 2nd Degree – Section 13A-6-67
- Sexual Abuse of a child less than 12 years old – Section 13A-6-69.1
- Enticing a child to enter a vehicle, house, etc. for immoral purposes – Section 13A-6-69
- Facilitating solicitation of unlawful sexual conduct with a child – Section 13A-6-121
- Electronic solicitation of a child – Section 13A-6-122
- Facilitating the on-line solicitation of a child – Section 13A-6-123
- Traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act – Section 13A-6-124
- Facilitating the travel of a child for an unlawful sex act – Section 13A-6-125
- Human Trafficking 1st Degree – Section 13A-6-152
- Human Trafficking 2nd Degree – Section 13A-6-153
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- Burglary 2nd Degree – 13A-7-6
- Theft of Property 1st Degree – Section 13A-8-3
- Theft of Property 2nd Degree – Section 13A-8-4
- Theft of Lost Property 1st Degree – Section 13A-8-7
- Theft of Lost Property 2nd Degree – Section 13A-8-8
- Theft of trademarks or trade secrets – Section 13A-8-10.4
- Robbery 1st Degree – Section 13A-8-41
- Robbery 2nd Degree – Section 13A-8-42
- Robbery 3rd Degree – Section 13A-8-43
- Forgery 1st Degree – Section 13A-9-2
- Forgery 2nd Degree – Section 13A-9-3
- Terrorism – Section 13A-10-152
- Soliciting or providing support for an act of terrorism – Section 13A-10-153
- Hindering prosecution of terrorism – Section 13A-10-154
- Endangering the water supply – Section 13A-10-171
- Possession, manufacture, transport, or distribution of a destructive device or bacteriological weapon, or biological weapon – Section 13A-10-193
- Selling, furnishing, giving away, delivering, or distribution of a destructive device, a bacteriological weapon, or biological weapon to a person who is less than 21 years of age – Section 13A-10-194

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- Possession, manufacture, transport, or distribution of a detonator, explosive, poison, or hoax device –Section 13A-10-195
- Possession or distribution of a hoax device represented as a destructive device or weapon – Section 13A-10-196 (c)
- Attempt to commit an explosives or destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapons crime – Section 13A-10-197
- Conspiracy to commit an explosives or destructive device or bacteriological or biological weapons crime – Section 13A-10-198
- Hindrance or obstruction during detection, disarming, or destruction of a destructive device or weapon – Section 13A-10-199
- Possession or distribution of a destructive device or weapon intended to cause injury or destruction – Section 13A-10-200
- Treason – Section 13A-11-2
- Dissemination or public display of obscene matter containing visual depiction or persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts – Section 13A-12-191
- Possession and possession with intent to disseminate obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts – Section 13A-12-192
- Parents or guardians permitting children to engage in production of obscene matter – Section 13A-12-196
- Production of obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts – Section 13A-12-197
- Distribution, possession with intent to distribute, production of obscene material, or offer or agreement to distribute or produce – Section 13A-12-200.2
- Trafficking in cannabis, cocaine, or other illegal drugs or trafficking in amphetamine and methamphetamine – Section 13A-12-231
- Bigamy – Section 13A-13-1
- Incest – Section 13A-13-3
- Torture or other wilful maltreatment of a child under the age of 18 – Section 26-15-3
- Aggravated child abuse – Section 26-15-3.1
- Any crime as defined by the laws of the United States or by the laws of another state, territory, country, or other jurisdiction, which, if committed in this state, would constitute one of the offenses listed in this subsection.

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