

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

The good news is that for many people with convictions, their voting rights can be restored. Alabama passed a new law in 2017 that clarified 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.

These figures were estimated by the Sentencing Project before Alabama's 2017 law that re-enfranchised many. For more information or assistance call 202-736-2200 or visit <u>http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/blog/alabama-voting-rights-</u> <u>restoration-toolkit</u>

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 of 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. For more information or assistance, call 202-736-2200 or visit <u>http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/blog/alabama-voting-rights-restoration-toolkit</u> - 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 <u>http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote</u>, -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: <u>http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/boardof-registrars-all-counties</u>,

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

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).

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.

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.

- 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.

⁵ *Id.*

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

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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.

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: <u>http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/voter-id</u>

For the address of your local Board of Registrar's office, visit: <u>http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/board-of-registrars-all-counties</u>

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: <u>http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Offices.aspx</u>.

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).

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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 <u>pardons@paroles.alabama.gov</u>, 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

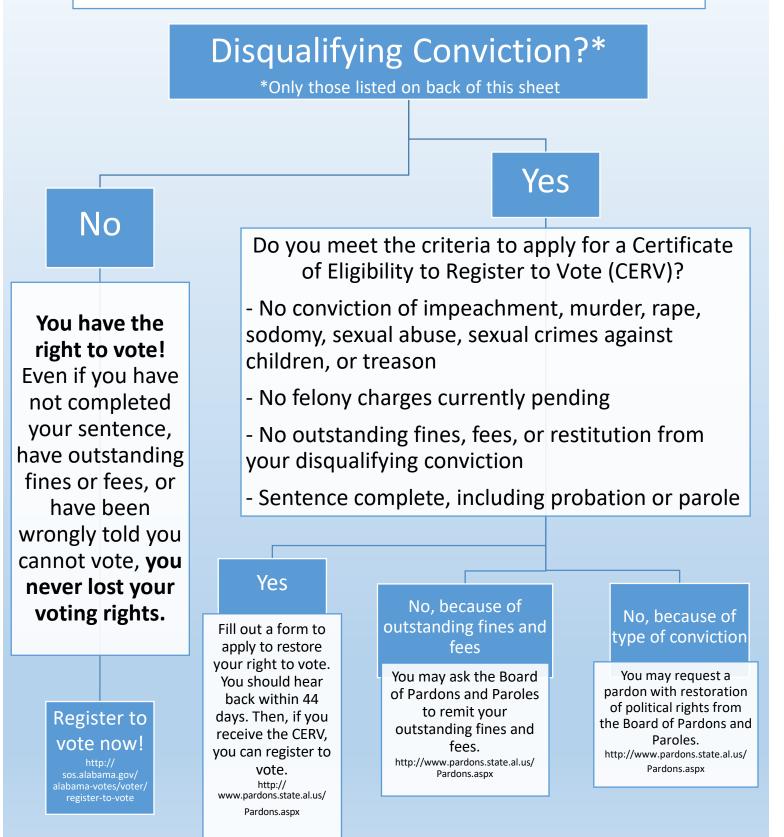
Name of Helper:	Date:
Name of Organization:	
Name of Citizen:	
Address:	
Phone: Email:	
Date of Birth:	
Step 1: Disqualifying Conviction(s)? (Check th	ne list.)
If yes, write conviction(s) here and move to s	tep 2:
If no, register to vote and follow up in two w	eeks. Date of registration:
Step 2: Eligible for CERV? Must meet all four	of the following criteria:
No conviction of impeachment, murder, crimes against children or treason?	, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, sexual
- If the citizen has one or more of the above of form. Date pardon form submitted:	
No felony charges currently pending?	
No outstanding fines, fees, or restitutior	n from a disqualifying conviction?
- If the citizen has fines, fees, or restitution in conviction, fill out a form to request remissio request submitted:	
Sentence is complete, including probati	on or parole?
- If the citizen is on probation, they may fill o pardon form submitted:	out a pardon request form. Date
Date CERV submitted:	

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Know Your Rights!

Voting for people with convictions



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

State of A	labama Mail-In Voter	Registration Form
 You can use this form to: ▶ Register to vote in Alabama. ▶ Update your voter registration is changed your name or address Deadline for submitting application Voter registration and updating of during the 14 days prior to each elip requested: You may send with this application 	 Be a construction of the second of	r to vote in the State of Alabama, you must: itizen of the United States. e in Alabama. least 18 years of age on or before election day. ave been convicted of a disqualifying felony, or if you have convicted, you must have had your civil rights restored. ave been declared "mentally incompetent" by a court. to present valid photo identification when you vote at your polling place
① Are you a citizen of the United Sta		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
 Will you be 18 years of age on or be in the second s	Last Suffix	Alabama Driver's License or Non- Driver ID Number: STATE NUMBER
First Middle S Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Primary ()	Last Suffix Telephone ⑦ Email Address	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.
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receive your mail:	ling Address, if different from Home Address	City State ZIP
Address where you were last registered to vote: (Do not use post office box)	ner Address City	County State ZIP
 9 Sex (check one) Female Male 	Place of Birth City Co	ounty State Country
 Race (check one) White Black Asian American Indian Hispanic Other 	Map / Diagram If your home has no street number or name, please where your house is located. Please include roads a	
REGISTRARS USE ONLY DATE APPROVED DENIED		
County Pct		ad and Sign Under Penalty of Perjury
City Pct Board member Board member	 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 	any belief or affiliation with any group which
Board member	YOUR SIGNATURE If you falsely sign this statement, you c	DATE (mm/dd/yyyy) an 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 LaFavette 36862 (334) 864-4313

610 S Gilmer Ave Lanett 36863

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Grove Hill 36451-0010 (251) 275-3062 CLAY COUNTY

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APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT FORM AV-R1 | Return this

COUNTY, ALABAMA	application
General Voter Information - Please provide cor	to: nplete information so that we may verify your eligibility to vote.
Last Name (Please print) First Name Middle or Ma	
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 NumberWork Telephone Number()(Last 4 digits of Social Security NUMBER
For all registered voters	JIAIL NOWBER
I hereby make application for an absentee ballo	Primary Runoff Election Select one: Republican Party Other Amendments Only
General Election	Special Election (<i>specify</i>) <i>If a primary or runoff, check one:</i> Democratic Party Republican Party
An application submitted by a member of the arm	of such person, or you are a United States citizen residing overseas. ed forces, or a spouse or dependent of such person, or a United States tate and federal elections in the current calendar year. neck one box):
I will be out of the county or the state on election	on day.
I have a physical illness or infirmity which prev	ents my attendance at the polls.
polling place due to a neurological, musculosk	ents my attendance at the polls. I am unable to access my assigned eletal, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, or other erform manual tasks, stand for any length of time, walk unassisted,
a) I am an elderly voter aged 65 or o	lder; 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 in	stitution located outside the county of my personal residence,
attendance at which prevents my attendance a	at the polls.
	of a member of, the Armed Forces of the United States or am other- ant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act,42
This application for an absentee ballot will calendar year unless you specify an earlie	be valid for all county, state, and federal elections held during this r expiration date here:
I have been appointed as an election officer at	a polling place which is not my regular polling place.
	hat my name will be stricken from the list of qualified electors and, will not be entitled to vote at my regular polling place.
Voter's Signature Comple section	if voter

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.

signs by mark

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.

Application for Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote (CERV)

To:	The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles
	PO Box 302405
	Montgomery, AL 36130-2405
	pardons@paroles.alabama.gov
	(334) 353-7771, (334) 353-8067

From:

Date:

Re: Request for Certificate of Eligibility to Vote

I request that the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles restore my right to vote.

Name under which convicted:		Date of birth:	
True name:		Social Security Number:	
Sex:	Race:	AIS# (Alabama Prison #):	
Current physic	cal address:	Current mailing address:	

Telephone number:

Work or alternate telephone number:

Complete list of convictions:

Conviction	County/State of Conviction	Year	Court Type (State/Federal)

Please mail my certificate of eligibility to register to vote (CERV) to the mailing address listed above. Under Alabama Law, the Board is required to respond to this application within 44 days. AL Code 15-22-36.1(c)-(f). Accordingly, I ask that you please mail my certificate of eligibility to register to vote (CERV) to the mailing address listed above within 44 days of the receipt of this application.

Sincerely,

Date:

Request for Remission of Fines and Fees

To: The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles PO Box 302405 Montgomery, AL 36130-2405 pardons@paroles.alabama.gov (334) 353-7771, (334) 353-8067

From:

Date:

Re: Request for Remission of Fines and Fees

I request that the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles completely remit my fines and fees, or if it will not, that it partially remit my fines and fees.

Name under which convicted:		Date of birth:	
True name:		Social Security Number:	
Sex:	Race:	AIS# (Alabama Prison #):	
Current physics	al address:	Current mailing address:	

Telephone number:

Work or alternate telephone number:

Complete list of convictions:

Conviction	County/State of Conviction	Year	Court Type (State/Federal)

Complete list of fines, fees, or restitution owed and fines, fees, or restitution paid:

Statement of Reasons:

Please let me know the Board's decision as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Date:



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: <u>http://www.pardons.state.al.us/Pardons.aspx</u>. 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: <u>http://sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/AlabamaPhotoVoterIDGuide.pdf</u>

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

State Contact Information:

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

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

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

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/

For more information or assistance, call 202-736-2200 or visit http://www.campaignlegalcenter.org/news/blog/alabama-voting-rightsrestoration-toolkit

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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/

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

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 with 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

- 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

- 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
- 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
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ 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
- 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

Prohibited acts in the offer, sale, or purchase of securities – Section 8-6-17

• Burglary 1st Degree – Section 13A-7-5

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

• 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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