

Restoring Your Right to Vote After a Conviction

Frequently asked questions of people in Texas who are facing trial, in jail or prison, or on probation or parole.



1 Can I vote after I have completed my felony sentence?

Yes. After you have completed your punishment of a felony conviction in Texas, you can re-register to vote.

If convicted of a felony, you lose your right to vote until your sentence is fully served. You can't vote while incarcerated, on probation, or on parole. Your right to vote is automatically restored once you complete your full sentence, but you must re-register to vote.

2 Are there specific convictions that make me ineligible to vote forever?

No. If your sentence is completed, including parole or probation, you may register to vote and cast a ballot.

3 If I was convicted of a misdemeanor in Texas, can I vote from jail?

Yes. You do not lose your right to vote if you are convicted of a misdemeanor in Texas. If you are incarcerated for a misdemeanor, you should first check your voter registration status and, if needed, take the steps to register to vote. Then, request an absentee ballot from office administrators at your complex.

4 If I am awaiting trial, even if incarcerated, can I still vote?

Yes. You can vote while awaiting trial for any charge, even if incarcerated, if you have not lost your right to vote due to a prior conviction.

For additional voting resources, visit www.DRTx.org/Vote or scan the QR code to the right.

For more information, visit these websites:

U.S. Vote Foundation: tinyurl.com/TXVotingRightsRestoration

Texas Secretary of State Elections: tinyurl.com/TXSOSSElections

