



Voting Rights of Convicted Felons in Connecticut

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RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS FOR CONVICTED FELONS

[Public Act No. 01-11: An Act Restoring Voting Rights of Convicted Felons Who Are on Probation \(www.cga.ct.gov/2001/fc/2001HB-05042-R000031-FC.htm\)](#) went into effect on January 1, 2002. This law allows the restoration of voting rights for Connecticut residents who have been convicted of a felony and who are on probation.

For further information, see "Restoration of Voting Rights of Convicted Felons" posted on the website of the Connecticut Secretary of the State:
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sots/ElectionServices/VoterFactSheets/2017/ct_restoring_voting_rights_voter_fact_sheet_2017.pdf?la=en

Voting Rights PSA from the Connecticut Secretary of State

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Being incarcerated does not necessarily prohibit you from exercising your RIGHT TO VOTE!

You can register to vote in Connecticut if you:

- ** are a United States citizen
- **are a resident of a Connecticut town
- **are at least 18 years old (or you are 17 and turn 18 on or before election day)
- **have completed confinement and parole if you were previously convicted of a felony.

- If you are confined for a misdemeanor offense only, you ARE ELIGIBLE to register and vote, using your home town address, and an absentee ballot.
- If you are being held in pretrial detention and have NOT been CONVICTED of a felony, you ARE ELIGIBLE to vote using an absentee ballot.

You lose your voting rights in Connecticut if you are convicted of a felony and committed to the custody of the Department of Correction on or before Election Day.

- If you request an absentee ballot and are later convicted of a felony, you may NOT vote, even if you received a ballot in the mail. If you fill out a ballot AFTER conviction, you will be prosecuted for voter fraud.

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For information on “Voter Registration/Absentee Ballots” information in Connecticut, visit the 2-1-1 eLibrary on the topic here: <https://uwc.211ct.org/voter-registration/>

TO FIND PROVIDERS IN CONNECTICUT’S COMMUNITY RESOURCES DATABASE:

Search by program name:

[Registrar of Voters](#)

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