

STANDARDS GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE AFTER A FELONY CONVICTION

A felony conviction in Florida for murder or a sexual offense makes a person ineligible to vote in Florida.

Any other felony conviction in Florida makes a person ineligible to vote in Florida only if:

- (1) the person is in prison or jail on the offense;
- (2) the person is on parole, probation, or another form of supervision on the offense; or
- (3) the person owes a fine or restitution included in the judgment on the offense—but a fine or restitution does not make the person ineligible if the person is unable to pay it. Unpaid fees or costs do not make a person ineligible to vote.

A felony conviction in another state makes a person ineligible to vote in Florida only if the conviction would make the person ineligible to vote in the state where the person was convicted.

A person who is unsure about whether the person owes a fine or restitution that makes the person ineligible to vote may request an advisory opinion from the Florida Division of Elections on a form available from a Supervisor of Elections or the Division or online at *PolkElections.com/Voter-Services/Printable-Forms-and-Publications*. If the Division does not provide an advisory opinion within 21 days, there will be limits on the State's ability to assert that a fine or restitution makes the requesting person ineligible to vote.

Even if a person would be ineligible to vote under the standards set out above, the person is eligible if the person's right to vote has been restored by the Florida Executive Clemency Board.

An offense on which a person was not adjudicated guilty does not make a person ineligible to vote. A misdemeanor conviction does not make a person ineligible to vote.

REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION

To the State of Florida Division of Elections:

I may have been convicted of one or more felonies. I request an advisory opinion on whether I owe a fine or restitution that makes me ineligible to vote.

[CHECK ALL THATY APPLY]

___ I request a statement of the amount of any fine or restitution that must be paid to make me eligible to vote and an explanation of how the amount was calculated.

___ I believe I am unable to pay the required amount.

___ I am submitting a financial declaration. (This is not required but may assist the Division of Elections in processing the request for an advisory opinion.)

My name is: _____ My date of birth is: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

[PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING]

My street address is: _____

My email address is: _____

[PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF YOU CHOOSE]

My telephone number is: _____

Return this form to:
Director's Office
Room 316, R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

For more information (850) 245-6200