



# AMENDMENT 4

## Restoration of Voting Rights

### FAQs



**Q: What is Amendment 4?** Florida voters passed Amendment 4, the Voting Rights Restoration Amendment, in 2018. The amendment “restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment does not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses.”

**Q: What does the passage of Amendment 4 mean for convicted felons who were previously deemed ineligible to vote?** Beginning January 8, 2019, convicted felons who are in compliance with Amendment 4 (those who have completed all terms of their sentence, including parole and probation, and were not convicted of murder or sexual offenses) are eligible to register to vote.

**Q: How do I know if my voting rights have been restored?** It is your responsibility to affirm that all information submitted on your voter registration application is correct and accurate. The following agencies have resources to assist you in verifying whether you have completed your sentencing obligations:

- Request an opinion from the Florida Division of Elections. Forms are available from your Supervisor of Elections, or the Florida Division of Elections.
- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, (877) 698-6830 <https://floridarrc.com>
- Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller (in the county where sentenced), Polk County [www.polkcountyclerk.net/](http://www.polkcountyclerk.net/)
- Florida Department of Corrections (where supervised or incarcerated), (850) 488-5021 [www.dc.state.fl.us](http://www.dc.state.fl.us)

**Q: My voting rights have been restored. Do I need to do anything before I can vote?** Yes. You must register to vote before you can vote in any election. State law requires you to be registered at least 29 days before an election. You may register to vote:

- Polk County Supervisor of Elections office
- Online at [www.PolkElections.com](http://www.PolkElections.com) (requires a Florida Driver License or Florida ID)
- At a community voter registration event
- At a voter registration agency (such as a public library or DMV)

**Q: If I was removed from the voter roll due to a felony conviction, will I automatically be re-registered to vote now?** No. You must register to vote again. We will be working with community organizations to encourage as many affected individuals to register as possible. Please note: Any convicted felon who is not certain if they have fulfilled the terms of their sentencing obligations may request an opinion from the Florida Division of Elections. Opinion request forms are available from the Supervisor of Elections or the Florida Division of Elections.

**Q: I registered to vote. What happens now?** Watch for a new Voter Information Card from our office within a few weeks of registering. If you don't receive one, please contact our office to ensure we have your correct address. Once you are registered, please keep your registration information up to date. You can update your address and other information any time at [PolkElections.com](http://PolkElections.com), or call or visit our office.

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