

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

VOTING IN ALABAMA FOR PEOPLE WITH CONVICTIONS

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Under Alabama law, you have a 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 Bureau of Pardons and Paroles website: <https://paroles.alabama.gov/pardons-restoration-of-voting-rights/>. 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.

