

GEORGIA

Voter Right Restoration Fact Sheet

WHO CAN LOSE THE RIGHT TO VOTE?¹

➔ A person serving a sentence for a felony conviction (this includes prison time, probation, and parole) (GA § 21-2-216)

BUT A PERSON WITH A FELONY CONVICTION DOES NOT LOSE IT THE RIGHT TO VOTE IF:

- ➔ The person had first offender status, which was not revoked, for the felony conviction and no later felony convictions (GA § 42-8-60)
- ➔ The person plead no contest (“nolo contendere”) for a crime even if they are serving a felony conviction for the crime (GA § 17-7-95)
- ➔ The person was conditionally discharged for drug possession, and the discharge was not revoked (GA § 16-13-2)

WHO CAN REGAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

- ➔ Someone who is:
 - A citizen of the United States (GA § 21-2-216) and a legal resident of Georgia;
 - At least 18 years old;
 - Not serving a sentence for conviction of a felony, and completed any prison time, probation, or parole and paid all un-canceled fines (*Jarrard v. Clayton Cty. Bd. of Registrars*, 262 Ga. 759, 760, 425 S.E.2d 874, 875 (1993), overruled on other grounds by *Cook v. Bd. of Registrars of Randolph Cty.*, 291 Ga. 67, 727 S.E.2d 478 (2012); <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/beginRegistration.do>);
 - A fine is a punishment for the felony, in contrast to restitution (money to a person harmed), court costs, or probation fees
 - Not found mentally incompetent by a judge (<https://georgia.gov/register-to-vote>); and
 - Has a photo identification.

BY WHAT PROCESS CAN THEY REGAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE?

- ➔ Filling out a registration form (<https://georgia.gov/register-to-vote>)
 - Includes providing either a GA driver’s license number, GA state issued identification number, the last four digits of the person’s social security number, or, only if they don’t have any of the prior information, checking a box indicating that they don’t have this information (GA § 21-2-220.1)
 - Currently this the registration form is only available in English
 - An **online form** is only available for people with a GA driver’s license or GA state issued ID (GA § 21-2-221.2)
 - A **printable application** is available for everyone (current as of the date below)

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