

Amendment 4 FAQs



What is Amendment 4?

On November 6, 2018, Florida voters passed Amendment 4 - Voting Rights Restoration.

“This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.”

What does the passage of Amendment 4 mean for convicted felons who were previously deemed ineligible to register to vote or never registered to vote?

Effective January 8, 2019, convicted felons who meet the requirements of 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.

How does someone know if their voting rights have been restored?

It is the applicant's responsibility to affirm that all information submitted on the voter registration application is true [Florida Statute 97.053(5)(a)8].

The following Florida agencies have resources to assist applicants in verifying sentencing obligations:

- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, (877) 698-6830 / www.floridarrc.com
- Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller (in the county where sentenced) Marion: (352) 671-5604 / www.marioncountyclerk.org
- Florida Department of Corrections (where supervised or incarcerated), (850) 488-5021 / www.dc.state.fl.us

If a voter was removed from the voter roll due to a felony conviction, will he/she be automatically re-registered to vote?

No. Newly eligible voters who have previously been removed from the voter rolls due to a felony conviction must re-register. State law requires all voters to be registered at least 29 days before an election.

Applicants may register to vote:

- Online at RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov (requires a Florida DL or ID card and the last four digits of your Social Security Number)
- By Mail (Visit VoteMarion.com to print the form)
- At the Marion County Supervisor of Elections office: 981 NE 16th Street, Ocala, FL 34470
- At a voter registration agency (such as a Tax Collector's Office or Public Library)
- At a community voter registration event

After an applicant applies to register to vote, what happens next?

Within a few weeks of registering, the applicant should receive a Voter Information Card in the mail. If not received, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office to verify your address. Once registered, it is the responsibility of voters to keep registration up to date. Voters can update their information anytime by completing and submitting a Florida Voter Registration Application online at VoteMarion.com, by mail, or in person.