

# Request for Advisory Opinion Regarding Felony Conviction - Instructions

## Felony Conviction and Florida Voting Rights Overview

- You lose the right to vote in Florida when you are convicted of a felony in Florida.
  - A misdemeanor conviction does not cause a loss of voting rights.
  - “Adjudication withheld” is not a conviction and does not cause a loss of voting rights.
- For most convictions, your right to vote is restored once you have completed all terms of your sentence. This includes:
  - Prison or jail time;
  - Parole, probation, or other forms of supervision; and
  - Payment of the total amount of all fines, fees, costs, and restitution ordered as part of the felony sentence. For purposes of regaining the right to vote, any interest or fees received after your sentence do not need to be paid.
- If you are convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense in a Florida court, your right to vote is not automatically restored upon completion of sentence. It can only be restored by the Florida Board of Executive Clemency.
- A felony conviction in another state causes a loss of voting rights in Florida only if the conviction would cause a loss of voting rights in that state.

## How Do I Register to Vote?

If you were not convicted of murder or a sexual offense, your right to vote is automatically restored once you complete all terms of your sentence. Before you can vote, you must first register to vote by completing a voter registration application. You can access the online application at **RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov**.

If you were convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense in a Florida court, your right to vote must be restored by the Florida Board of Executive Clemency before you can register to vote. For more information, visit **fcor.state.fl.us** or call 1-800-435-8286.

## Where Can I Learn How Much I Have to Pay Before my Rights Are Restored?

You can ask for information about how much you may still owe. Complete the form on the back and send it to the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections. Include as much information as possible so that you will receive an accurate answer. You can submit the form by mail, email, or hand-delivery. If you have questions, contact the Division of Elections.

Phone Number: (850) 245-6200  
Email Address: **DivElections@dos.myflorida.com**  
Mailing Address: Room 316, R. A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

# Request for Advisory Opinion Regarding Felony Conviction - Form

Your Information			
Name			
Current Address			
Email Address		Phone #	
DOC #		Date of Birth	
FL DL/ID Card # <small>(confidential and exempt from public disclosure)</small>		Last Four Digits of SSN <small>(confidential and exempt from public disclosure)</small>	
Attorney's Name <small>(if you have one)</small>		Attorney's Phone #	

Felony Conviction Information	
Provide as much information as possible. If you do not know or have information, leave that field blank. If you have multiple felony convictions, complete a separate page for each conviction.	
Name when convicted	
Court that convicted you	
Conviction date	
Sentencing date	
Convicted for this crime	
Sentencing terms – prison or jail time	
Time you have served	
Sentencing terms - parole, probation, or other forms of supervision	
Your current parole or probation status	
Sentencing terms - fines, fees, costs, and restitution	
Fines, fees, costs, and restitution you have paid	
Additional Information	
Check here if you attach additional pages or documents.	

Advisory Opinion Request to the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections	
<p><i>As a citizen of the state of Florida, I want to register and/or vote in Florida. I have been convicted of one or more felonies, but my right to vote in Florida may have been restored by Art. 6, S. 4(a), Fla. Const. Pursuant to 1S-2.010, F.A.C., I request an advisory opinion on whether I have any outstanding legal financial obligations under S. 98.0751, F.S., that make me ineligible to register to vote, along with a statement of the amount that must be paid to make me eligible to vote, and an explanation of how the amount was calculated.</i></p>	
_____ Signature	_____ Date