

Restore Your Voting Rights

**Ex-Offenders Voting
Rights Restoration
Campaign**

VOTING IS A CIVIL RIGHT

Voting is a **basic civil right** that allows you to:

- **Vote in elections**
- **Hold public office**
- **Serve on a jury**



FLORIDA BY THE NUMBERS

9% of Floridians cannot vote

According to The Sentencing Project, a prison reform group, more than 1.6 million Floridians cannot vote, hold office, or serve in a jury. In most states, the percentage of people unable to vote is less than 2%.

1 in 4 African-Americans cannot vote

Even though just 17% of Florida's population is African-American, 25% of that population cannot vote.

1,534 Nonviolent ex-offenders rights restored

Since 2011, over 11,000 ex-offenders have applied to get their rights restored. Just 14% have been successful.

HOW TO RESTORE YOUR RIGHTS

Civil rights can be restored only by the Governor and Cabinet, who act as a Clemency board and meet four times a year. The process includes a five-year **waiting period** for less serious felonies and seven years for serious felonies. **Hearings** are required for serious felonies, but not for less serious felonies.

The following **required paperwork** must be submitted to the State of Florida.

- Application for Clemency
- Certified copies (CC) of the charging document for each felony count
- CC of judgments and sentencing from the clerk of the county where the felony occurred

Call **786-363-2731** or visit **www.restorerights.org** for more information on the restoration process.

Call **850-488-5021** or visit **www.dc.state.fl.us** for resources provided by the Department of Corrections.



EX-OFFENDERS VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION CAMPAIGN

MISSION

Assist ex-offenders that have been crime-free for at least eight (8) years restore their civil rights- the right to vote.

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