

LET ME VOTE

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WHY SHOULD I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Vote to empower yourself , your family and your community. Vote so that the needs of your community are addressed by those in office. Vote because your voice is important and deserves to be counted. Registering to vote will also ensure you are not excluded from sitting on a jury.

WHEN & WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

You can register to vote at any point during the year. Be sure to register no less than 30 days in advance of any upcoming election.

You can get a registration form at your post office, public library, county courthouse, probation or parole office, welfare office or community center. You can also download the form from the Secretary of State's website.

WHAT INFORMATION DOES THE REGISTRATION FORM ASK FOR?

You must provide your name, address, date of birth and enter your Mississippi driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number. If you are registering by mail and are registering for the first time and have neither a driver's license nor a social security number, you must send in either a copy of a current and valid photo identification or a copy of a utility bill with your name and address on it. You will be asked to swear if you are eligible to vote.

WHERE DO I MAIL MY COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION FORM?

Mail your application to or drop it off at the circuit clerk's office in your county. For more information, call the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office Elections Division at 1-800-829-6786.

WHAT ABOUT VOTER ID?

Currently, voters must provide one of the following forms of ID to vote:

- MS Driver's License or State-Issued ID card.
- A current and valid US Passport.
- A current and valid employee ID card, issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the US Government, the state of MS, or any county, municipality, board authority or entity of MS.
- A current and valid student photo ID card from any accredited college, university, or community/junior college in MS.
- A current and valid MS license to carry a pistol or revolver.
- A current and valid US military ID card or a valid Tribal photo ID card

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VOTING WITH A FELONY CONVICTION IN MISSISSIPPI

CAN I VOTE IF I HAVE A FELONY CONVICTION?

Unless you have been convicted by a Mississippi court of one of the 22 specific crimes listed below, you can vote in Mississippi at all times—even while you are incarcerated.

The 22 crimes that bar you from voting are:

Murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, bigamy, armed robbery, extortion, felony bad check, felony shoplifting, larceny, receiving stolen property, robbery, timber larceny, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, statutory rape, carjacking, or larceny under lease or rental agreement.

If you have been convicted of one of these disenfranchising crimes, contact the ACLU at (601) 354-3408 for assistance with restoration.

If you were not convicted of one of the crimes listed above, you are eligible to vote. If you were registered before your conviction, you will remain on the voter rolls and can request an absentee ballot during your incarceration.

IF I AM EVER CONVICTED OF ONE OF THE 22 LISTED CRIMES, AM I EVER ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

Yes, there are two ways in which your voting rights can be restored. You must either 1) be pardoned by the Governor or 2) have the legislature pass a bill restoring your rights. The ACLU of Mississippi and its organizational partners help people throughout the state with the process of seeking rights restoration. If you are interested in applying for restoration of your voting rights, contact the ACLU of Mississippi at (601) 354-3408.

WHAT MAKES ME ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN MISSISSIPPI?

To register to vote in Mississippi you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a resident of Mississippi.
- Be 18 years old at the time of the next election.
- Live in the county in which you are registering to vote for at least 30 days prior to the election.
- Not be disenfranchised by one of the 22 listed crimes.



WHAT IF I WAS CONVICTED OF A FEDERAL CRIME?

You can vote in Mississippi. No matter the crime, federal convictions have no impact on your voting rights in Mississippi.

WHAT IF I WAS CONVICTED OF ONE OF THE 22 LISTED CRIMES, BUT IN ANOTHER STATE?

You can vote in Mississippi. No matter the crime, out of state convictions have no impact on your voting rights in Mississippi.

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