

BEFORE YOU RESTORE YOUR RIGHTS:



1. You have to complete your sentence, including probation and parole.



2. You must pay off your restitution and court costs, and be up to date on child support.

HOW TO RESTORE YOUR RIGHTS:



- 1. Check if you can apply:** In Tennessee, if you've served your time, including probation and parole, and paid all fines, fees & restitution, you can apply.
- 2. File a Petition with the Circuit Court to restore your rights:** This can be filed in the jurisdiction where you live or where the felony conviction occurred.
- 3. Ask for a completed Certificate of Restoration form:** You can download this form from the State Department's website in Tennessee or ask for it by mail. You will need qualified agencies to confirm on the form that you have paid all court costs, completed your sentence, and paid child support. You should include a copy of the order from Circuit Court with this form.
- 4. Wait for an answer:** The Secretary of State in Tennessee will check your Certificate of Restoration form. If they say yes, you will get a letter stating that your voting rights are back.

Who We Are

Legal Aid Society is Tennessee's largest non-profit law firm. Our mission is to enforce, advance, and defend the legal rights of low income and vulnerable people to obtain the basic necessities of life.

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We have eight offices in Clarksville, Columbia, Cookeville, Gallatin, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Oak Ridge, and Tullahoma.

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VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION



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WHEN WAS YOUR FELONY CONVICTION?

<p>Before Jan. 15, 1973</p>	<p>You have the right to vote unless you were convicted of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abusing a female child • Arson and felonious burning • Bigamy • Bribery • Burglary • Counterfeiting • Felonious breaking and entering a dwellinghouse • Felonious breaking in a business house, outhouse other than a dwelling house • Forgery • Horse stealing • Larceny • Robbery • Receiving stolen property • Stealing bills of exchange or other valuable papers 	<p>July 1, 1996 to June 30, 2006</p>	<p>You have temporarily lost the right to vote. You may seek restoration UNLESS you were convicted of one of the following crimes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any degree of murder • Any degree of rape • Treason • Voter fraud
<p>Jan. 15, 1973 to May 17, 1981</p>	<p>You have the right to vote.</p>		
<p>May 18, 1981 to June 30, 1986</p>	<p>You have temporarily lost the right to vote but may be eligible to petition the court to restore your rights.</p>		
<p>July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1996</p>	<p>You have temporarily lost the right to vote. You may seek restoration UNLESS you were convicted of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-degree murder • Aggravated rape • Treason • Voter fraud 	<p>July 1, 2006 to present</p>	<p>You have temporarily lost the right to vote. You may seek restoration UNLESS you were convicted of one of the following crimes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any degree of murder • Any degree of rape • Treason • Voter fraud • Bribery • Generally, misconduct involving a public official or employee • Generally, interference with government operations • Certain sexual offenses or offenses involving a minor

According to current Tennessee Coordinator of Elections policy, people that are ineligible to restore their firearm rights are not eligible to restore their voting rights. You should speak with an attorney if this applies to you.



If you don't have a felony conviction, you are able to vote!!