



## **VOTING RIGHTS RESTORED TO PEOPLE WITH A PRIOR FELONY REGISTER NOW!**

In December 2019, the Governor issued an Executive Order that has now restored voting rights to over 175,000 Kentuckians who were convicted of non-violent felonies and have completed their sentences or terms of probation and parole. NOW is the time for those citizens to register to vote!

### **HOW?**

- Go to <https://civilrightsrestoration.ky.gov/> and click on CHECK YOUR STATUS to enter your name to check if you are eligible for automatic restoration.
- If your name is on the list, click on the link TO REGISTER and complete your registration online.

### **IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST:**

The current online list of people with prior felony convictions who are eligible for automatic restoration is not complete. If your name is NOT on the list, do the following at <https://civilrightsrestoration.ky.gov/>

- Click on the link CAN YOU VOTE? to check the requirements.
- Contact the Department of Corrections, which includes the Division of Probation and Parole, at 502-782-9731. Give your name and identifying information to be checked and approved as eligible.
- If you are eligible, go to GoVoteKY.com to register online.

**IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY:** If you do not qualify for automatic restoration, you may submit an Application for Restoration of Civil Rights. To download an application, go to [civilrightsrestoration.ky.gov](https://civilrightsrestoration.ky.gov/), click on APPLICATION and then the link [Civil Rights Restoration Application](#), complete the application, and follow directions to return it to the Division of Probation and Parole.

### **For further information contact:**

Louisville: League of Women Voters, [lwvlouisville@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlouisville@gmail.com); 502-895-5218  
Lexington: League of Women Voters, [lexingtonlwv@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtonlwv@gmail.com); 859-494-3202  
Statewide: League of Women Voters of Kentucky, [kentuckylwv@gmail.com](mailto:kentuckylwv@gmail.com); 502-875-6481

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## Restoration of Civil Rights for Persons with a Prior Felony

Under Kentucky's Constitution, any Kentuckian convicted of a felony loses certain civil rights, including the right to vote and the right to hold public office. The Kentucky Constitution gives the Governor the discretion to restore these civil rights.

On December 12, 2019, the Governor issued an Executive Order (2019-003) that automatically restored the right to vote and the right to hold public office to Kentuckians who were convicted of non-violent felonies under Kentucky law and who have repaid their debt to society by completing their sentences. The Governor's Executive Order also provides that, going forward, the right to vote and to hold public office are immediately restored to any Kentuckian who was convicted of a non-violent felony under Kentucky law upon completion of his or her sentence.

Anyone who is convicted of a felony **other than those felonies under Kentucky law listed below**, and who satisfies their term of probation, parole, and/or service of sentence of incarceration is automatically restored to their rights.

Kentuckians convicted of the felonies listed below do not receive automatic restoration of their civil rights:

- Treason;
- Bribery in an election;
- A violent offense defined in [KRS 439.3401](#);
- Any offense under [KRS Chapter 507](#) or [KRS Chapter 507A](#);
- Any assault, as defined in [KRS 508.020](#) or [KRS 508.040](#),
- Strangulation in the first degree, as defined in [KRS 508.170](#);
- Human trafficking, as defined in [KRS 529.100](#);
- Any felony conviction in another state or in the federal system.

The Governor's Executive Order does not require eligible Kentuckians returning and reintegrating into communities to pay fees or fines to be eligible to restore their voting rights; but it does not relieve them of obligations to pay court-ordered restitution or fines.

If you are convicted of one of these felonies, your rights will not be automatically restored under the Governor's Executive Order. However, you may still apply for restoration of your civil rights through the process set forth in the Department of Corrections regulations:

[Kentucky CPP 27-26-01 Restoration of Civil Rights](#)

Check for eligibility at <https://civilrightsrestoration.ky.gov/> For questions email: [civilrights.restoration@ky.gov](mailto:civilrights.restoration@ky.gov) or call 502-782-9731. Once confirmed, you may register to vote online.