

AMENDMENT 4 FAQs

What is Amendment 4?

The Voting Restoration Amendment was the fourth proposed Constitutional Amendment on the 2018 General Election ballot. "This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis." The amendment passed with 64.55% of the vote and will now be part of Florida's Constitution with an effective date of January 8, 2019.

How do I know if my voting rights have been restored?

It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm whether or not their voting rights have been automatically restored. Search or apply for your Restoration of Civil Rights certificate through the Florida Commission on Offender Review, Office of Executive Clemency: Online: www.fc.or.state.fl.us
Phone: (800) 435-8286 or (850) 488-2952. Fax: (850) 488-0695
Mail: 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399

The agencies listed below may have resources to assist you in verifying that you have completed your sentencing obligations:

- Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller (in the county where sentenced)
Walton County: (850) 892-8115, clerkofcourts.co.walton.fl.us
- Florida Department of Corrections where supervised or incarcerated:
(850) 488-5021, www.dc.state.fl.us

What does this mean for convicted felons who were previously ineligible to register to vote?

Starting on January 8, 2019, certain convicted felons that have completed their sentences, including parole and probation, will have their voting rights automatically restored and will be eligible to register to vote. Exception: Felons convicted of murder or sexual offenses are not eligible to register and vote unless the Governor's Clemency Review Board restores their voting rights.

How will the Supervisor of Elections handle voter registration applications now with Amendment 4?

The Walton County Supervisor of Elections office will accept and process voter registration applications as usual. Applications will be accepted from individuals with prior felony convictions who are newly eligible to register pursuant to the terms of Amendment 4. Voters who have previously been removed from the voter rolls due to a felony conviction (and are newly eligible to register pursuant to the terms of Amendment 4) may re-register to vote starting January 8, 2019.

NOTICE:

The Supervisor of Elections advises any convicted felon who wishes to register to vote, to verify that they have fulfilled all of their court ordered sentencing obligations **BEFORE** registering to vote. Completion of all terms of sentence may include any period of incarceration, probation, parole and financial obligations imposed as part of an individual's sentence.

How do I register to vote?

You may apply for voter registration by completing a Florida Voter Registration Application:

- at the Supervisor of Elections office(s) listed below.
- by mail (visit votewalton.com to print the [application form](#))
- Online at votewalton.com and registertovoteflorida.gov.
- at the Tax Collector/DMV office
- at a community registration event

Give us a call if you have any questions or need further assistance.



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