

Georgia Voting Rights for People with a Felony Record

A Guide for Canvassers

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Anyone not currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction CAN VOTE in Georgia.*

If someone says they can't vote because they have a felony, ask them 3 questions:

1. Is your sentence complete—including probation and parole (including any period on non-report status)?

- If yes: you are off paper, and can vote! Just be sure to [re-register](#) before the deadline.
- If not sure: talk to your [probation officer](#) and request a [Certificate of Sentence Completion](#).
- If no or not sure: ask questions 2 & 3 to learn more.

2. Were you sentenced under the First Offender Act or Conditional Discharge?

- If yes, and the status has not been revoked: you can [register](#) and vote *while still serving* that felony sentence because it's not considered a conviction unless the status was revoked.
- If no, ask question #3.

3. Have you been on probation for more than 3 years?

- If Yes: You may qualify for early termination of probation under a new law that took effect May 2021.
- Go to [GJP.org/Probation](#) for self-advocacy information and details on criteria for early termination. (3 years on probation; no new arrests; no revocations for 24 months; paid all restitution).
- If you meet the criteria, talk to your [probation officer](#) about early termination. If on non-report, call the DCS Call Center at 678-783-4337.
- Email early.termination@DCS.ga.gov if you are experiencing issues requesting early termination.
- Email Probation@GJP.org or call GJP at 404-827-0027 ext 248 if you completed these steps and are still having problems.
- If your probation gets terminated, you can register and vote.

Fines & fees don't impact voting if your sentence is complete. According to the [Secretary of State's My Voter Page](#), if a person was on probation, all fines are automatically cancelled upon completion of probation. And your sentence is considered complete even if you have unpaid restitution, fees, costs and surcharges.

NOTE: No documentation of sentence completion is required in order to register. But if you aren't sure your sentence is complete or want peace of mind, you can ask the [Dept. of Community Supervision](#) (Probation/Parole) for a [Certificate of Sentence Completion](#) and bring it to your [county's Voter Registrar's Office](#).

LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Voting Rights & Criminal Records: [GJP.org/Voting](#)
- Early Termination of Probation (SB 105): [GJP.org/Probation](#)
- Find your Probation Office: [DCS.georgia.gov/locations/field-office](https://dcs.georgia.gov/locations/field-office) or if on non-report call 678-783-4337.
- Find your county's Voter Registration Office: mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/county-election-offices

QUESTIONS? Canvassers or potential voters can call or email Georgia Justice Project with questions.

- Voting:** Ann@GJP.org 404-827-0027 ext 248
- Probation:** Probation@GJP.org 404-827-0027 ext 231

*if they also meet the [other requirements](#) for voting eligibility

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