

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS



WISCONSIN



Voting with a Criminal Conviction: Your Voting Rights for Election Day—November 4

If you were convicted of a FELONY and on Election Day you are “off paper-” which means you are NOT

- in prison for a FELONY (or bribery/treason),
- on probation for a FELONY (or bribery/treason),
- on parole for a FELONY (or bribery/treason), or
- on extended supervision for a FELONY (or bribery/treason)

YOU CAN VOTE!

You DON'T need photo ID to vote, and you can register to vote at your polling place on Election Day!

After you have completed your FELONY sentence and been discharged by the Dept. of Corrections – that means once you are “off paper” - you are automatically allowed to register and vote again. You don't have to get any kind of “pardon.”

If you've been *charged* with a felony (or bribery/treason) but not convicted yet, you have the right to vote. If you've been convicted of a FELONY (or bribery/treason) you cannot vote, even if you have not been sentenced yet.

If you were convicted of a MISDEMEANOR (except for bribery/treason), you never lose your right to vote. You can ask permission to register and vote in person at the polling place for the location you live when not in jail, especially if you have work release. If you cannot leave the jail and are already registered to vote, you can send a form to the clerk of the city or town you live in when not in jail to ask that they send you an absentee ballot. You have to send the form by Thurs., Oct. 30 and you have to mail the absentee ballot by Election Day.

You may vote in Wisconsin if:

- You will be at least 18 years old by Election Day.
- You are a U.S. citizen by birth or by naturalization.
- You will be a Wisconsin resident for at least 28 days by Election Day.

How do I register?

- You can register at the clerk's office until Oct. 31.
- You can register at the early voting location from Oct. 20-24 and Oct. 27-31.
- You can register at the polls on Election Day.
- To register you need one of the following documents with your name and current address: a recent utility bill (electric, cell, gas, cable, internet, etc.); a WI drivers license or ID card; any government document (even from DOC) or check; a letter from an agency that serves homeless people (can be a meal site, day shelter, overnight shelter, etc.); a lease; any ID card issued by a WI governmental body; an employer ID card with your photo; a bank statement; a pay check; or a WI college/university photo ID along with a tuition fee receipt.
- You can use paper or electronic copies of these documents (if it's on your smartphone or tablet, you just show it to the person registering you).
- You cannot use personal mail, most credit card bills, private collection notices, or magazines as proof of residence.
- If you have a Wisconsin driver's license, bring it to put the license number on the voter registration form. If you don't have a license, use your state ID card number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you don't know the number, get it from the DMV by calling 608-266-2353.

For more information or assistance contact:

- Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Elections Division: (608) 266-8005, (866) 868-3947 or gab.wi.gov
- Wisconsin Election Protection Hotline: (866) OUR-VOTE or (866) 687-8683. “Like” Wisconsin Election Protection on Facebook to ask questions and get information.
- ACLU of Wisconsin: (414) 272-4032 or aclu-wi.org

Questions or problems? 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) will be live on November 4.

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