Georgia Voting Rights for People with a Felony Record
A Guide for Canvassers

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

2. **Were you sentenced under the First Offender Act or Conditional Discharge?**
   a. If yes, and the status has not been revoked: you can register and vote while still serving that felony sentence because it’s not considered a conviction unless the status was revoked.
   b. If no, ask question #3.

3. **Have you been on probation for more than 3 years?**
   a. If yes: You may qualify for early termination of probation under a new law that took effect May 2021.
   b. Go to GJP.org/Probation for self-advocacy information and details on criteria for early termination.
   c. (3 years on probation; no new arrests; no revocations for 24 months; paid all restitution).
   d. Email early.termination@DCS.ga.gov if you are experiencing issues requesting early termination.
   e. Email Probation@GJP.org or call GJP at 404-827-0027 ext 248 if you completed these steps and are still having problems.
   f. 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 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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