

AMENDMENT 4

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What is Amendment 4?

The Voting Restoration Amendment was the 4th proposed Constitutional Amendment on the 2018 General Election ballot. This amendment started as a citizen initiative. It made ballot position through the collection of over 842,000 petition signatures. The amendment passed with 64.55% of the vote and became part of Florida's Constitution on **January 8, 2019**.

Ballot Summary:

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 does not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.

Q: *How can I find out if my voting rights have been restored?*

A: It is your responsibility to confirm that your voting rights have been restored. We urge you to use these resources to confirm your sentence is complete, and thus your rights have been restored, before completing a voter registration application.

Resources:

Florida Commission on Offender Review
<https://www.fcor.state.fl.us/>

Florida Department of Corrections
<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/>
Phone: 850-488-5021

Office of Executive Clemency
Mail: 4047 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2450
Phone: 850-488-2952 or 1-800-435-8286
Fax: 850-488-0695
Email: clemencyweb@fcor.state.fl.us

Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Courts
Criminal Court Office
1351 NW 12th Street
Miami, FL 33125
Phone: 305-275-1155

Q: *What does this mean for convicted felons who were previously deemed ineligible to register to vote?*

A: Effective January 8, 2019, voting rights are automatically restored for felons who have completed all terms of their sentence except for those convicted of murder or sexual offenses. This will make them eligible to register to vote as long as they meet all qualifications to be a registered voter.

You may use [Online Voter Registration](#) or submit a [Voter Registration Application](#) ([Español](#)) ([Kreyòl](#)) to register to vote.

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

A: The Miami-Dade Elections Department proudly serves potential voters in the act of voter registration. Under this new law (Amendment 4), the role of the Supervisor of Elections remains the same. We rely on the voter indicating on the voter registration application that they are eligible to vote. If the voter affirms they meet all qualifications, we will register them. The voter's information is then sent to the Florida Division of Elections, who will research and verify the voter's identity and eligibility under the new law.