

# AMENDMENT 4

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### What is Amendment 4?

The Voting Restoration Amendment was the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 will now be part of Florida's Constitution with an **effective date of 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 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.

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

**A:** It is the voter's responsibility to confirm if their voting rights have been restored. We urge voters to use these resources to confirm your sentence is complete, and thus your rights 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](mailto:clemencyweb@fcor.state.fl.us)

Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Courts  
Criminal Court Office  
1351 NW 12th Street  
Miami, FL 33125  
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 will be automatically restored for felons who have completed their sentence as court ordered. 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](#) to submit an application to register to vote. Box 2 on the Florida Voter Registration Application reads: "I affirm I am not a convicted felon, or, if I am, my rights relating to voting have been restored." By checking this box, you are attesting that your right to vote has been restored.

**Exception:** Felons convicted of murder or sexual offenses are not eligible to register and vote unless the Clemency Review Board votes to restore their voting rights.

**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.