Amendment 4 – Voting Restoration Frequently Asked Questions

NOTE: CS/SB 7066 was signed into law and became effective 7/1/19. There is a pending federal lawsuit challenging the provision of the law dealing with Amendment 4 which could potentially impact this provision as it is in current law.

What is Voting Restoration - Amendment 4?

On November 6, 2018, Florida voters passed Voting Restoration - Amendment 4.

The ballot language stated “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.”

What does the signing of CS/SB 7066 mean for convicted felons who were previously deemed ineligible to register to vote or never registered to vote?

Convicted felons who meet the requirements of Amendment 4 (those who have completed ALL terms of their sentence, including parole and probation to include fines, fees, and restitution, and were not convicted of murder or sexual offenses), are eligible to register to vote.

How does someone know if their voting rights have been restored?

It is the applicant’s responsibility to affirm that all information submitted on the voter registration application is true [Florida Statute 97.053(5)(a)8].

The following Florida agencies have resources to assist applicants in verifying sentencing obligations:

- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, (877) 698-6830, https://floridarrc.com
  Please note: the applicant must call the Florida county where sentenced.
- Florida Department of Corrections (where supervised or incarcerated), (850) 488-5021, www.dc.state.fl.us

In addition, the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections is willing to assist applicants.
Call (800) 851-8754, email webcomments@pascovotes.com or visit www.pascovotes.com.

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If a voter was removed from the voter roll due to a felony conviction, will he/she be automatically re-registered to vote?

No. An eligible applicant must re-register to vote. When completing a paper voter registration application, be sure to complete Sections 1 – 7 and sign the oath at the bottom of the application. State law requires all voters to be registered at least 29 days before an election.

Applicants may register to vote:

- Online at https://registertovoteflorida.gov/en/Registration/Index (requires a Florida Driver’s License # or Florida ID #)
- At a voter registration agency (such as a Tax Collector’s Office, USPS office or Public Library). For a complete list of locations, see https://www.pascovotes.com/Voters/Where-to-Pick-Up-an-Application

After an applicant applies to register to vote, what happens next?

Within a few weeks of registering, the applicant should receive a Voter Information Card in the mail. If not received, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office to ensure we have the correct address.

Once registered, it is the responsibility of voters to keep registration information (signature, name, address and political party affiliation) up to date. Voters can update their information by visiting www.pascovotes.com or calling (800) 851-8754.

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