

Voter Registration: When Civil Rights Are Restored

In Minnesota, you cannot vote while serving a sentence as a result of a felony conviction. However, once the full sentence is completed — including parole and probation — commonly called “off paper,” the right to vote is automatically restored.

- If you reside in Minnesota and are “off paper,” you can vote even if your felony conviction was in another state.
- Do not register to vote before you have completed your sentence, even if you will be “off paper” by Election Day. It is a felony to register if your rights have not been restored.
- In Minnesota you can register to vote on Election Day if you have not pre-registered.
- Even if you are “off paper,” the county elections office may not have been notified that your civil rights have been restored. In this case, there may be a note on the list of voters at the polling place directing the election judge to challenge your eligibility to vote. If so, explain that you have completed your sentence and your civil rights have been restored. The election judge may require you to swear an oath that your rights have been restored, but then should allow you to vote.

Registration Options:

- **Pre-register**
If possible, pre-register to vote. This will allow problems to be brought to your attention before Election Day. Register as far in advance as possible. The deadline for pre-registration is Tuesday, October 14.
- **Election Day Registration**
Register on Election Day. You will need to provide one of the following for proof of residence:
 - Valid Minnesota driver’s license, a learner’s permit, a Minnesota ID card, or a receipt for any of these containing a valid address in the precinct
 - Student ID card including your photo, if your college has provided a student housing list to election officials
 - Tribal ID card including your name, photo, signature and address in the precinct
 - Valid registration in the same precinct under a different name or address
 - Notice of Late Registration sent to you by your county auditor or city clerk
 - A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address with a signed oath
 - Authorized employee of a residential facility where you reside who can confirm your address with a signed oath (the residential facility must provide a list of employees to election officials)

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Or, you must provide **two** of the following:

A photo ID from the first list — and a bill in your name showing your address from the second list:

Types of Photo IDs:

- Minnesota driver's license
- Minnesota ID card
- United States Passport
- United States Military ID
- Minnesota university or technical college ID
- Tribal ID card

Types of bills (due within 30 days of the election):

- Gas
- Electric
- Telephone
- Cell phone
- TV (cable, satellite)
- Solid waste
- Water
- Sewer services
- Internet services
- Student fee statement
- Rent statement with itemized utilities