

VOTING RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

Learn How to Seek Restoration of Your Voting Rights

Did you know that, due to updates in Arkansas law over the past few years, some people who lost their right to vote due to incarceration may have their right to vote restored?



What are the updates you are referring to?

In 2019, the Arkansas legislature passed a law that provides a path for people sentenced to life sentences as children to have their parole discharged and their voting rights restored when certain conditions are met. Then in 2023, a law was passed clarifying that this path is available to anyone convicted of a crime as a child, not only those who were sentenced to life.

I was convicted of a crime. Does the law apply to me?

You are eligible to request parole discharge and restoration of your voting rights if all three of the below statements apply to you.

- You are on parole for a crime committed before your 18th birthday
- You completed at least 5 years of parole
- You have not committed any violations while on parole

I meet the eligibility requirements. What do I need to do?

You will need to submit a request to the parole board who will then seek approval from the prosecutor in the county where you were convicted.

How do I submit the request to the parole board and what do I say?

Review our "Parole Discharge Checklist" for guidance on what steps to take to submit your request as well as suggestions on what information to include with your request.

Is there help available to support me in making my request?

We would be happy to assist you. Please contact Laura Nicks at lnicks@humanrightsforkids.org to learn more about the assistance we can provide or to ask any questions.

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