

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE

EVEN IF YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD

Can I register and vote in New York if I have a criminal record?

YES:

If you...

- ➔ Are on **probation**; or
- ➔ Were **not sentenced to prison** or had your **prison sentence suspended**; or
- ➔ **Served your maximum prison sentence**; or
- ➔ Were **discharged from parole**; or
- ➔ Were **pardoned**; or
- ➔ Were **convicted of a misdemeanor**

NO:

If you...

- ➔ Are **currently incarcerated**; or
- ➔ Are **under parole supervision**

OTHER QUESTIONS:

Do the same rules apply if I have a federal felony conviction?

YES

Do the same rules apply if I have a felony conviction in another state?

YES, if the conviction would be a felony in New York.

Can I register and vote if I am in a county jail?

YES, but you need an absentee ballot.

Do I have to re-register after my felony conviction?

YES, if you were sentenced to prison, after you serve your maximum sentence or are discharged from parole.

- ★ To be eligible to vote in the 2008 general election on November 4, your county board of elections must have your completed voter registration form by October 10, 2008.
- ★ To download a voter registration form or to find out where your county board of elections office is located, visit www.elections.state.ny.us/
- ★ For more information about felony disfranchisement, visit the New York Civil Liberties Union website at www.nyclu.org/vote



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