

HAVE YOU...

- Ever been convicted of a crime (most especially a felony)?
- Reformed your ways and are on the pathway toward becoming a productive and law abiding member of society?
- Ever been told that as a result of your conviction you have permanently forfeited your right to vote in Pennsylvania?

If you answered “yes” to all of the above questions, we would like to inform you that “YOU ARE” in fact lawfully permitted to vote in Pennsylvania.

HOW IS THIS TRUE?

On September 18, 2000, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in the case of *Mixon v. Commonwealth*, 759 A.2d 442 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2000) ruled that formerly incarcerated persons who were convicted of a felony “ARE” permitted to register to vote in Pennsylvania upon their release from confinement. However, despite the court’s ruling, Pennsylvania statute still erroneously states that formerly incarcerated persons that have been convicted of a felony must wait five-years following their release from confinement in order to register to vote. **THIS IS AN OUTRIGHT FALSEHOOD AND WE ARE DEMANDING THAT THIS MISLEADING AND CONFLICTING LANGUAGE BE REPEALED IMMEDIATELY.**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

If you have ever been incarcerated due to a felony conviction, you may register to vote upon your release from confinement *(It should be noted that you must reside in Pennsylvania and the election district where you intend to vote for at least 30 days prior to the next upcoming election).*

HOW/WHERE DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

You can either register to vote online, in person or by mail. Please visit the following website for more information: <http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt?mode=2&objID=1174117&open=514&parentid=1&parentname=ObjMgr>.

WHY SHOULD I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- You should register because your vote is your voice (and it counts)!
- You should register because many people have died and fought tooth and nail in order to secure this right for you.
- You should register because there are many people counting on you “not” to exercise your right to do so.
- You cannot justifiably complain about your situation if you stand idly by and do not make your elected officials accountable to you.



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