

# State of Tennessee Felony Conviction After May 18, 1981(2006 General Assembly, Public Chapter 860 AND 2-2-139)

## Type of Crime That Forfeits Right to Vote

- All Felonies

## Conditions under Which Person May Be Eligible for Restoration of Voting Rights

- Receipt of a pardon;
- Expiration of the maximum sentence imposed for the crime; or
- Granted final release from incarceration or supervision by the board of paroles, the department of correction, or county correction authority; and
- Any court order restitution paid; and/or
- Current in the payment of any child support obligations; and/or
- Any court ordered court costs paid

## Procedures for Restoring Voting Rights

### 1. Court Order

- Obtain a court order restoring the person's rights in either the county in which the person currently resides or the county in which the person was convicted.
- Bring the certified copy of the original order to the office of the county election commission in the county in which the person resides.

OR

### 2. Certificate of Restoration

- [Print the Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights](#), or obtain a certificate from the county election commission office;
- Have the Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights completed by:
  - the pardoning authority; or
  - an agent or officer of the supervising or incarcerating authority; and/or
  - the an agent of the circuit/criminal court clerk
- Bring the completed Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights to the office of the county election commission in the county in which person resides;
- County administrator of elections shall send a copy of the Certificate of Restoration of Voting Rights to the Coordinator of Elections for verification; and
- Upon verification that the applicant does not have any outstanding child support obligations due, the person may be registered to vote.

## Exceptions -Persons convicted of any of the following, cannot have his or her voting rights restored:

- Between July 1, 1986, and June 30, 1996 -first degree murder, aggravated rape, treason, or voter fraud
- Between July 1, 1996, and June 30, 2006 - murder, rape, treason, or voter fraud
- On or after July 1, 2006 – Any of the above, or any degree of murder or rape or any offense under TCA Title 39, Chapter 16, parts 1, 4, or 5 designated as a felony or any violation containing the same elements and designated as a felony in any other state or federal court; or any sexual offense under TCA § 40-39-202 or any violent sexual offense under TCA § 40-39-202 designated as a felony or any violation containing the same elements and designated as a felony in any other state or federal court and where the victim of such offense was a minor