

Restoration of Voting Rights for Convicted Felons

RESTORING YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

Arkansas law affords convicted felons the unique opportunity to have their voting **rights** restored under certain conditions. The felon must provide proof to the county clerk that he or she (1) has been discharged from probation or parole, (2) has paid all probation or parole fees, (3) satisfied all terms of imprisonment, and (4) paid all applicable court costs, fines, or restitution (Ark Code An n. Amend. 51 §11(d)(2) (A-D)).

Steps to Restoring Your Voting Rights:

1. Obtain proof from the appropriate state or local agencies that ~~all~~ the above-mentioned requirements have been completed or proof that your record has been expunged as described on the next page.
2. Submit said proof to the Voter Registration Department of the county clerk's office where the convicted felon now resides.
3. Complete an Arkansas Voter Registration Application and return it to the Voter Registration Department of the county clerk's office.

EXPUNGING YOUR RECORD

You have the right to petition the court to have the record of your conviction sealed once you have completed the terms of your sentence (exceptions may apply). However, petitioning to have your record sealed does not guarantee you will be approved. Moreover, you may only use this provision of the law to seal your record one time. (Ark. Code An n. 16-90-601; §16-90-605; §16-90-605; § 16-90-901; §16-90-906; §16-93-301; §16-93-303)

Steps to Expunging Your Record:

1. You must meet the following criteria:
 - a. First-time, non-violent offender.
 - b. Completed all parole and probation requirements.
 - c. Paid all court costs, fines, restitution, etc.
2. Obtain a "Petition to Seal" form by visiting the Court Records Department of the Circuit clerk's office.
3. Complete the "Petition to Seal" form in its entirety and return it to the Court Records Department of the Circuit clerk's office. A \$50 filing fee will be charged.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Circuit Court Records Department

(870) 933-4530

Fines and Court Cost

(870)933-4551

Probation and Parole

(870)935-7290

Voter Registration Department

(870)933-4520