

Felon Voting Rights

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State of Georgia Law

The State of Georgia denies the right to vote to:

- Persons convicted of a felony involving “moral turpitude”
- For persons currently in prison, on parole, and on probation
 - including the payment of fines, fees, and restitution

The ACLU believes charging people to vote is a poll tax, which is unconstitutional

Moral Turpitude

- The State of Georgia has not provided a list of crimes involving moral turpitude
- Instead, the Secretary of State's office has adopted an unofficial policy that all convicted felons should be denied the right to vote
- The State of Georgia takes away your right to vote if you have been convicted of any felony

The ACLU believes this is unfair and illegal

How To Register To Vote

- An ex-felon can automatically vote upon **completion** of his/her sentence
- Ex-felons should register to vote with the Secretary of State's office
- Voter registration applications are free of charge, and available at most libraries and post offices
- If you would like to register to vote, please contact:

Secretary of State Elections Division
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. S.E.
Suite 1104, West Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Tele: (404) 656-2871
<http://www.sos.state.ga.us>

Restoring Your Voting Rights

- If your voter registration application is rejected
 - Because of a past felony conviction
 - Even though you have completed all terms of your sentence
- If you would like to vote
 - But cannot afford the fines, fees, and/or restitution related to your sentence
- Please contact:
 - ACLU Voting Rights Project
 - Tele: (877) 523-2792
 - Email: vrpaclu@aol.com
 - <http://aclu.org/votingrights/index/html>

Restoring Ex-Felon Voting Rights

- The American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia is challenging these policies and practices through:
 - Public Education
 - Incarcerated & Formerly Incarcerated Education
 - Community Organizing
 - Coalition Building
 - Georgia Vote Connection Center
 - Advocating for Public Policy Changes
 - Constitutional Violations