

RESTORE MY V^{OTE}



Kansas Activist Manual

**KNOW YOUR
VOTING RIGHTS
IN KANSAS
AFTER A FELONY
CONVICTION - AND
HELP GET THE
WORD OUT**



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JOIN US TO INFORM KANSANS WITH FELONY CONVICTIONS OF THEIR VOTING RIGHTS!



This manual is designed to inform people re-entering from incarceration about their rights and provide information to activists, advocates, and organizations to **get the word out** about rights restoration in Kansas!

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WHAT IS FELONY DISENFRANCHISEMENT?



Felony disenfranchisement laws silence the voices of over 6 million citizens in the U.S.

Felony disenfranchisement laws were created to dilute the political power of Black men after Reconstruction and are still an effective and prevalent voter suppression tactic to this day.



Felony disenfranchisement is confusing, inconsistent across different states, and difficult to navigate.

In Kansas, over 71,000 people have the right to vote after their felony sentence but may not know it.

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS



In Kansas, if you're convicted of a felony, you lose your right to vote. This is called "felony disenfranchisement".



When you've completed the terms of your sentence, (including supervised release such as probation or parole), you can vote!



After you've completed the terms of your sentence, voter registration is not automatic—you have to reregister to vote.



Even if you have to register under Kansas offender registration law, this is not considered part of your sentence – **you are still eligible to register to vote** once you've completed the terms of your sentence.

"A man without a vote is a man without protection."

- Lyndon B. Johnson

WHY WE'RE HERE

WE ENVISION
A COMMUNITY
WHERE WE ALL
**TRULY GET A
SECOND CHANCE.**



That means that when re-entering after incarceration, we can each feel connected and empowered to participate and believe that our voices matter.

A NOTE ON HOW WE TALK ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate among the largest countries of the world, so we know mass incarceration and our far-reaching carceral system touches all of our communities in different ways. People who have been impacted by the criminal legal system are a part of our community and we should honor their lived experience without stigmatizing or devaluing them, whether while interacting directly with system-impacted people or in other conversations. We can respect our community members by using respectful language.

WE DON'T SAY:

- “felon”
- “convicted felon”
- “convict”
- “ex-con”



INSTEAD, WE CENTER PEOPLE AND SAY:

- ✓ “person impacted by the criminal legal system”
- ✓ “system-impacted person”
- ✓ “previously incarcerated person”
- ✓ “re-entering from incarceration”

WE NEVER DISCLOSE SOMEONE'S CRIMINAL HISTORY OR FELONY CONVICTION STATUS WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT!

WE NEVER ASK SOMEONE WHY THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help get the word out by joining our weekly phone banks for voting rights, hosted every second Tuesday of the month.



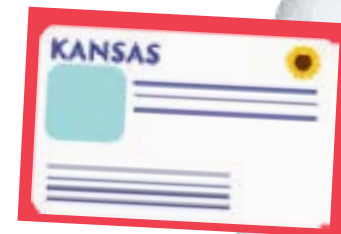
Many eligible voters wrongly believe they're permanently barred from voting. Others face confusing or inconsistent guidance from officials. **But restoring these voices is possible—and it's happening.** The ACLU of Kansas has reached out to thousands of eligible voters through text and phone banks, hosted educational events across the state, and amplified the stories of Kansans directly impacted.

If you believe every eligible voice deserves to be heard in our democracy, **we need your help.** Sign up today at aclukansas.org/en/events and help make sure no Kansan is left unheard.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

To register to vote, you need a valid driver's license or non-driver's identification card.



Check your voter registration or register to vote at ksvotes.org

For more information on registering to vote and your voting rights, visit aclukansas.org/kyvr.



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