

RECLAIM YOUR VOICE! RECLAIM YOUR VOTE!

New Mexico Voting Rights

I was convicted of a felony, and I've finished my prison time, probation and/or parole. Can I register to vote in New Mexico?

You CAN register to vote in New Mexico if:

- You have completed your sentence and all conditions of probation or parole, even if you were convicted in another state.
- You are a US citizen and a resident of New Mexico.
- You will be at least 18 years old at the time of the next election.
- You have not been legally declared mentally incapacitated.

Can I vote in all elections in my district?

Yes, you can vote in all elections for any candidate you choose, including candidates for US President, US Congress, the New Mexico state legislature, and local offices. If you register with a political party, you can also vote in that party's primary in New Mexico.

How do I register to vote?

- If you completed your sentence and all conditions of probation or parole **BEFORE JULY 1, 2005**, you must:
 1. **Get a copy of your discharge papers** from your parole/probation officer or the parole board in the county where you were convicted.
 2. **Send a copy of your discharge papers** to the Bureau of Elections at the Secretary of State's Office at 325 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM 87503.
 3. **Get a voter registration form** sent to you by calling the Secretary of State's office at 1-800-477-3632, or pick one up at your local county clerk's office.
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Then choose the option that's most convenient for you:

By mail: Send the completed voter registration form to the address specified on the form.

At a local event: Complete a registration form onsite.

At a government office: Register at your local county clerk's office or the Secretary of State's office.

When should I register? Is it free?

If you want to vote in the next general election on November 4, 2008, you must register by Tuesday, October 7, 2008. Registering and voting are free.

Where do I vote?

After you mail in your registration form, you'll receive a voter ID card that will list your precinct number. Contact your county clerk's office to find out where to vote in your precinct. Find their number by calling 1-800-477-3632. You can also ask your county clerk about early voting and absentee voting.

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