

Voting Rights Restoration

Emgage Action is working in partnership with the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition and Floridians for a Fair Democracy to help restore the voting rights of 1.68 million people in the state of Florida through the Say Yes to Second Chances campaign. Florida is one of just three states in the country that denies the right to vote for those convicted of felony offenses – even after all fines are paid and all jail time is served. This campaign is about second chances. As humans we have all made mistakes we are not proud of, and we all have benefited from being given a second chance. Let's help those who are trying to turn their lives around and give them a second chance to have their rights as citizens restored.

The restoration of voting rights provides a great second chance for those who are turning their lives around. Currently, even once someone has served all their prison time they are unable to vote in elections in Florida. This is true not just for presidential elections but also local municipal elections. This campaign is mobilizing volunteers and organizations throughout the state of Florida to gather signed petitions from Florida registered voters so that a resolution will be placed on the November 2018 ballot. The resolution, if passed, would grant voting rights to former felons who have finished serving all their jail and parole time and have finished paying all fines and fees, with the exception of those convicted of murder or sexual offenses. In order to secure the resolution on the ballot, 60 percent of the required 700,000 petitions must be turned in by **December 15** so that the courts can evaluate the petitions. The petitions must be signed by registered Florida voters. If we are successful in getting the resolution on the November 2018 ballot, it will required a 60 percent majority yes vote in order to pass.

To sign the petition, go to: https://floridarrc.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/3ecbf8_3ba4d6758f154f839954e38eb612b87a.pdf

Please return the petition to: 8360 Oakland Park Blvd, Suite: 201, Sunrise, FL, 33319