
Incarcerated Voting

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In general, inmates within the Shasta County Jail have the right to vote in local, state, and national elections. Below is a list of requirements for eligibility as an incarcerated voter.

Eligibility Requirements for Persons with a Criminal History.

You can register to vote and vote if you are:

- A United States Citizen and a resident of California,
- 18 years old or older on Election Day,
- Not Currently in State or Federal Prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and
- Not Currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court (for more information, please see Voting Rights: Persons Subject to Conservatorship)

Persons with a criminal history who **CAN** register to vote:

- In County Jail:
 - Serving a misdemeanor sentence (a misdemeanor never affects a persons right to vote)
 - Because jail time is a condition of probation (misdemeanor or felony)
 - Serving a felony jail sentence
 - Awaiting Trial
- On Probation
- On Mandatory Supervision
- On Post-Release Community Supervision
- On Federal Supervised Release
- A person with a juvenile wardship adjudication

Persons with a criminal history who **CANNOT** register and vote:

- Currently imprisoned in:
 - State Prison
 - Federal Prison
- Currently serving a state prison felony sentence in a county jail or other correctional facility
- Currently in county jail awaiting transfer to a state or federal prison for a felony conviction
- Currently in a county jail for a parole violation

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- Currently on parole with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
 - Once someone is discharged from parole, they may re-register to vote as their right to vote is restored.

Inmates wishing to register to vote should complete a request form in the inmate tablet system, asking for a Voter Registration card. Once the inmate has completed the Voter Registration card Jail staff shall forward the completed card to the Jail Administrative Sergeant who will then forward the completed card to the Elections Department.

The Absentee Ballot applications will be available to inmates prior to local, state and federal elections.