# Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day!

# What documents do I need to vote on election day?

- •Non-expired Missouri driver license; or
- •Non-expired or non-expiring Missouri nondriver license; *or*
- •Non-expired document that has your name and picture and is issued by the United States or the state of Missouri; *or*
- •Non-expired or non-expiring military ID card that has your picture.

# You can also sign a statement provided by the election judge at your polling place *and* use the following forms of identification:

- •Identification issued by the state of Missouri, an agency of the state, or a local election authority of the state; *or*
- •Identification issued by the United States government or an agency of the US government; *or*
- •Identification issued by an institution of higher education such as a university, college, vocational, or technical school located in Missouri; *or*
- •A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document that has your name and address.

# **Exercise The Franchise!**

Exercise Your Right to vote!

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A Guide to Voting in Missouri
After Incarceration

# Can a person convicted of a crime vote in Missouri?

Usually, the answer is YES.

### What if I've been convicted of a misdemeanor?

You lose your right to vote **while incarcerated**. If your misdemeanor relates to election laws, you will permanently lose your right to vote unless pardoned by the Governor. Persons convicted under federal law or the laws of another state are not eligible for pardon by the governor.

# What if I've been convicted of a felony?

If you were convicted of a felony, you are disqualified from voting during incarceration and any probation or parole. Your right to vote is automatically restored once you are off of probation or parole and are no longer under the authority of the Missouri Department of Corrections (off papers) unless the crime was connected to voting.

# If voting rights are automatically restored, do I still need to register to vote?

**Yes.** Though voting eligibility is automatically restored upon final discharge from sentence, which includes probation or parole (unless the crime was connected to voting), those eligible to vote must still register. Even if you registered to vote or voted before your conviction, you may need to re-register to vote.

# Do I need paperwork to prove I'm eligible to vote?

**No**, you do not. That's why it's important to check with DOC to confirm your status.

# How do I find out if I'm out of DOC custody?

The best way to know if you are out of Department of Correction's (DOC) custody (off papers) is to call the DOC's Board of Probation and Parole. Ask if there's an open file on you. If the answer is no, you can register to vote. If the answer is yes, you are not eligible to vote.

# Requirements to Register to Vote in Missouri

To register to vote in Missouri you must meet the following requirements:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident of the State of Missouri; and
- 17 years and 6 months of age (must be 18 by Election Day).

# Where do I register to vote?

You can register to vote at your local election board, the post office, public assistance office, or DMV office. You can also download a voter registration form at http://www.sos.mo.gov/forms/elections/MVRA\_PC 231-0169 042007.pdf.

# How do I find my polling place?

Once you are registered to vote, you can vote at your local polling place on Election Day. Your polling place should be listed on the sample ballot mailed to you once you are registered to vote. You can also call your county elections office to find out where you vote. You can look up your voter registration status and your polling place at: https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/govotemissouri/localelectionauthority.

# Why vote?

A person convicted of a felony in Missouri cannot run for office or serve on a jury. Voting is the way to make your individual voice heard. Voting is how you can have an impact on a system that has had on impact on you. Voting is how you can work within the system to strengthen it. Voting is how you hold the system—and the people in it—accountable. Voting matters because YOU matter!

Give Your Time.

Find Your Voice.

Cast Your Vote.

