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If you have a criminal record in South Carolina, YOU CAN STILL VOTE if you meet certain criteria!

- If you have a misdemeanor conviction and you have *been released from jail or prison*, **YOU CAN VOTE**!
- If you have a felony conviction and you have *completed your sentence*, YOU CAN VOTE!
 - *Completing your sentence* means that you must be released from jail or prison AND/OR no longer on parole, probation, or community supervision.
 - If you ONLY owe fines and fees as a result of the conviction (also known as "administrative supervision"), your right to vote SHOULD BE RESTORED. If you experience difficulty from either the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (DPPPS) or the county board of voter registration office on this issue, please contact us to assist at (864) 546-5089 or <u>southcarolina@rootandrebound.org</u>.
- If you have a conviction for election fraud and you have *completed your sentence*, **YOU CAN VOTE!**
- If you are in county jail on *pending* charge(s) ONLY where (1) you have not been convicted on that pending charge AND (2) you are not serving a different sentence (whether incarceration or supervision), **YOU CAN VOTE!**

*******To vote after a conviction, you must either:

- 1. Register for the first time *if* you were *not* registered before conviction; or
- 2. Re-register *if* you *were* registered before conviction.

Registration steps:

- You must contact DPPPS at <u>records@ppp.sc.gov</u> or go to your local DPPPS office and request a voter registration eligibility letter that says you are no longer serving a sentence as a result of a conviction.
- With a valid SC driver's license or ID, you can register online at <u>scvotes.gov</u>.
- If you do not have a valid SC driver's license or ID, you can register in person at any county board of voter registration office, and you can also get a free photo ID while you are there.
- The deadline to register is **30 days** before any election in South Carolina.