Voting is a constitutional right

Florida among nation's toughest places to have voting rights restored

According to The Sentencing Project, a prison-reform group, more than 1.6 million Floridians — about 9 percent — cannot vote, hold office, or serve on a jury. In most states, the percentage is less than 2%

Among Florida's black population, one in four can't vote, even though just 17 percent of the state's population is black.

Getting back those rights has become far tougher in the past four years. Under Gov. Rick Scott, 1,534 nonviolent felons had their rights restored. More than 11,000 others have applied, but are still waiting for an answer.*

Did you know?

Civil rights can be restored only by the governor and Cabinet, who act as the Clemency board and meet four times a year. The application process requires a five-year wait for less-serious felonies and seven years for others, along with an application form and, for each felony count, certified copies of the charging document, judgment and sentencing from the clerk of the county where the felony occurred.

How to get assistance

If you are an ex-offender released and cleared for 8 years, we want to assist you in Getting your civil rights restored.

Step 1: Understand the process go to web site: info@restorerights.org or call **786-363-2731**. If you are Level I, your civil rights will be granted without a hearing.

Step 2: Compete application along with court certified copies of your release documents and submit them to the State of Florida. Web site: www. dc.state.fl.us

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