

# VOTING RIGHTS OF YOUTH IN JUVENILE FACILITIES

DID YOU KNOW THAT  
YOUTH IN JUVENILE  
FACILITIES CAN

**VOTE** ?

Young people in California can vote if they are:

- A U.S. citizen and California resident
- 18 years old or older on Election Day

Does a felony juvenile case matter for voting?

**NO!** A youth in the juvenile system that meets the eligibility requirements above can vote. Juvenile adjudications don't impact voting rights.



**CLAIM YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE:**



## Step 1: Register

- Check to see if you're already registered here:
  - <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>
- If not, fill out a registration form:
  - Register online: [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov)
  - Or request a registration card from the [county elections office](#) or Probation.
- Info needed for registration:
  - Date and place of birth
  - Personal identification of *EITHER*
    - Driver's license or ID card #, *OR*
    - Last 4 digits of Social Security Number
  - Home address
  - Mailing address (use the juvenile facility address if you will be there on election day)
- **Register at least 15 days before Election Day.**
  - The Probation Dept. is required by law to identify voting-eligible youth and assist with registration (Elec. Code § 2105.7)

## Step 2: Request a ballot

- Request a "vote by mail" ballot as part of your voter registration or from the [county elections office](#).
- **Request your ballot at least 7 days before Election Day.**

## Step 3: Vote!

- Check out the Secretary of State's Voter Guide: [voterguide.sos.ca.gov](http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov)
- Or visit [Voter's Edge CA](#) for local info.
- Sign, date, and seal the envelope. Your ballot is confidential.
- **Mail your ballot by Election Day.**

### Get Help!

Ask your defense attorney or call:  
**Secretary of State Voter Hotline,**  
**800-345-VOTE (8683)**