

SUGGESTIONS FOR VOTING IN MISSISSIPPI WITH A CRIMINAL CONVICTION

- In Mississippi, only 22 crimes take away right to vote away (all for life), and only if the conviction was in a MS state court.
- This guide can help, but for answers contact **your County Circuit Clerk and the Mississippi Secretary of State** via the Secretary's Elections Answerline (1-800-829-6786); office (601-576-2550).

Step 1 Are You Eligible to Vote?

Step 2 Register to Vote if Qualified

For more information, visit
Mississippi Center for Justice at <https://mscenterforjustice.org> and
Mississippi Votes at www.msvotes.org

This Guide is a revised version of [A Guide to Voting in Mississippi When In Prison or Jail](#), which was created in 2020 by Mississippi Center for Justice, Southern Poverty Law Center, and Mississippi Votes, in partnership with OneVoice, RECH Foundation, MPRC, Jaylen Barker Foundation, and T.O.P.S. of MS. The prison/jail voting guide can be downloaded from MCJ's website.

MISSISSIPPI'S
22 DISENFRANCHISING CRIMES

THAT TAKE AWAY YOUR RIGHT TO
VOTE FOR LIFE IN MISSISSIPPI

1. vote fraud
2. armed robbery
3. arson
4. bad check (felony)
5. bigamy
6. bribery
7. carjacking
8. embezzlement (felony)
9. extortion
10. forgery
11. larceny (felony)
12. murder
13. obtaining money or goods
under false pretense
14. perjury
15. rape
16. receiving stolen property
17. robbery
18. shoplifting (felony)
19. statutory rape
20. theft (felony)
21. timber larceny
22. unlawful taking of a vehicle

Review the next page for the
additional offenses included within
each crime, along with their criminal
code section.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

YOU CAN VOTE IF ALL FOUR STATEMENTS ARE TRUE FOR YOU

1. You are a U.S. citizen and will be at least 18 years old by the date of the next election.
2. You have not been declared mentally incompetent by a court.
3. You have never been convicted in a Mississippi state court of any of Mississippi's 22 "disenfranchising" offenses (and the felony version of it).
4. You have been a resident of Mississippi and of a county, city, or town (your "residence") for at least 30 days.



It's a felony to register to vote or vote if one is ineligible due to conviction of a disenfranchising offense.

If currently in Jail/Prison, Use These As Locations On All Voting Materials:

Your **County Circuit Clerk**
Your **"residence"** = where you lived prior to incarceration
Your **"physical address"** (not prison/jail)

Your **"mailing address"**
Your **return mailing address** = your current jail/prison

Mississippi's 22 Disfranchising Crimes (That Take Away Your Right To Vote For Life)

Plus included MS Criminal Code Sections & Disfranchising Dispositions Provided by The Secretary of State Via Public Records Act Response

1. ARSON	
97-17-1	Arson - Dwelling or Outbuilding
97-17-11	Arson - Insured Property
97-17-13	Arson - Timber, Woods, Meadow, Marsh
97-17-3	Arson - Church/School Building (State-Supported)
97-17-5	Arson - Structure, Not Dwelling or School
97-17-7	Arson - Personal Property
97-17-9	Arson: Attempt, Aid or Induce to Burn (4th Degree)
2. BAD CHECK (felony)	
97-19-55	Bad Checks: Fraudulently Deliver Insufficient Instrument (Indictment)
97-19-57	Bad Checks: Evidence/Presumption of fraudulent intent (Indictment)
97-19-59	Bad Checks: Penalties (Sentence)
3. BIGAMY	
97-29-13	Bigamy
4. BRIBERY	
97-11-11	Bribery of Acting or Prospective Officer, Trustee, Agent
97-11-13	Bribery: Acceptance by Officer, Agent, Trustee
97-29-17	Bribery: Participant in Professional/Amateur Game or Athletic Contest
97-7-53	Bribery/Influencing: Legislator
97-7-55	Bribery: Legislator Accepting/Agreeing to Accept
97-9-10	Bribery, Commercial: Give/Offer/Accept Value to Influence Action
97-9-5	Bribery, Juror: Acceptance/Offer to Influence Outcome
97-9-65	Bribery of Witness to Commit Perjury
97-9-7	Bribery: Rewarded to Compound/Conceal Crime w/Life/Death Penalty
97-9-9	Bribery: Rewarded to Compound/Conceal Crime w/ Less than Life Penalty
5. CARJACKING	
97-3-117	Carjacking
97-3-117(1)	Carjacking: Taking Vehicle from One's Possession by Force
97-3-117(2)	Carjacking, Armed: Taking Vehicle by Use of Weapon
6. EMBEZZLEMENT (felony)	
97-11-25	Embezzlement: Entrusted Public Property/Funds Converted for Own Use
97-11-29	Embezzlement: Fraudulent Accounting by Public Officer (Penalty)
97-11-31	Embezzlement or Fraud Committed by Public Official (Penalty)
97-23-19	Embezzlement by Agent/Officer/Trustee of Company or Private Individual
97-23-25	Embezzlement: Money on Deposit; Property in Trust/Received on Contract
7. EXTORTION	
97-11-33	Extortion: Collection of Fees for Unrendered Services (felony)
97-3-82(3)(b)	Extortion: of Property of another valued at \$500 or more
8. FALSE PRETENSES, FOR MONEY/GOODS	
97-19-39	False Pretenses: Procure Thing of Value by Fraudulent Representation
97-19-41	False Pretenses: Fraudulent Representation of Evidence of Debt
97-19-45	False Pretenses: Produce Child with Intent to Intercept Inheritance
97-19-49	False Pretenses: Registering Animal Falsely; Giving False Pedigree
97-19-51	False Pretenses: Obtain/Deliver Goods Previously Encumbered (Indict.)

9. FORGERY	
97-21-13	Forgery: Owning Counterfeit US Coins (Indictment)
97-21-15	Forgery: Owning Counterfeit Foreign Coinage (Indictment)
97-21-17	Forgery: Possession counterfeit gold/silver coins w/intent to utter
97-21-19	Forgery: Signature Purporting to be Agent/Officer of Corporation
97-21-23	Forgery: Possession of Counterfeit Printing Plates of Tender
97-21-29	Forgery: Making/uttering instrument in own name as act of another
97-21-3	Forgery: Failure of Corporate Officer to Maintain Accurate Accounts
97-21-33	Forgery - Penalty (Sentence)
97-21-35	Pleadings, process & other court papers, licenses, or wr. Instruments
97-21-37	Forgery: Possession Counterfeit Bank Notes w/Intention to Utter
97-21-49	Counterfeit/forged documents: Sale/exchange guilty of forgery
97-21-7	Forgery: False Certification of Instrument or Conveyance
97-21-9	Forgery: Counterfeit/Altered Stock Certificates, Security (Indictment)
10-13. LARCENY; TIMBER LARC.; THEFT; TAKE VEHICLE	
97-17-41	Grand Larceny
97-17-41(1)	Larceny, Grand: of an Individual, Property Valued at \$500 or more
97-17-41(2)	Larceny, Grand: of a church valued at \$500 or more
97-17-42	Larceny, Grand: Vehicle of Another
97-17-53	Larceny: Livestock
97-17-59	Larceny: Timber
97-17-64	Larceny: Under Lease/Rental Agreement
14. MURDER (not manslaughter)	
97-3-19	Murder/Homicide/Capital Murder (Defined/Indictment)
97-3-19(1)	Murder
97-3-19(1)(a)	Murder: Deliberate act to effect death
97-3-19(1)(b)	Murder: During commission of dangerous act, without premeditation
97-3-19(1)(c)	Murder: During commission of other felony, without premeditation
97-3-19(1)(d)	Murder: Deliberate design to effect death of unborn child
97-3-19(2)	Capital Murder
97-3-19(2)(a)	Capital Murder of a peace officer
97-3-19(2)(b)	Capital Murder: by individual under sentence of life imprisonment
97-3-19(2)(c)	Capital Murder: by use or detonation of explosive device
97-3-19(2)(d)	Capital Murder: by contract
97-3-19(2)(e)	Capital Murder: with or without design in commission of other felony
97-3-19(2)(f)	Capital Murder: while engaged in felonious abuse/batter of a child
97-3-19(2)(g)	Capital Murder: on educational property
97-3-19(2)(h)	Capital Murder: of elected official
97-3-19(3)	Murder/Capital Murder: indictment may include lesser included offense
97-3-21	Murder/Homicide/Capital Murder (Penalty)
97-3-37(1)	Homicide; killing of an unborn quick child

15. PERJURY	
97-9-59	Perjury: Defined - Swear to/Testify Falsely Under Oath (Indictment)
97-9-61	Perjury: Penalty
97-9-65	Perjury: Subornation (Procurement of Witness to Commit Perjury)
16. RAPE	
97-3-65(4)	Rape/Sexual Intercourse by use of Substance to Render Victim Helpless
97-3-67	Rape; Carnal Knowledge of Unmarried Person over 14, under 18
97-3-71	Rape: Assault w/Intent to Ravish Female of Previous Chaste Character
17. RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	
97-17-70	Receiving Stolen Property (Felony)
97-37-35	Weapon, Stolen: Possession, Sale, etc.
97-37-35(3)(a)	Weapon, Stolen: Possession, Sale, etc. - First offense
97-37-35(3)(b)	Weapon, Stolen: Possession, Sale, etc. - Second, etc., Trafficking
97-37-35(3)(c)	Weapon, Stolen: Possession, Sale, etc. - Two or more weapons
97-37-35(4)	Weapon, Stolen: Used in commission of other crime(s)
18. ROBBERY	
97-3-73	Robbery: Taking Person Property by Fear/Violence (Indictment)
97-3-75	Robbery (Penalty)
19. ROBBERY, ARMED	
97-3-79	Robbery, Armed: Use of a Deadly Weapon
20. SHOPLIFTING (felony)	
97-23-93 (6)-(7)	Felony Shoplifting
97-23-94	Shoplifting - Aiding/Abetting Minor by Person >=18
21. STATUTORY RAPE	
97-3-65	Rape, Statutory: Sexual Intercourse or Rape of Child under age of 16
97-3-65(1)(a)	Statutory rape; person >17 intercourse w/child
97-3-65(1)(b)	Statutory rape; perpetrator any age
97-3-65(3)(b)	Statutory rape 21 or older (sentencing statutes)
97-3-65(3)(c)	Statutory rape 18 or older (sentencing statute)
97-3-65(3)(d)	Statutory rape >= 13 and < 18 (sentencing statute)
97-3-65(a)	Rape, statutory: >=18 and <21 (Sentencing Statutes)
22. VOTE FRAUD	
97-13-1	Elections: Bribery of Elector or Election Officer

READ THIS CAUTION BEFORE USING THIS LIST

This is general voter education information. We can't provide you with a legal opinion regarding whether you are personally eligible to vote. We recommend that you seek legal advice if you were convicted of a crime that may fall within one of the main 22 Disfranchising Crimes and you aren't certain if it does. If you are not certain of what you have been convicted of, you may want to first ask your MDOC counselor for that information in writing.

- It is a felony to vote if ineligible due to conviction of a disfranchising crime.
- Only felony convictions are disfranchising; misdemeanor convictions are not.
- Only convictions in Mississippi state courts are disfranchising; others are not.

II Dispositions That Are Convictions For The 22 Crimes Are Disfranchising, Including

Guilty Plea | Sentencing Deferred | Guilty Plea After Commencement | Found Guilty By Verdict Of Judge/Jury House Arrest | Supervised Probation | Nolo Contendere | Probation Ordered, Modified Or Cont. | Probation Completed | Regimented Inmate Discipline Shock Probation | Sentenced To Time Served | Revocation Of Probation Or Suspended Sen | Resentenced | Expungement of Records | Rid Review | Sentence Entirely Suspended, I. | Restitution | Sentenced To Incarceration

For official guidance, contact the Mississippi Secretary of State directly at www.sos.ms.gov | (601) 359-6360
401 Mississippi St. (or PO Box 136) Jackson, MS, 39205 | Elections Call Ctrs: 800-829-6786, 601-576-2550

For more info about voting in Mississippi while in prison or jail, visit mscenterforjustice.org or msvotes.org
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MISSISSIPPI MAIL-IN VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

- You can use this form to: register to vote in Mississippi or change your name and/or address.
- If you are registering for the first time in Mississippi and DO NOT have a Mississippi driver's license or social security number, you must send with this application a copy of a current and valid photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address in this county.
- An application for voter registration must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Circuit Clerk's Office located in the county of your voting residence no later than 30 days before an election.
- You may not register to vote if you have been convicted in a Mississippi state court of any of the following crimes: voter fraud, murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, bigamy, armed robbery, extortion, felony bad check, felony shoplifting, larceny, receiving stolen property, robbery, timber larceny, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, statutory rape, carjacking or larceny under lease or rental agreement.
- If you live in an area without house numbers or street names, please include a drawing of your location to enable us to identify your appropriate voting precinct.
- Photo ID Required to Vote: You will be required to present an acceptable form of photo identification when you vote at your polling place on Election Day or by absentee ballot in your Circuit Clerk's Office, unless exempted by law. For more information, go to www.MSVoterID.ms.gov or call (844) 678-6837.

Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Information	Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>NOTE: If you checked 'No' in response to either of these questions, DO NOT complete this form.</i>			
	Would you like to serve as an Election Day poll worker? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Name	Last Name		First Name	Suffix
Physical Home Address (Where you live)	Number and Street/Road/Dorm/Apt #			
	City	County	State: MS	Zip
Mailing Address (If different from above)	Street or Post Office Box			
	City	County	State:	Zip
Date of Birth	Month	Day	Year	MS Driver's License Number or Last 4 Digits of your Social Security Number _____ or _____
Phone #	Home ()	Work ()		
Previous Registration	Name		Address	
	City	County	State:	Zip

VOTER DECLARATION- Read and Sign

I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I am a U.S. citizen.
- I will be 18 years of age on or before the next general Election Day.
- I am a resident of Mississippi, this county and this city for at least 30 days.
- I have not been adjudicated as mentally incompetent.
- I have never been convicted of voter fraud or any other disenfranchising crime OR, if convicted, I have had my voting rights restored as required by law.
- The address listed above is my legal place of residence.

WARNING: Giving false information to register to vote is a felony punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both. Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-17.

X **Signature (or mark) of applicant**

Date: _____

X **If applicant is unable to sign, the person who assisted the applicant**

Date: _____

Address _____

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FROM: _____

Postage
Required
Post Office will
not deliver
without proper
postage.

TO: County Circuit Clerk

ADAMS COUNTY 115 S. Wall Street Natchez, MS 39120	COPIAH COUNTY P.O. Box 467 Hazelhurst, MS 39083	ITAWAMBA COUNTY 201 W. Main Street Fulton, MS 38843	LINCOLN COUNTY 301 S. First Street, Rm. 205 Brookhaven, MS 39601	PIKE COUNTY P.O. Drawer 31 Magnolia, MS 39652	TISHOMINGO COUNTY 1008 Earleground Drive, Rm. 2014 Iuka, MS 38852
ALCORN COUNTY P.O. Box 430 Corinth, MS 38835	COVINGTON COUNTY P.O. Box 667 Collins, MS 39428	JACKSON COUNTY P.O. Box 998 Pascagoula, MS 39568	LOWNDES COUNTY P.O. Box 31 Columbus, MS 39703	PONTOTOC COUNTY P.O. Box 428 Pontotoc, MS 38863	TUNICA COUNTY P.O. Box 148 Tunica, MS 38676
AMITE COUNTY P.O. Box 312 Liberty, MS 39645	DESOTO COUNTY 2535 Hwy. 51 S., Rm. 201 Hermanto, MS 38632	JASPER COUNTY P.O. Box 447 Bay Springs, MS 39422	MADISON COUNTY P.O. Box 1626 Canton, MS 39046	PRENTISS COUNTY P.O. Box 727 Booneville, MS 38629	UNION COUNTY P.O. Box 298 New Albany, MS 38652
ATTALA COUNTY 100 Courthouse, Ste. 1 Kosciusko, MS 39090	FORREST COUNTY P.O. Box 992 Hattiesburg, MS 39403	JEFFERSON COUNTY P.O. Box 305 Fayette, MS 39069	MARION COUNTY 250 Broad Street, Ste. 1 Columbia, MS 39429	QUITMAN COUNTY 220 Chestnut Street, Ste. 4 Marks, MS 38646	WALTHALL COUNTY 200 Ball Avenue, Ste. C Tylertown, MS 39667
BENTON COUNTY P.O. Box 262 Ashland, MS 38603	FRANKLIN COUNTY P.O. Box 267 Meadville, MS 39653	JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY P.O. Box 1090 Prentiss, MS 39474	MARSHALL COUNTY P.O. Box 459 Holly Springs, MS 38635	RANKIN COUNTY P.O. Box 1599 Brandon, MS 39043	WARREN COUNTY P.O. Box 351 Vicksburg, MS 39181
BOLIVAR COUNTY P.O. Box 670 Cleveland, MS 38732	GEORGE COUNTY 355 Cox Street, Ste. C Lucedale, MS 39452	JONES COUNTY P.O. Box 1336 Laurel, MS 39441	MONROE COUNTY P.O. Box 843 Aberdeen, MS 39730	SCOTT COUNTY P.O. Box 371 Forest, MS 39074	WASHINGTON COUNTY P.O. Box 1276 Greenville, MS 38702
CALHOUN COUNTY P.O. Box 25 Pittsboro, MS 38951	GREENE COUNTY P.O. Box 310 Leakesville, MS 39451	KEMPER COUNTY P.O. Box 130 De Kalb, MS 39328	MONTGOMERY COUNTY P.O. Box 765 Winona, MS 38967	SHARKEY COUNTY P.O. Box 218 Rolling Fork, MS 39159	WAYNE COUNTY P.O. Box 428 Waynesboro, MS 39367
CARROLL COUNTY P.O. Box 6 Valden, MS 39176	GRENADA COUNTY P.O. Box 1517 Grenada, MS 38902	LAFAYETTE COUNTY 1 Courthouse Sq., Ste. 101 Oxford, MS 38655	NESHOBA COUNTY 401 E. Beason Street, Ste. 110 Philadelphia, MS 39350	SIMPSON COUNTY P.O. Box 307 Meridenhall, MS 39114	WEBSTER COUNTY P.O. Box 308 Walhall, MS 39771
CHICKASAW COUNTY 1 Pinson Square, Rm. 2 Houston, MS 38851	HANCOCK COUNTY Bay St. Louis, MS 39520	LAMAR COUNTY P.O. Box 369 Purvis, MS 39475	NEWTON COUNTY P.O. Box 447 Decatur, MS 39327	SMITH COUNTY P.O. Box 517 Raleigh, MS 39153	WILKINSON COUNTY P.O. Box 327 Woodville, MS 39669
CHOCTAW COUNTY P.O. Box 34 Ackerman, MS 39735	HARRISON COUNTY P.O. Box 998 Gulfport, MS 39502	LAUDERDALE COUNTY P.O. Box 1005 Meridian, MS 39302	NOXUBEE COUNTY P.O. Box 431 Macon, MS 39341	STONE COUNTY 323 E. Cavers Avenue Wiggins, MS 39577	WINSTON COUNTY P.O. Drawer 785 Louisville, MS 39339
CLAIBORNE COUNTY P.O. Box 549 Port Gibson, MS 39150	HINDS COUNTY P.O. Box 327 Jackson, MS 39205	LAWRENCE COUNTY P.O. Box 1249 Monticello, MS 39654	OKTIBBEHA COUNTY 108 W. Main Street Starkeville, MS 39759	SUNFLOWER COUNTY P.O. Box 880 Indianola, MS 38751	YALORUSHA COUNTY P.O. Box 1431 Water Valley, MS 38965
CLARKE COUNTY P.O. Box 216 Quitman, MS 39355	HOLMES COUNTY P.O. Box 718 Lexington, MS 39095	LEAKE COUNTY P.O. Box 67 Carthage, MS 39051	PANOLA COUNTY P.O. Box 346 Batesville, MS 38606	TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY P.O. Box 86 Charleston, MS 38921	YAZOO COUNTY P.O. Box 108 Yazoo City, MS 39194
CLAY COUNTY P.O. Box 148 West Point, MS 39773	HUMPHREYS COUNTY P.O. Box 608 Belzoni, MS 39038	LEE COUNTY P.O. Box 762 Tupelo, MS 38802	PEARL RIVER COUNTY P.O. Box 135 Poplarville, MS 39470	TATE COUNTY 201 Ward Street Senatobia, MS 38668	
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