



COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Convicted Felons and Voting

There is a widely held misconception that while incarcerated, prisoners are not afforded the right to vote in elections. Two states allow voting while incarcerated, and the majority of states now allow convicted felons the right to vote once their sentence is completed. In the last

10 years, many states have reformed or repealed disenfranchisement provisions that limited voting, though some restrictions still exist. Kentucky and Virginia impose a lifetime voting restriction on almost all convicted felons. Maine and Vermont allow incarcerated felons to vote.