

Restoration of Voting Rights in Nevada

In General

In 2003, the Nevada Legislature passed Assembly Bill 55, which restored, among other things, the right to vote for persons convicted of certain felonies. Pursuant to NRS 213.155, persons convicted of certain felonies and have been discharged honorably are immediately restored the right to vote. NRS 213.157 provides that persons convicted of certain felonies who have served out their sentence are immediately restored the right to vote.

Documentation Requirements

Persons who may have had their civil rights restored pursuant to NRS 213.155 may present either: (1) an official document of the honorable discharge; or (2) a court order restoring the right to vote. Persons who may have had their civil rights restored pursuant to NRS 213.157 may present either: (1) an official document of release from prison; or (2) a court order restoring the right to vote.

The documentation may be provided at the time of registration to ensure that the registration is not subsequently cancelled pursuant to NRS 293.540. NRS 293.540(3) requires the county clerk or registrar to cancel a person's registration:

Upon the determination that the person registered has been convicted of a felony unless:

- (a) If the person registered was convicted of a felony in this State, the right to vote of the person has been restored pursuant to the provisions of [NRS 213.090](#), [213.155](#) or [213.157](#).
- (b) If the person registered was convicted of a felony in another state, the right to vote of the person has been restored pursuant to the laws of the state in which the person was convicted.

The documentation must be provided if the registration is cancelled pursuant to NRS 293.540(3). NRS 293.543(2) allows the county clerk or registrar to accept the following documentation for reregistration after cancellation:

[T]he elector may reregister after he presents satisfactory evidence which demonstrates that:

- (a) His conviction has been overturned; or
- (b) His civil rights have been restored:
 - (1) If he was convicted in this State, pursuant to the provisions of [NRS 213.090](#), [213.155](#) or [213.157](#).
 - (2) If he was convicted in another state, pursuant to the laws of the state in which he was convicted.

Please contact your [county clerk or registrar](#) for additional clarification.