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## Voting Restoration Amendment Takes Effect January 8, 2019

**Indian River County, FL** – The Voting Restoration Amendment was passed with a 64.55% approval during the 2018 General Election and is scheduled to take effect on January 8, 2019. This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions once they have completed all terms of their service, including parole and/or probation.

The amendment does not apply to those individuals convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights through the clemency process currently in place.

On January 8, 2019, your Supervisor of Elections will begin accepting and processing any new voter registration applications received from convicted felons, who have met all the requirements and are now eligible to vote. All eligible voters who have previously been removed from the voter rolls due to a felony conviction must complete a new voter registration application. Individuals who are unsure of their status should contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county where they were sentenced or the Florida Department of Corrections where they were supervised or incarcerated.

Voters may register to vote online at VoteIndianRiver.com or in person at the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office located at 4375 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach, to pick up a voter registration application. For questions regarding the Voting Restoration Amendment, you may contact the Office of the Governor at (850) 488-7146 or your Supervisor of Elections office at (772) 226-3440.

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