
July 14, 2020

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

July Community Call

Building Authentic Partnerships



The Organizing Team
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE U.S.

Housekeeping

- This meeting will be recorded to keep accurate notes to share with attendees after the call.
- If you are not speaking, please mute yourself to minimize distractions.
- If you have any questions or thoughts throughout the call, please feel free to drop them in the chat box. Staff will be monitoring the chat box.



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Meet Our New PPFM Campaign Organizer

Community Norms



Bring you full self and limit distractions.



Use the chat box to add thoughts, experiences, and/or questions



What is learned here, leaves here.



Use active and reflective listening

An LWV Virtual Meet-And-Greet

Our community is nationwide and 100 years strong!

- You will be assigned to a virtual breakout room into **groups of 3 for 5 minutes**
- There isn't any guiding questions-feel free to use this time however you see fit.
- Remember we are attempting to replicate in-person meeting moments as much as possible, so have fun with it!





League of Women Voters of Florida

Presenting Today:

Cecile Scoon
First Vice President
LWV of Florida

Opportunity to remedy
150 years of disenfranchisement

AMENDMENT 4

Review of Practical Tools to Assist
Returning Citizens Navigate
SB 7066 and regain the Right to
Vote



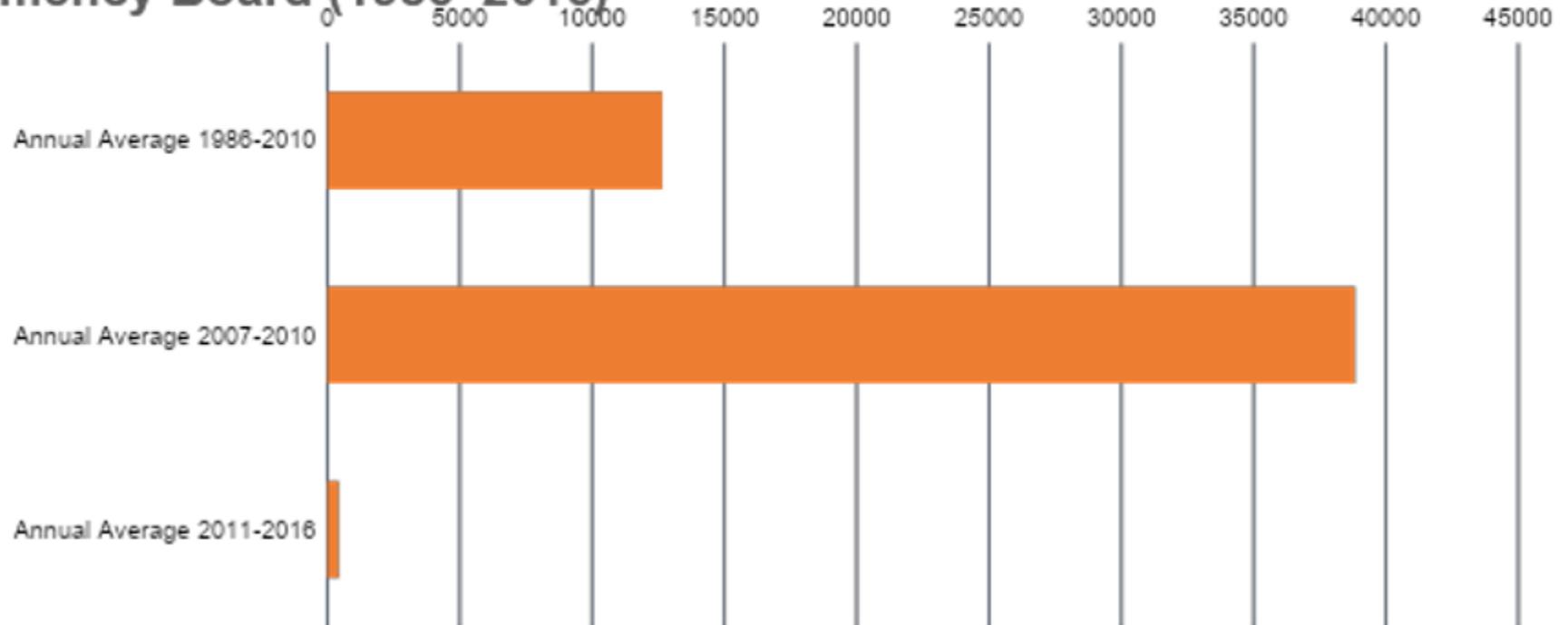
The History of the Clemency Process in Florida

- In Florida, constitutional disenfranchisement was a **direct** response to the Emancipation Proclamation.
- Intent was to make petty theft a felony and prevent African-American men from voting.

The History of the Clemency Process in Florida

- Though it originated in racism, disenfranchisement in Florida now affects Americans of all races.
- It disproportionately impacts less educated and low-income individuals.

Number of Felony Offenders Whose Rights Were Restored by the Clemency Board (1986–2016)



From 2011-2016, the annual average doesn't even reach **1,000**.

Amendment 4 Petition Gathering Efforts

- Led by:
 - Floridians for a Fair Democracy
 - League of Women Voters Florida
 - NAACP and other civic organizations
 - The Koch Brothers
 - Various churches, synagogues, and mosques throughout the state

Support was **bi-partisan**

The concept: people have paid their debt to society, and everyone deserves a second chance.

**On November 6th
Amendment 4 passed
with 64.5% of the vote.**

What does Amendment 4 do?

#1

Allows returning citizens the opportunity to earn voting rights by completing all of their sentence.

#2

Removes waiting periods imposed by previous governor.

#3

Excludes murder and felony sex offenses.

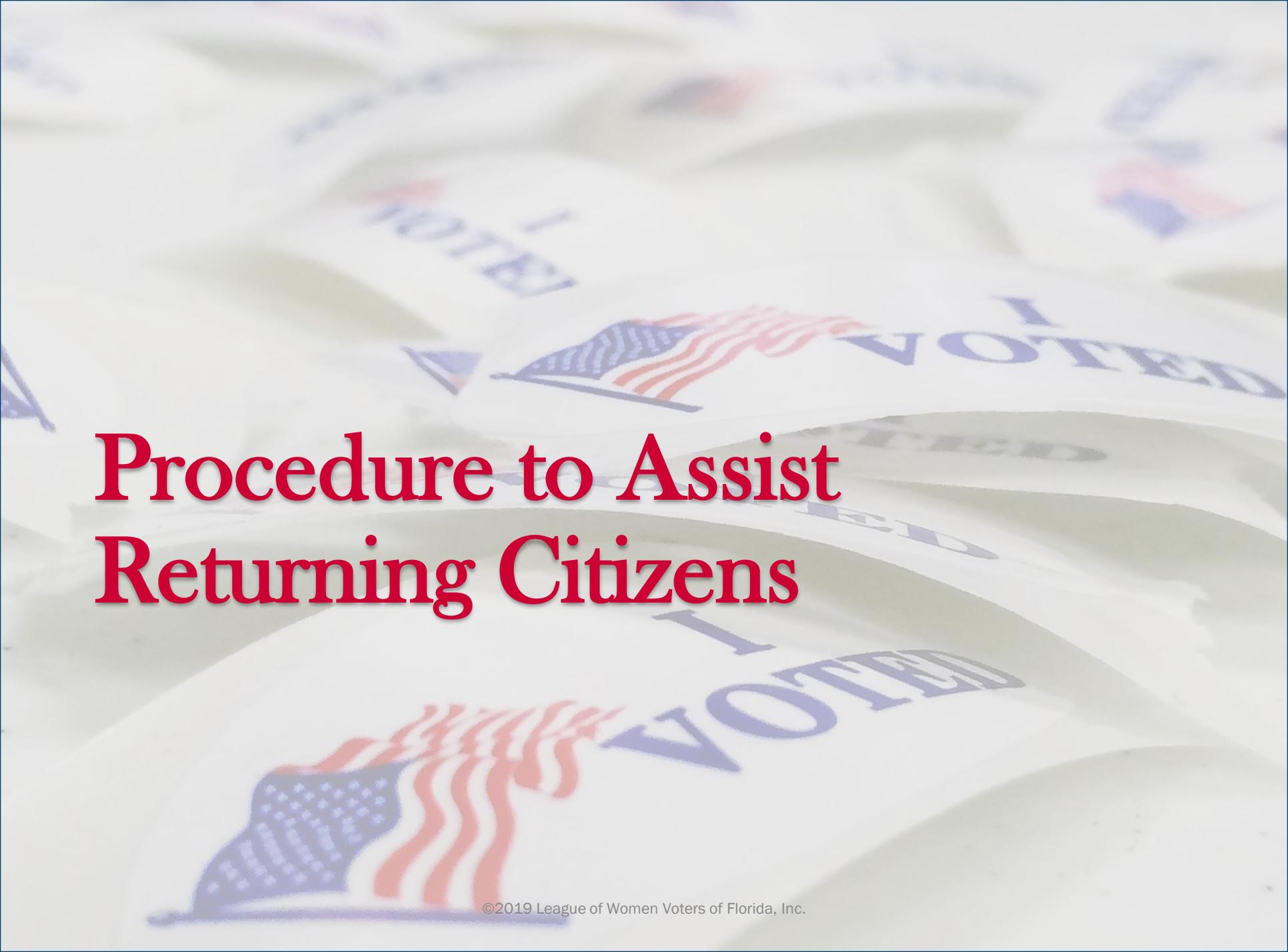
SB 7066 now requires...

SB7066 provides four different ways to vote again:

1. Pay all fines, fees, and restitution, if any, or
2. Petition court for waiver after getting written consent from victim, or
3. Petition court to convert financial obligations to community service; then complete hours, or
4. Petition court to rule no further payment is needed

SB 7066 now requires...

- Creates a new voter registration application
 - All applicants must state whether they have ever been convicted of felony
- This requirement could have a negative impact on applications
- May lead to discriminatory treatment of returning citizens

The background of the slide features a stack of white envelopes. Each envelope is printed with the words "I VOTED" in a blue, serif font. To the left of the text is a stylized graphic of the American flag, with red and white stripes and a blue field with white stars. The envelopes are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth and repetition.

Procedure to Assist Returning Citizens

Review the records



Stated Residence Upon Release:

SANFORD, FLORIDA 32732773

Aliases:

WOODS

Current Prison Sentence History:

Offense Date	Offense	Sentence Date	County	Case No.	Prison Sentence Length
12/03/2006	FLEE LEO/NO REGARD	11/12/2008	LAKE	0603812	1Y 6M 0D

Note: The offense descriptions are truncated and do not necessarily reflect the crime of conviction. Please refer to the court documents or the Florida Statutes for further information or definition.

Incarceration History:

Date In-Custody	Date Out-Custody
12/04/2008	12/28/2009

First Previous Next Last Return to List New Search Record: 4 of 6

The Florida Department of Corrections updates this information regularly, to ensure that it is complete and accurate, however this information can change quickly. Therefore, the information on this site may not reflect the true current location, status, release date, or other information regarding an inmate.

This database contains public record information on felony offenders sentenced to the Department of Corrections. This information only includes offenders sentenced to state prison or state supervision. Information contained herein includes current and prior offenses. Offense types include related crimes such as attempts, conspiracies and solicitations to commit crimes. Information on offenders sentenced to county jail, county probation, or any other form of supervision is not contained. The information is derived from court records provided to the Department of Corrections and is made available as a public service to interested citizens. The Department of Corrections makes no guarantee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained herein. Any person who believes information provided is not accurate may contact the Department of Corrections.

For questions and comments, you may contact the Department of Corrections, Bureau of Admission and Release, at (850) 488-9167 or go to



Assisting Returning Citizens

3. Go to Clerk of Court's website for convictions.
 - Find what the sentence & final resolution were
4. Determine which **financial obligations** remain unpaid & **how much is owed**
5. Check with nearest **probation office** to see if restitution & costs were paid

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TO BE COMPLETED BY RETURNING CITIZEN

If you have any questions, please summarize below.

Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Address** _____

Offender Number _____ **Occupation** _____ **Monthly Salary** _____

How many people are you responsible for supporting financially? _____

Education _____

Have you been convicted of a crime that resulted in death? Y/N

Have you been registered as a sex offender? Y/N

Do you have any questions about what your sentence was or it is completed? Y/N _____

Assisting Returning Citizens

11. The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRRC) also has a fund where they may be able to assist in the payment of financial obligations.

Returning citizens may apply:
floridarrc.com/fines-fees-assistance

Litigation on Amendment 4 and SB7066



Outreach to Persons with Felony Convictions and Completed Sentences

- Partnership with ACLU FL
- Will give us 40,000 names and addresses
- We will post card and mail voter registration forms

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- Will give us 40,000 names and phone numbers
 - We will call and text

Collaborations work!

Be flexible

Be creative

Work with strengths of all

Shore up weaknesses

Next Steps:

- Contact organizing@lww.org with any questions, comments or feedback!
- Register:
 - **July 20th** OutreachCircle Informational Session from 2-3 pm ET
 - **July 23rd** The Fight for the Right to Vote: Stopping Voter Suppression and Advocacy Training from 3-4 pm ET
 - **August 11th** Next Monthly Community Call from 3-4:15 pm ET
- Check out the [Organizing Resource Page](#) for registration links and more!





Questions?