

# Impact of a Felony Conviction

## Voting

A person sentenced for a felony, from the time of the person's sentence until the person's final discharge, may not vote in an election, but if the person is placed on probation or the person is paroled after commitment to imprisonment, the person may vote during the period of the probation or parole.

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## Candidacy

Any person sentenced for a felony, from the time of the person's sentence until the person's final discharge, may not be a candidate, including the period of probation or parole.

## Forfeiting of Public Office

Any public office held at the time of conviction is forfeited as of the date of the conviction, if the conviction is in this State. If the conviction is in another state or in a federal court, the public office must be forfeited as of the date a certification of the conviction from the trial court is filed in the office of the lieutenant governor who shall receive and file it as a public document. An appeal or other proceeding to nullify the conviction or sentence does not affect the application of this provision.

## Future Holding of Public Office or Employment

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any person convicted of any act, attempt, or conspiracy to overthrow the state or the federal government by force or violence shall not hold any public office or employment.

**For complete information, please refer to Hawaii State Constitution Article II, Section 2, and HRS §831-2.**

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