

# VOTER ELIGIBILITY IN MINNESOTA

To be eligible to vote, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a United States citizen
- Have lived in state of Minnesota for at least 20 days before the election
  - The person need not be a resident of the precinct for 20 days, only a resident of the state
- Live in the precinct on Election Day

## Special Cases:

- *Person with a prior felony conviction*
  - Ex-felons are eligible to vote if they have completed their sentence and are “off paper,” meaning they are no longer on parole or probation.
  - In Minnesota, people convicted of felonies have their civil rights automatically restored upon the completion of their sentences.
  - If challenged at the polls, ex-felons need only swear that they are eligible to vote and that they are telling the truth.
- *Person under guardianship of the courts*
  - The person is allowed to vote unless the court order specifically revokes the person’s right to vote
- *Person declared legally incompetent*
  - A person found by a court of law to be legally incompetent does not have the right to vote.
  - If the person has not specifically been found to be incompetent, they are able to vote.

**A person is committing a felony if they vote when they know they are not eligible.**