



# Criminal Disenfranchisement in Georgia

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Study Committee on Revising  
Voting Rights for Nonviolent  
Felons

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# Equality, Dignity, and Justice

for people who are involved in the  
criminal legal system in Georgia.

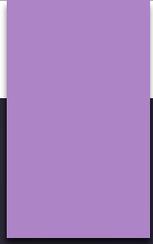
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No person who has been convicted of a *felony involving moral turpitude* may register, remain registered or vote *except upon completion of the sentence.*

## The Problems with “Moral Turpitude”

- ▶ Possible Racist Motives
- ▶ Vague
- ▶ Meaningless





# Sentence Completion & Debt



# Improving Access to the Ballot Reduces Recidivism

# Proposals to Clarify Criminal Disenfranchisement in Georgia

1. Limit criminal disenfranchisement to a list of specific offenses
1. Allow people convicted of a disqualifying offense to be able to vote upon sentence completion regardless of outstanding criminal justice debt

