

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

(Please Print Full Name)

v.

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Case No. _____

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS
UNDER TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED § 40-29-103**

The Petitioner in this matter, _____, submits this Petition and declares that he/she has been previously convicted of a felony or felonies as listed below. Because of such conviction, Petitioner has been deprived of the rights of citizenship by the judgment of a court.

Petitioner is asking this Court to restore the following rights of citizenship: **[check all that apply]**¹

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| ☐ The right to serve on a jury | ☐ The right to execute a fiduciary office |
| ☐ The right to vote | ☐ The right to possess a firearm |
| ☐ The right to hold public office | |

By filing this Petition, Petitioner recognizes that he/she has the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence eligibility for restoration of each right sought in the Petition.

Petitioner acknowledges that the failure to attach satisfactory proof as to each requirement of eligibility means his/her rights of citizenship will not be restored.

In support of this Petition, as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-29-102 and -103, Petitioner states:

1. My full name is _____.
2. I have used the following name(s) in the past: _____.
3. My date of birth is _____.
4. I am filing this petition in: **[check one or both]**

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| ☐ The county where I reside | ☐ The county where I was convicted |
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¹ If the Petitioner is requesting restoration of the right to possess a firearm, the Petitioner must be eligible for and request restoration of the full rights of citizenship under Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-29-103(e)(2)(A)(1).

5. I have the following convictions: **[List all Tennessee felony convictions, all out-of-state convictions that would be a felony under Tennessee law, all federal felony convictions.]**

Crime of Conviction: _____ Date of Conviction: _____ Date of Pardon or Discharge: _____ Jurisdiction (County and State, or Federal Court) : _____ Court Case Number: _____ Count Number(s): _____
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6. ☐ I acknowledge that this Court can only grant restoration of rights for the convictions that I have listed in paragraph 5. I acknowledge that restoration of rights is offense-specific, and if I have not listed an offense in this Petition, then this Court cannot restore my rights for that offense.

PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL CONVICTIONS ON AN ATTACHED SHEET OF PAPER.

7. ☐ I certify that I have attached to this Petition satisfactory proof, such as certified records, sworn statements, and other documents or information necessary to demonstrate to the Court that I am eligible for and merit having my rights of citizenship restored.
8. For the convictions listed above, the following is true and correct: **[check all that apply]**
- ☐ I received a pardon on the date listed above in paragraph 5.
- ☐ I have been discharged from custody because I served the full sentence or the maximum sentence expired on the date listed above in paragraph 5.
- ☐ I have been granted a certificate of final discharge from supervision by the board of parole or equivalent entity from another state, federal government, or county correction authority on the date listed in the chart in paragraph 5.
9. I have ☐ / have not ☐ **[check one]** been convicted of a crime other than those listed above.
10. I do ☐ / do not ☐ **[check one]** have criminal charges pending against me.
11. I have ☐ / have not ☐ **[check one]** been convicted of any of the following felonies under each respective date range:

After July 1, 1986 • Voter fraud • Treason • First-degree murder • Aggravated rape	After July 1, 2006 • Any violation of Tenn. Code Ann. Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 1, 4, or 5 that is designated as a felony or any violation containing the same elements and designated as a felony in any other state or federal court. • Sexual offenses or violent sexual offenses that are felonies where the victim was a minor as set out in
After July 1, 1996 • Any degree of murder • Any degree of rape	

12. The following is true and correct about my felony conviction(s): **[check one]**
- ☐ The court did not order me to pay any restitution as part of my sentence; or
- ☐ All of the restitution ordered by the court as a part of my sentence has been paid; or
- ☐ For Federal convictions only, 18 U.S.C. § 3613(b) applies to my case, and therefore the liability to pay has expired.

13. The following is true about my child support obligations [**check one**]:
- ☐ I have been compliant with all child support orders for the previous twelve (12) months, including orders related to child support arrearages.
- ☐ I have not been compliant with all child support orders for the previous twelve (12) months, including orders related to child support arrearages.
- ☐ I do not have child support obligations.
14. I have ☐ / have not ☐ [**check one**] been convicted of any of the following criminal offenses, which may affect my right to possess a firearm under Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-29-103:
- a) A felony crime of violence, an attempt to commit a felony crime of violence, or a felony involving the use of a deadly weapon under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(b)(1)(A); or
- b) A felony drug offense pursuant to § Tenn. Code Ann. 39-17-1307(b)(1)(B); or
- c) A misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921, and still subject to the disabilities of such a conviction pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(f)(1).
- A "felony crime of violence" is defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1301 and includes, but is not limited to, any degree of:

- murder	- aggravated burglary
- voluntary manslaughter	- especially aggravated burglary
- aggravated rape	- aggravated assault
- rape	- kidnapping
- rape of a child	- aggravated kidnapping
- aggravated rape of a child	- especially aggravated kidnapping
- aggravated sexual battery	- carjacking
- especially aggravated robbery	- trafficking for a commercial sex act
- aggravated robbery	- especially aggravated sexual exploitation
- burglary	- felony child abuse
	- aggravated child abuse
15. I am ☐ / am not ☐ [**check one**] subject to an order of protection that fully complies with 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8).
16. I am ☐ / am not ☐ [**check one**] prohibited from possessing a firearm for having been adjudicated as a mental defective or judicially committed to a mental institution.
17. I have ☐ / have not ☐ been adjudicated delinquent on or after July 1, 2024 for the offenses listed in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1307(j).

18. Below are the reasons I believe that my citizenship rights should be restored:

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Petitioner respectfully asks that the Court review this Petition and grant restoration of the rights of citizenship as requested herein, consistent with pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-29-103.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT PURSUANT TO RULE 72 OF THE TENNESSEE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Signature of Petitioner

Date

Attorney for Petitioner (optional)

Date

Contact Information of Petitioner or Petitioner's Attorney

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that, as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-29-103(c), the Clerk has sent notice of this Petition to the following at least thirty (30) days prior to any hearing on or disposition of this Petition.

- ☐ The Tennessee Coordinator of Elections, by email at COENotice@tnsos.gov.
- ☐ The Tennessee Attorney General's Office, by email at rightsrestoration@ag.tn.gov.
- ☐ The United States Attorney, if Petitioner was rendered infamous or deprived of rights of citizenship by judgment of a federal court, at:

- ☐ The District Attorney General of the county in which the Petitioner resides, at:

- ☐ The District Attorney General of the county in which each conviction listed above occurred, at:

Clerk