The Law

1-2-103 (4), No person while serving a sentence of detention or confinement in a correctional facility, jail, or other location for a felony conviction is eligible to register to vote or to vote in any election. A confined prisoner who is awaiting trial but has not been tried or who is not serving a sentence for a felony conviction shall be certified by the institutional administrator, may register to vote pursuant to this article 2, and may list his or her confinement location as his or her ballot address in accordance with section 1-2-204(2)(f.3). An individual serving a sentence of parole is eligible to register to vote and to vote in any election.

Protect Yourself

Eligibility to vote for people in jail can change depending on where they are in their criminal case process. For example, a person who is a pretrial detainee is eligible to register to vote but if they are sentenced to felony probation but required to serve 30 days in jail as a condition of probation then they can't vote while they are in jail serving that 30 days. In Colorado, it is a class 5 felony to register to vote or vote if you aren't eligible!