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PURPOSE

The purpose of this administrative directive is to establish the Vermont Department of Corrections' (DOC) policy regarding inmates' right to vote while incarcerated. Additionally, this policy ensures that the voting rights of Vermont inmates are protected.

PHILOSOPHY

It is the philosophy of the DOC to ensure that inmates are made aware of their right to vote while incarcerated, and to encourage inmates to vote.

AUTHORITY

28 V.S.A. § 807; and 17 V.S.A. § § 2121, 2122.

REFERENCE

The Civil Rights Act of 1964.

POLICY

Pursuant to Vermont state law, individuals convicted of a crime shall retain their right to vote by absentee ballot in a primary or general election during the term of their confinement, provided the individual meets all other voting requirements. The DOC shall ensure that each correctional facility provides basic information and assistance to inmates qualified to vote. The Volunteer Services Coordinator shall develop any necessary procedures to ensure the right to vote may be carried out.