If someone has been convicted of a crime, can that person still vote in Ohio?

Most often, the answer is YES. With regard to voting rights, Ohio law can be confusing for corrections officials and individuals who have been convicted of crimes. The back of this card lists the basic voting rights that apply to eligible Ohio voters who have been convicted of a crime.

For the law governing the restoration of voting rights after a conviction, see Chapter 2961 of the Ohio Revised Code.
BEING ELIGIBLE TO VOTE MEANS:

• You are a citizen of the United States.

• You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the election you plan to vote.

• You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election for which you are registering.

• You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.

• You are not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state or the United States.

• You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of the election laws.

• You have not been twice convicted of violations of Ohio’s election laws.

• You are registered to vote.