

VOTING DOCUMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

If your guardianship was established in or after 2001, you likely do not have the right to vote unless the court expressly granted that right to you. Use the following documents to help you regain the right to vote.

One document is a motion to modify the guardianship order. A "motion" is a document asking the court to take some action. If you want the court to take some action, you would file a motion and you are then called a "movant." The motion is written from the perspective of a person under guardianship.

An affidavit is a document that represents sworn testimony. A person signing an affidavit has sworn that the contents of that affidavit are true. It is always helpful when an individual has an affidavit from a doctor or their guardian to support changes they would like to make to their guardianship. The law does not provide adequate guidance regarding the type of evidence you must provide to regain the right to vote, so it might not always be necessary to file supporting affidavits.

Fill in the blanks, where appropriate, and send them to the circuit clerk to be filed in your case. You can find out where your circuit clerk can be contacted using the following directory: <https://www.arcourts.gov/directories/circuit-clerks>

Once filled in, contact the circuit clerk to get your case number and fill it in at the top of the document and mail it to the circuit clerk to be filed. Mail a copy to your guardian and a copy to the judge along with a note requesting a hearing.

If any part of any of the documents requires a notary, do not sign the document until you are in front of a notary public. You can usually find a notary public at a bank.