



VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION

The ACLU of Minnesota supports restoring the right to vote for people with felony convictions who are living in the community. More than 63,000 people in Minnesota can't vote because they're on probation or parole.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Forfeitures

Minnesota law enforcement seized and kept or sold more than \$7 million in cash and property in 2017 through civil forfeiture. Forfeiture creates an incentive for law enforcement to seize money and property to feed their bottom line.

ACLU-MN supports replacing civil forfeiture with criminal forfeiture so criminal cases and assets are handled together, and then giving any proceeds to the state general fund to eliminate incentives to "police for profit."

Fines and Fees

Our system of driving-related fines and fees is set up so low-level offenders face quickly escalating consequences. People who can't afford to pay their tickets can lose their licenses and then their jobs. This system has a disproportionate impact on communities of color and people with low incomes.

We support reforming fines and fees: No one should lose a job or go to jail because they can't pay their tickets.

Probation

While Minnesota still has a relatively low incarceration rate, our rate for probation and supervision is the nation's fifth highest. Long probation sentences, coupled with technical violations for minor things such as missing a probation check-in, make it all too easy to end

up back in prison. These factors worsen racial disparities in our criminal justice system and increase mass incarceration. Reform is necessary.

SURVEILLANCE, PRIVACY & TECH

Drone Privacy

Government use of drones is not regulated under state law, so drones can be used for surreptitious surveillance. Unwarranted drone use by law enforcement presents a significant threat to personal privacy rights.

The government should be required to obtain a search warrant before using drones for surveillance.

Cell Phone Location Tracking

Minnesota's 2014 cell phone location privacy law included reporting provisions and required notifying people if their devices were tracked. That reporting isn't happening the way it should.

The Legislature should clarify the law's intent and require courts to unseal cell tracking warrants and to meet reporting requirements.

CONTROLLING YOUR OWN DATA

Our laws are not keeping pace with technology. Minnesotans must take control of our personal data.

- Access by schools and third-party vendors to student data should be regulated.
- Employers, schools and landlords should not be allowed to force employees, students and tenants to provide access to personal social media accounts and web pages.
- Emails and texts kept on a server for more than 180 days are considered "abandoned." State law should provide reasonable privacy protections for Minnesotans' emails and electronic information where federal law has failed to do so.

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