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A Citizen Resource Website
- Weekly update from the State Capitol
- Links to your elected officials
- Register to vote, election dates and information on absentee and advance voting

Educate Voters in Georgia
- Public forums and debates across Georgia

Educate the Next Generation
- Host high school and college interns
- Speak to student groups

State Capitol Advocates for
- Fair, secure and accessible elections in Georgia
- Government accountability including ethics reform and tax-payer protection
- Environmental preservation, judicial independence, equitable funding for education, and fair treatment of women and children

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE LEAGUE

Join Us!
- We are fueled by members and need your voice!
- Join online at www.lwvga.org or call (404) 522-4598

Make a Donation!
- All contributions directly support our activities to educate and mobilize citizens to take an active role in the decisions that shape our communities.
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2019-2020
Citizen's Handbook

Know the issues.
Join the conversation.
Make a difference.

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GEORGIA VOTER FAQ

You cannot be turned away from a polling location without casting a ballot.

PHOTO IDS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED:

- Any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, including a true Voter ID Card issued by your county registrar's office or the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS)
- A Georgia Driver's License, even if expired
- Valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of this state
- Valid U.S. passport ID
- Valid U.S. military photo ID
- Valid tribal photo ID

Special Note for Students: Student Photo IDs issued from a Public University/College in Georgia is acceptable as a form of Voter ID. If you attend a private school you will need to bring one of the above forms of IDs.

CAN I VOTE BEFORE ELECTION DAY?

In Georgia, there are two options for individuals who wish to vote prior to Election Day: absentee ballot and advance/early voting. In order to vote absentee or advanced/early, you will be required to complete an application and provide sufficient form of identification. You will then be able to cast a ballot; however you will NOT be able to cast another ballot on Election Day.

For more information about voting by mail, how to obtain an absentee ballot, when absentee ballots will be available, and deadlines for returning an absentee ballot, visit www.sos.ga.gov.

Advance/early voting allows Georgia's voters to vote in person prior to the actual election during regular business hours at the County Board of Registrar's Office and/or satellite early voting sites.

DO I NEED TO JOIN A POLITICAL PARTY?

Georgia voters are not required to declare any political party when registering to vote.

However, in order to cast a ballot in a primary election, the voter must tell the poll officer in which party's primary he or she wishes to vote in order to receive the correct ballot. The desired party ballot must also be specified when requesting an absentee ballot for a primary election. Once a voter requests a ballot for one party's primary election, the decision is only binding for that primary election and any runoff of the primary. The voter is not required to vote for that party's candidate in the subsequent general election and may make a different party choice in the next primary election.
How to Cast a Provisional Ballot

A Provisional (paper) ballot must be available to all voters who are unable to vote on a voting machine. These issues may include lack of ID, not finding the voter on the rolls, or registrations that have been flagged for proof of citizenship or other reasons.

After voting on a paper ballot, a voter is given a letter and instructions on how to ensure their vote is counted. The voter has 3 days – or until the Friday of election week – to resolve the issue with their county elections office. After verifying the voters' eligibility, the provisional ballot will be counted.

NOTE – You can check the status of your provisional ballot by calling your county elections and registration office. (Offices listed on Secretary of State's website at sos.ga.gov – Elections - Voter Info.)

Can I Take a Photo of My Ballot?

No. The use of cameras, cell phones, and/or others recording devices are prohibited in the polling area. However, you are allowed to use your phone and camera outside of the polling location.

Prohibited in the Polling Location

No person shall wear campaign paraphernalia, distribute/display any type of campaign literature or solicit votes in any manner within 150 feet of a polling location.

What If...

... I did not bring my photo ID?
... I am told I’m not on the Voting Rolls?
... I am told I need Proof of Citizenship?

Do Not Leave Without Voting!!

As long as you show up at a polling place during voting hours, you must be allowed to vote there, whether or not your name is on the list of voters, you forgot your ID, or your registration has been flagged. You must be offered a provisional paper ballot.
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<td><strong>STEP 2:</strong> Give Voter Certificate &amp; Photo ID. After filling out the form go to the next table and give the poll worker your certificate and ID. The poll worker will check your certificate and ID, and give you a yellow Voter Access Card.</td>
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<td><strong>STEP 3:</strong> Prepare Your Voting Machine. After receiving the Voter access card, go to any available voting machine. Insert your voting access card as indicated by the arrow and your ballot will appear on the screen. You may also adjust the print size or contrast on voting machine screen to your preference.</td>
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<td><strong>STEP 4:</strong> Vote! Complete your ballot by touching the box [ ] next the candidate of your choice. There will also be questions on which you can select 'yes' or 'no'.</td>
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<td>Brian Kemp (R)</td>
<td><strong>STEP 5:</strong> Review &amp; Cast Ballot. After making your choices, you will be asked to review your choices before casting your vote. You can make changes if you want. Once you have press &quot;cast vote&quot; your vote will be recorded as displayed on the machine.</td>
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<td>111 Georgia State Capitol</td>
<td><strong>STEP 6:</strong> Return Voter Access Card &amp; Get your Peach. After casting your ballot the yellow voter access card will eject from the machine. Return the voter access card to the poll work and make sure to get your 'I'm a Georgia Voter' sticker!</td>
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<td>Atlanta, GA 30334</td>
<td><strong>NOTE –</strong> The 2019 Georgia General Assembly passed legislation authorizing the purchase of new voting machines and the implementation of a pilot program for the newly selected machines during the 2019 elections. The steps to voting on the new machines will vary from the steps above and will be posted on the League of Women Voters of Georgia website (<a href="http://www.lwvga.org">www.lwvga.org</a>) upon receipt from the Secretary of State’s office.</td>
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REGISTRATION TO VOTE

QUALIFICATIONS

To register to vote in Georgia, you must be:

• At least 17.5 years of age to register and 18 years of age by Election Day

You may not register if you are currently:

• Serving any sentence imposed by the conviction of a felony
• Judicially determined to be mentally incompetent

HOW TO REGISTER

• Online at the Secretary of State’s website: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or gavotes.org
• At Public Assistance Agencies
• Download a mail-in registration form from the Secretary of State’s website or visit www lwvga.org.
• A registration form can also be obtained at your local county board of registrars’ office, public library, driver’s license location or public assistance office.

WHAT IF I HAVE MOVED?

You need to update your registration address with either of the choices above.

• If you move within the same county in which you are registered to vote and don’t notify the registrar at least 30 days prior to an election, you may vote in your old polling place for that election.
• If you move outside the county in which you are registered to vote within 30 days of an election, you may vote in your old precinct for that election.
• If you move outside the county in which you are registered to vote in excess of 30 days prior to an election, you have lost your eligibility to vote in the county of your old residence. You must register to vote in your new county of residence. If you don’t register to vote by the deadline, you cannot vote in that particular election.

ASSISTANCE

Need to:
Locate your polling place?
Find out if you are currently registered?
Answer other voting questions?
Request Your Voter Registration card?

Visit the My Voter Page at mvp.sos.ga.gov or
Contact League of Women Voters of Georgia
www lwvga.org or 404.522.4598

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STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Commission on Dispute Resolution
www.godr.org (404) 463-3808
Commission on Equal Opportunity (404) 463-4706
www.cgo0.state.g a.us 1-800-473-OPEN

Community Affairs www.dca.state.g a.us (404) 679-4940
1-800-359-4663

Consumer Protection www.consumer.georgia.gov (404) 651-8600
1-800-869-1123 (Toll Free)

Corrections
www.dcor.state.g a.us (404) 656-4661

Driver Services www.dds.g a.gov
(678) 413-8400

Elections
www.sos.g a.gov – click Elections (404) 656-2871

Family and Children Services
www.dfcs.georgia.gov (877) 423-4746

GA Government Transparency
& Campaign Finance Comm.
www.ethics.g a.gov (404) 463-1980
1-866-589-7327

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www.dhr.georgia.gov (404) 651-6316

Natural Resources
www.gadnr.org (404) 656-3500

Pardons and Paroles
www.pap.georgia.gov (404) 656-4661

Public Safety
www.dps.georgia.gov (404) 624-7000
STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (Continued)

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Revenue  www.dor.ga.gov  (877) 423-6711
Technical College System of GA  www.tcsg.edu  (404) 679-1600
Transportation  www.dot.ga.gov  (404) 631-1990
Veterans Service  www.veterans.ga.gov  (404) 656-2300
Workers' Compensation  www.sbwc.georgia.gov  (800) 533-0682

STATE COURTS

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Presiding Justice David E. Nahmias
Justice Robert Benham
Justice Charles J. Bechel
Justice Keith R. Blackwell
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Justice John J. Ellington
Justice Nels S. D. Peterson
Justice Sarah H. Warren

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2019 ELECTION DATES

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