



ELECTION LAW



2021 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES – SB 202 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021



NEW LAWS



Overview of Senate Bill 202



This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Election Integrity Act of 2021.”

{SB 202 Passed March 2021}

By: Senators Burns of 23rd, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Ginn of the 47th, Anderson of the 24th, and others.

This power-point is intended to be used as outreach material and serves as a “brief overview of SB 202”

How Senate Bill 202 and new SEB rules pertaining to SB 202 will impact voting in Georgia



Completely revise elections and voting to amend Chapter 2 of Title 21 of O.C.G.A.

August 18, 2021
State Elections Board Meeting

SEB

**SEB – PROPOSED SEVERAL
CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 202
FOR CONSIDERATION – PUBLIC
COMMENTS – POSSIBLE ADOPTED
INTO LAW**



**AFTER NEW LAWS AND RULES ARE
ADOPTED, THEY WILL BE PROVIDED
AT FUTURE SEB MEETINGS**

CONSIDERATION OF RULES TO POST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



State Election Board – Performance Review

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now



21-2-2 – Definition of “Superintendent” (Revision)

21-2-33.1 – Suspending Election Superintendents (New Subsection)

21-2-33.2 – Investigating & Replacing Superintendents (New Code Section)

21-2-105, 106, 107, & 108 – Performance Review (New Code Sections)



State Election Board – SEB



STATE ELECTION BOARD HAS IMPLEMENTED NEW LEGISLATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTION REVIEW PANELS (INDEPENDENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW BOARD) – WHICH WILL CONSIST OF (3) COMPETENT PERSONS

(1) Employee of the SOS Elections Division & (2) Local Elections Officials (except from the municipality which is under review.

FOR GA ELECTIONS OFFICES TO UNDERGO PERFORMANCE REVIEWS FOR ELECTIONS SUPERINTENDENTS

(BOARD MEMBERS), DIRECTORS, AND SUPERVISORS

***Technical Competency, Maintenance and Operation of Elections Equipment, Proper oversight and any issue regarding compliance with state law. Will be required to issue findings with the SOS, SEB, and local governing authority.**

WHEN ISSUES ARE REPORTED, THEY WILL PERFORM INVESTIGATE AND EVALUATE LOCAL ELECTIONS OFFICIALS

SEB MEETINGS

It is vitally important that all staff members attend the SEB meetings to learn about new legislation and approved rules

SEB Cases (Hearings)

Listening to the SEB cases will help you to be proactive with putting guidelines and best practices in place to mitigate compliance and legal issues



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NEXT SCHEDULED STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 21, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION: https://sos-ga-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NPVfXywaTU2HoxncVUnwXg

Using this website, please fill in your first name, last name, and the e-mail address you would like your webinar invitation to be sent to. After registering you will receive an e-mail detailing the instructions on how to enter the webinar.

For meeting information, please visit the State Election Board website at https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/state_election_board.

MORE SCHEDULED MEETINGS

DATE: TBD

TIME: TBD

LOCATION: TBD

NOTICES, AGENDA ITEMS, AND SUMMARIES

Note: The following documents are in PDF format. You must have the Adobe Acrobat Read (available free of charge) installed on your computer in order to view and print. [Click here to download Adobe Acrobat.](#)

2021

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https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/state_election_board

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Rules and Rulemaking of the State Election Board

Rules

Chapter 183 of the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia

****ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY**** (1)

The Administrative History for Chapter 183

GEORGIA ELECTION CODE (42)^{new}

Chapter 183-1

GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE (21)

Chapter 183-2

STATE ELECTION BOARD - NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Revisions to Subject 183-1-12: Preparation for and Conduct of Primaries and Elections

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth in the above attachment, the Georgia State Election Board, (hereinafter "SEB") proposes the attached amendments to Subject 183-1-12 (Preparation for and Conduct of Primaries and Elections).

The rules in this subject that the SEB has proposed amendments to are:

- 183-1-12-.12 (Tabulating Results)
- 183-1-12-.13 (Storage of Returns)
- 183-1-12-.18 (Provisional Ballots)

Revisions to Subject 183-1-14: Absentee Voting

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth in the above attachment, the Georgia State Election Board, (hereinafter "SEB") proposes the attached amendments to Subject 183-1-14 (Absentee Voting).

The rules in this subject that the SEB has proposed amendments to are:

- 183-1-14-.12 (Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot)

Public Comment on Proposed Rules:

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments, a public hearing will be held virtually at 9:00am October 28th, 2021. Information regarding how to join and provide public comment at the meeting will be available on the State Election Board's webpage at https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections/state_election_board. Public comments given at the meeting will be limited to two minutes per person. Additional comments may be given using the following means and must be received by noon October 26th, 2021 to be considered by the State Election Board:

- **Electronically** by emailing SEBPublicComments@sos.ga.gov
- By **telephone** by calling 404-656-2871
- By **mailing** comments to:

State Election Board

C/O Sarah Beck

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E.

8th Floor West Tower

Atlanta, Georgia 30334



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2021

2020

2019

2018

2017

2016

2015



- ❑ A Local government “shall not” expend any public funds for attorney’s fees or expenses of litigation relating to the proceedings initiated to the extent such fees and expenses.
- ❑ Nothing shall be construed to prohibit an insurance provider from covering attorney’s fees or expenses of litigation under an insurance policy.
- ❑ Any suspended superintendent who is reinstated by the SEB may be reimbursed by the local government for reasonable attorney’s fees and related expenses incurred in pursuing such reinstatement.



SB 202 – SECTION 15

- Voter Challenges – (No limit on challenges to voter registration)
- Timeline for challenges to voter registration

SB 202 – SECTION 16

- Voter Eligibility – (No limit on challenges to voter eligibility)
- Deadline for challenges to voter eligibility



Voter Challenges

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There shall not be a limit on the number of persons whose qualifications such elector may challenge.

Revision to Code Section 21-2-229

(Qualifications to Register to Vote)

- The registrars must set a hearing on the challenge within **10** business days after serving notice of the challenge.
- Notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing and a copy of the challenge must be served to the voter being challenged within **10** business days following the filing of the challenge.
- Notice of the hearing must be served to the elector making the challenge as well.

Revision to Code Section 21-2-230

(Electors Right to Vote in an Election)

- Challenge may be made at any time prior to the elector voting at their polling place or, if such elector cast an absentee ballot, prior to 5:00 P.M. on the day before absentee ballots are to begin to be scanned and tabulated.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Code section by the board of registrars shall subject such board to sanctions by the State Election Board.



Changes in
verification of
absentee ballot
applications

O.C.G.A.
21-2-381
21-2-219

- One of the biggest changes to Georgia voting laws 2021 has to do with mail-in absentee voting. An estimated 1.3 million voters used that method in the [November 2020 polls](#).
- In the new law, individuals aged 65 and over, in the military, living overseas, or those with a disability will still be able to apply for a ballot once during the election cycle.
- **However, the earliest they can send in their mail-in request is 11 weeks before the election date, *as opposed to six months prior*, as was previously the case. This cuts the request window by more than half.**
- Additionally, the deadline by which an application needs to be completed and returned has been moved up as well. *Voters are now required to return the completed application two Fridays before the election date instead of the Friday before Election Day, as was previously the case.*

Exception can be made only for a hospitalized voter.

SB 202 – SECTION 25 (Deadlines for the November 2, 2021, Special Election)

Amends the window for the start of accepting absentee ballots to **78 days prior to the election**

- Important that the exact acceptance date is available in case someone asks
 - What is the 78th day before the November election? **Monday, August 16, 2021**
 - (Are weekends and holidays included?) YES....***

Places a deadline for receiving absentee ballot applications at least **11 days prior to the election**

- What is the 11th, day prior to the election to stop receiving absentee ballot applications? **Friday, October 22, 2021**
- (Are weekends and holidays included?) YES....***

Creates a new standard absentee ballot application (Make sure all workers understand how to complete the absentee ballot application and have a current list of other acceptable IDs.

- Georgia Driver's License Number
- State ID Number

Prohibits governments from mailing absentee ballot applications to voter's who have not requested them

THE APPEARANCE OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT AND ENVELOPE

The newly enacted voting laws in the state also affect the way the absentee ballots and envelopes look.

According to the Georgia Election Integrity Act of 2021, each absentee ballot will be printed on a special security paper. The voter's precinct and ID will appear at the top of the ballot.

Once the voter fills in the circles to vote for their chosen candidate, they're required to place the ballot in the envelope it came with, which will have their name, signature, and driver's license number, state ID number, or the last four digits of their Social Security Number.

To protect the voter's privacy, all sensitive information will be hidden once they seal the envelope.

https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/absentee_voting_in_georgia



ABSENTEE VOTING IN GEORGIA

The State of Georgia allows absentee voting by mail and in-person. No excuse is required to vote before election day.

ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

Georgia law allows for absentee by mail ballots to be requested no earlier than 78 days and no later than 11 days prior to an election. To request an absentee ballot, voters should complete an absentee ballot application and return the absentee ballot application to their county registration office. Absentee ballot applications can be returned by mail, fax, email (as an attachment), or in-person to the local County Board of Registrar's Office.

[Click here to download the fillable PDF application for an Official Absentee Ballot](#)

[Click here to Register for Your Secured Absentee Ballot](#)

[Click here to locate the contact information for your County Board of Registrar's Office](#)

ABSENTEE VOTING IN-PERSON

Georgia law provides three weeks of in-person early voting in regularly scheduled primaries and elections. [Click here for early voting locations and times in your county.](#)



Securing Your Absentee Ballot

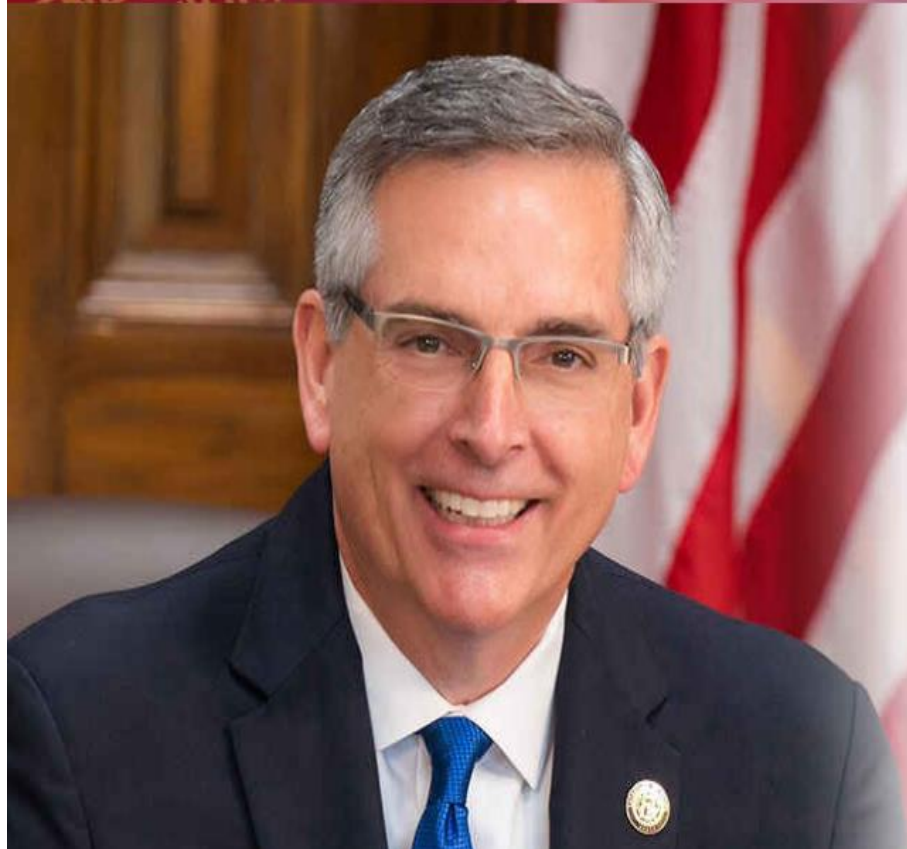
Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger is Securing Your Absentee Ballot.

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger is keeping all options available to voters during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. The Georgia absentee ballot portal will allow you to quickly request an absentee ballot and receive confirmation that your request is being processed. Your secure ballot will be verified and fulfilled by your county elections office.

No excuse absentee was established under then Governor Sonny Perdue, and voted in support by the now Speaker of the House David Ralston. While we thank those two visionaries for expanding access to voting, Secretary Brad Raffensperger has placed additional security measures to ensure the integrity of the vote.

SECURE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT NOW

<https://securevotega.com/secureabsentee/>



Any application for an absentee ballot sent to any elector by any person or entity must utilize the form of the application made available by the Secretary of State and must clearly and prominently disclose on the face of the form the following information:

- This is **NOT** an official government publication; and
- was **NOT** provided to you by any government entity; and this is **NOT a ballot.**
- It is being distributed by *{“name and address of the person, organization, or other entity distributing such document or material”}*

The disclaimer required shall be:

1. A sufficient font size to be clearly readable by the recipient of the communication; and
2. Contained in a printed box set apart from the other contents of the communication; and
3. Printed with a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the printed disclaimer.

Absentee Ballot Requests

Senate Bill 202 - Effective July 1st

Revision to Code Section 21-2-381

- Voters can submit an absentee ballot application no earlier than **78** days or less than **11** days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff.
- To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot must be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than **11** days prior to the primary, election, or runoff.



Absentee Ballot Applications

Senate Bill 202 - Effective July 1st

- Any person applying for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall make application in writing on the form made available by the Secretary of State.
- In order to confirm the identity of the voter, such form shall require the elector to provide:
 - his or her name
 - date of birth
 - address as registered
 - address where the elector wishes the ballot to be mailed, and
 - the number of his or her Georgia driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 5 of Title 40.
 - If such elector does not have a Georgia driver's license or identification card, the elector must provide a copy of a form of identification listed in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-417.



Absentee Ballot Applications

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The application shall also include:

- the identity of the primary, election, or runoff in which the elector wishes to vote;
 - and the name and relationship of the person requesting the ballot if other than the elector;
 - and an oath for the elector or relative to write his or her usual signature with a **pen and ink** affirming that the elector is a qualified Georgia elector and the facts presented on the application are true.
- Secretary of State, election superintendent, board of registrars, other governmental entity, nor employee or agent thereof shall send absentee ballot applications directly to any elector except upon request of such elector or a relative authorized to request an absentee ballot for such elector. Only to individuals who have not already requested, received, or voted an absentee ballot in the primary, election, or runoff.



New application for requesting an Official Absentee Ballot (Front and Back)



Application for Georgia Official Absentee Ballot

The information provided in this document is made under oath and penalty of law and will be used for official government purposes. **When you sign this application, you affirm that you are a citizen of the U.S., currently reside in Georgia and are eligible to vote in Georgia.** Giving false information on this application violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

Please print clearly. Be sure to complete all **required** sections.

Date of Election
Required

1 Date of Primary, Election, or Runoff (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
The application must be **received** by your election office* 11 days before the election.

Print your name
Required

2 Your name as it appears on your voter registration.
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

Type of ballot
Required in primary

3 Democratic Republican Non Partisan (will not have ANY party candidates listed)

Residential address
Required Your ballot will be sent here unless you provide a temporary mailing address.

4 The residential or mailing address on your voter registration. If you no longer reside at the address where you are registered to vote, contact your county election office prior to submitting this application.
Address _____
City _____ County _____ GA Zip _____

Temporary ballot mailing address
Only if you are temporarily living outside the county** and want your ballot sent to this address.

5 This address must be in a different county** than the one where you are physically disabled or detained in jail or other detention facility.
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact information
Recommended

6 Phone number _____ Email address _____

Voter identification
Required

7 Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ AND Georgia Driver's License Number or State Identification Card Number _____
OR
 I do not have a Georgia Driver's License or Identification Card and I am providing a copy of acceptable identification below.

Instructions:

- Make sure your identification on your ID card or document is visible.
- Take a photo of your full completed application and submit it electronically to your elections office* (addresses are online: elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do). You may also submit a hard copy of your application via U.S. mail or in person to your elections office*.
- If your acceptable form of identification does not fit in this box, please attach a copy and submit it with your application.

Place identification here if you did not provide a Georgia driver's license or ID number

Voter oath and signature
Required

8 I, the undersigned, do swear and affirm that I am eligible to vote in Georgia, am a citizen of the U.S. and the facts presented in this application are true. By signing this oath, you are swearing that you are the voter requesting an absentee ballot.
Signing this oath on behalf of another voter violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.
Voter, sign and date here (Required)

X _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

If you received this application with your information pre-filled, received multiple or duplicate copies in the mail, or if an unauthorized person offers to return your absentee ballot application, please report this to reportfraud@sos.ga.gov.

Form continues →



Application for Georgia Official Absentee Ballot

Print your name
Required

9 Your name as it appears on your voter registration.
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

Assisting a voter?
If yes, the assistant must complete this section. **Voter assistance is only allowed if the voter is illiterate or physically disabled.**

10 By signing as assisting the voter, you are swearing under oath that the voter is entitled to assistance. Assisting a voter who is not eligible for assistance in completing this application violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000 or imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

Assistant's name _____
Assistant's signature _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Requesting a ballot on behalf of a voter?
If yes, complete this section. The voter must be physically disabled or temporarily residing out of the county** and must still be eligible to vote in the county** where he or she is registered.

11 I swear that the facts contained in this application are true and that I am either the mother, father, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law of the age of 18 and **acknowledge that making a false statement on this application regarding my relationship to the voter violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000, 12 months in jail, or both.**

I swear (or affirm) that the above-named voter is: (check one)
 physically disabled
 temporarily residing out of the county**
Signature of authorized and eligible requestor
X _____
Relationship to voter _____

Ballot request opt-in
Optional
If you meet the eligibility criteria, you may opt-in to receive an absentee ballot for the rest of the elections cycle without making another application.

12 I opt-in to receive an absentee ballot for the rest of the election cycle.
I am eligible for the reason selected below:
 D- Disabled. I am physically disabled
 E- Elderly. I am 65 years of age or older
 U-UOCAVA. I am a uniformed service member, spouse or dependent of a uniformed service member, or other US citizen residing overseas. (Complete the information to the right)

UOCAVA Voters only
My current status is (check one)
 MOS - Military Overseas
 MST - Military Stateside
 OST - Overseas Temporary Resident
 OSP - Overseas Permanent Resident (may vote for federal offices only)
(Optional) By entering my email, I request that my absentee ballot be transmitted to me electronically.
Email _____

Acceptable forms of identification if you do not have a Georgia Driver's License or State Identification Card Number

Identification with your photograph:

- United States military identification card
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, Georgia state government, or Georgia county, municipality, board, authority, or any other entity of the state of Georgia
- Georgia voter identification card
- United States Passport
- Tribal identification card

Documents that show your name and address:

- Current utility bill
- Paycheck
- Bank statement
- Other government document
- Government check

How to return your absentee ballot application
Absentee ballot applications must be received 11 days before the date of the election. You can return the form by:
• mail • email (as an attachment)
• fax • in-person at your elections or registrar's office

Your County Board of Registrar's Office information can be found online: <https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do>

*In state, county, and federal elections, your elections office is your county elections office. In municipal elections, your elections office is your municipal elections office.
**Or, in municipal elections, municipality.

No person or entity other than the elector, a relative authorized to request an absentee ballot for such elector, a person signing as assisting an illiterate or physically disabled elector with his or her application, a common carrier charged with returning the ballot application, an absentee ballot clerk, a registrar, or a law enforcement officer in the course of an investigation shall handle or return an elector's completed absentee ballot application. **Handling a completed absentee ballot application by any person or entity other than as allowed in this paragraph is a misdemeanor.**

Ballot	Dates	ID Shown	For office use only
Dist. Combo _____	Received _____	GA DL _____	I certify that the above named voter <input type="checkbox"/> is eligible <input type="checkbox"/> is not eligible Registrar signature _____
Precinct _____	ISS _____	Other _____	
Ballot # _____	Certified _____	Voter Reg # _____	
	Rejected _____		
Ballot to be:	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailed electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Delivered to voter in hospital by Registrars or Deputy <input type="checkbox"/> Voted in office (municipal only)		



Brad Raffensperger
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Please print clearly. Be sure to complete all **required** sections.

Date of Election

Required

1

Date of Primary, Election, or Runoff (*mm/dd/yyyy*) _____

The application must be **received** by your election office* 11 days before the election.

Print your name

Required

2

Your name as it appears on your voter registration.

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

Type of ballot

Required in primary

3

Democratic Republican Non Partisan (will not have ANY party candidates listed)

Residential address

Required Your ballot will be sent here unless you provide a temporary mailing address.

4

The residential or mailing address on your voter registration. If you no longer reside at the address where you are registered to vote, contact your county election office prior to submitting this application.

Address _____

City _____ County _____ GA Zip _____

Temporary ballot mailing address

Only if you are **temporarily living** outside the county** and want your ballot sent to this address.

5

This address must be in a different county** than the one where you are registered unless you are physically disabled or detained in jail or other detention facility.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact information

Recommended

6

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Voter identification

Required

Print carefully. This information will be used to verify your identity.

Failure to provide accurate information may delay processing your application.

You must provide your date of birth AND

- a Georgia Driver's License or Identification Card number

OR

- a copy of an acceptable identification from the list in the instructions.

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

AND

Georgia Driver's License Number or State Identification Card Number

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OR

- I do not have a Georgia Driver's License or Identification Card and I am providing a copy of acceptable identification below.

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Instructions:

- Make sure your identification on your ID card or document is visible.
- Take a photo of your full completed application and submit it electronically to your elections office* (addresses are online: elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do). You may also submit a hard copy of your application via U.S. mail or in person to your elections office*.
- If your acceptable form of identification does not fit in this box, please attach a copy and submit it with your application.

Place identification here
if you did not provide a Georgia driver's license or ID number

Voter oath and signature

Required

Use a pen. No electronic signatures allowed.

8

I, the undersigned, do swear and affirm that I am eligible to vote in Georgia, am a citizen of the U.S. and the facts presented in this application are true. By signing this oath, you are swearing that you are the voter requesting an absentee ballot.

Signing this oath on behalf of another voter violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

Voter, sign and date here *(Required)*

X		Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Form continues ►

APP-21



Brad Raffensperger
SECRETARY OF STATE

Application for Georgia Official Absentee Ballot

Print your name
Required

9

Your name as it appears on your voter registration.

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

Assisting a voter?

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10

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Assistant's name _____

Assistant's signature

X

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Requesting a ballot on behalf of a voter?

If yes, complete this section. The voter must be physically disabled or temporarily residing out of the county** and must still be eligible to vote in the county** where he or she is registered.

11

I swear that the facts contained in this application are true and that I am either the mother, father, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law of the age of 18 and **acknowledge that making a false statement on this application regarding my relationship to the voter violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000, 12 months in jail, or both.**

I swear (or affirm) that the above-named voter is: (check one)

- physically disabled
- temporarily residing out of the county**

Signature of authorized and eligible requestor

X

Relationship to voter _____

Ballot request opt-in

Optional
If you meet the eligibility criteria, you may opt-in to receive an absentee ballot for the rest of the elections cycle without making another application.

12

I opt-in to receive an absentee ballot for the rest of the election cycle.

I am eligible for the reason selected below:

- D- Disabled. I am physically disabled
- E- Elderly. I am 65 years of age or older
- U- UOCAVA. I am a uniformed service member, spouse or dependent of a uniformed service member, or other US citizen residing overseas. (Complete the information to the right)

UOCAVA Voters only

My current status is (check one)

- MOS - Military Overseas
- MST - Military Stateside
- OST - Overseas Temporary Resident
- OSP - Overseas Permanent Resident (may vote for federal offices only)

(Optional) By entering my email, I request that my absentee ballot be transmitted to me electronically.

Email _____

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

Acceptable forms of identification if you do not have a Georgia Driver's License or State Identification Card Number

Identification with your photograph:

- United States military identification card
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, Georgia state government, or Georgia county, municipality, board, authority, or any other entity of the state of Georgia
- Georgia voter identification card
- United States Passport
- Tribal identification card

Documents that show your name and address:

- Current utility bill
- Paycheck
- Bank statement
- Other government document
- Government check

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*In state, county, and federal elections, your elections office is your county elections office. In municipal elections, your elections office is your municipal elections office.

**Or, in municipal elections, municipality.

No person or entity other than the elector, a relative authorized to request an absentee ballot for such elector, a person signing as assisting an illiterate or physically disabled elector with his or her application, a common carrier charged with returning the ballot application, an absentee ballot clerk, a registrar, or a law enforcement officer in the course of an investigation shall handle or return an elector's completed absentee ballot application. **Handling a completed absentee ballot application by any person or entity other than as allowed in this paragraph is a misdemeanor.**

Returning an Absentee Ballot

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In order to verify that the absentee ballot was voted by the elector who requested the ballot, the elector shall print the number of his or her Georgia driver's license number or identification card in the space provided on the outer oath envelope.

The elector shall also print his or her date of birth in the space provided in the outer oath envelope.

If the elector does not have a Georgia driver's license or state identification card, the elector must print the last four digits of his or her social security number in the space provided on the outer oath envelope.

If the elector does not have a Georgia driver's license, identification card, or a social security number, the elector must place a copy of one of the forms of identification set forth in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-417 in the outer envelope.



Verifying Absentee Ballot Application Information

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- If found ineligible or if the application is not timely received, the clerk or the board of registrars shall deny the application and promptly notify the applicant in writing of the ground of ineligibility.
 - However, an absentee ballot application shall not be rejected solely due to a mismatch between the identifying information of the elector on the application and the identifying information of the elector on file with the board of registrars.
 - In such cases, the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall send the elector a provisional absentee ballot with the designation 'Provisional Ballot' on the outer oath envelope and information prepared by the Secretary of State as to the process to be followed to cure the discrepancy.
- If the registrar or clerk is unable to determine the identity of the elector from information given on the application or if the application is not complete or if the oath on the application is not signed, the registrar or clerk should promptly contact the elector in writing to request the necessary additional information and a signed copy of the oath.

Mailing Absentee Ballots

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- For all timely received applications for absentee ballots, the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue absentee ballots, provisional absentee ballots, and notices of rejection as soon as possible upon determining their eligibility within the time periods set forth in this subsection.
- During the period for advance voting, the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall make such determinations and mail or issue absentee ballots, provisional absentee ballots, and notices of rejection of application within **three** days after receiving a timely application for an absentee ballot.
- an elector confined in a hospital may make application for an absentee ballot on the day of a primary or election or during a **ten-day** period immediately preceding the day of such primary or election.
- Such application shall immediately be processed and the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk may deliver the absentee ballot to such elector.



Vote

Absentee Ballot Outer Envelope & Instructions

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- **New Absentee Ballot Envelope**

- The envelope shall be designed so that the number of the elector's Georgia driver's license or identification card, the last four digits of the elector's social security number, and the elector's date of birth shall be hidden from view when the envelope is correctly sealed.

- **New Absentee Ballot Instructions**

- The uniform instructions shall prominently include specific instructions stating that the elector shall mark his or her ballot in private and sign the oath by writing his or her usual signature with a pen and ink under penalty of false swearing that the elector has not allowed any person to observe the marking of his or her ballot other than an authorized person lawfully assisting the elector if the elector is entitled to assistance

LARGER ENVELOPE

BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS

New Absentee Ballot Envelope

OFFICIAL MAIL
BOARD OF REGISTRARS
FULTON COUNTY
130 PEACHTREE ST SW STE 2186
ATLANTA GA 30303-8400



OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT
BALLOT MUST BE ENCLOSED

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND RETURNING OFFICIAL
ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS
The accompanying ballot and two envelopes are sent to you in response to a request made by you
member of your family.
YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR
COUNT:

- black or blue pen to mark your ballot. Be sure the ink is dark.
- ballot and placing it in the envelope.
- the oval next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.
- response you wish to give to a question (if applicable).
- name does not appear on the ballot for a general election.
- follow the directions on the ballot for casting a ballot in primary elections.

APPLY
FIRST CLASS
MAIL POSTAGE
HERE

SECOND ENVELOPE
AKA 'PRIVACY
SLEEVE'

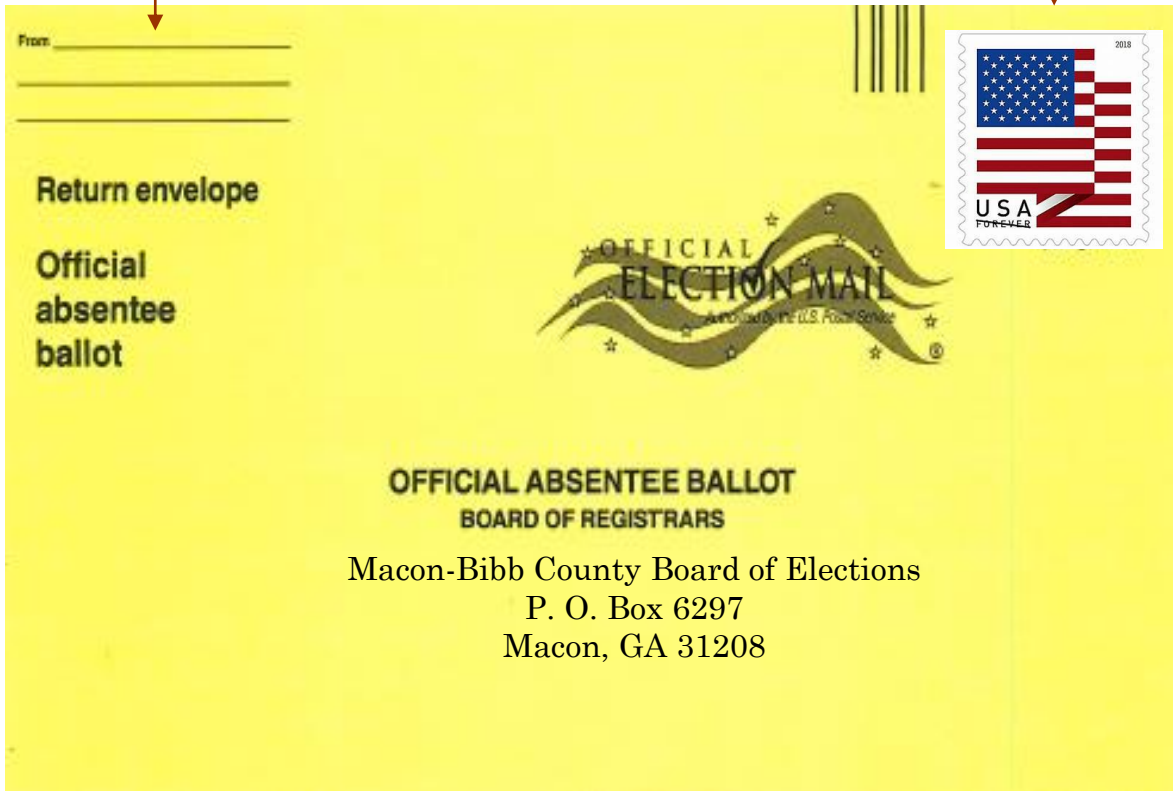
General of
County
For Justice
Supreme Court of Georgia
(To Succeed Same as Mrs. Warren)
Vote for
Hal Morris
Mrs. Warren

New Absentee Ballot Return Envelope

**Print your name
& address**

**Your return postage should
be at least .73 cents**

FRONT



**Do Not Put More Than 1 Ballot Inside
Your Absentee Ballot Return Envelope**

If someone assists you with your absentee ballot, they must print their name on the back of the envelope

Absentee Ballot Must Be Returned By 7:00 p.m. Election Day (Nov. 2, 2021)

BACK

For official use only	Date/time received	Certified and approved by
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If someone helped you vote your ballot

Oath of person assisting voter
I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that I assisted the voter named on this envelope in marking their absentee ballot as they personally communicated their preferences to me; and that the voter is entitled to receive assistance in voting under provisions of subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-385. I acknowledge that assisting a voter who is not eligible for assistance in completing this ballot violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

Reason for assistance
 Unable to read the English language
 Requires assistance due to physical disability

Signature of person assisting the voter _____ **Date (MM/DD/YYYY)** _____
X

Printed name of person assisting the voter

Return your ballot promptly.
Your ballot must be received at the Elections Office by 7:00 PM on Election Day

You can

- Mail it (be sure you have enough postage).
- Drop it at an authorized drop box.
- Deliver it yourself to your elections office.

Check carefully! Did you...

- Read and sign the voter oath?
- Enter your date of birth?
- Check that your identification information is entered accurately and written clearly?
- Put your ballot in the privacy envelope and place it inside this envelope?

DO NOT TEAR

DO NOT TEAR

Oath Envelope.2021

**INSIDE FLAP
(THE VOTER OATH)**

**THE VOTER OATH MUST BE
SIGNED**

**AND THE REQUIRED
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
MUST BE INCLUDED**

Voter Oath

I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that

- I am a citizen of the United States and of the State of Georgia.
- I am not currently serving a sentence for conviction of a felony.
- I reside at the address where I am registered to vote.
- I am eligible to vote by absentee ballot.
- I have not marked or mailed any other absentee ballot, nor shall I vote in person.
- I have marked and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any unauthorized person to observe me voting or how the ballot was voted.
- I will not give this ballot to any person not authorized by law to deliver or return ballots.

I understand the instructions and that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law.

You must personally sign this oath. Signing this oath on behalf of another voter and/or providing false information on this envelope violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

Voter, sign here

Printed name of the voter

Voter Identification

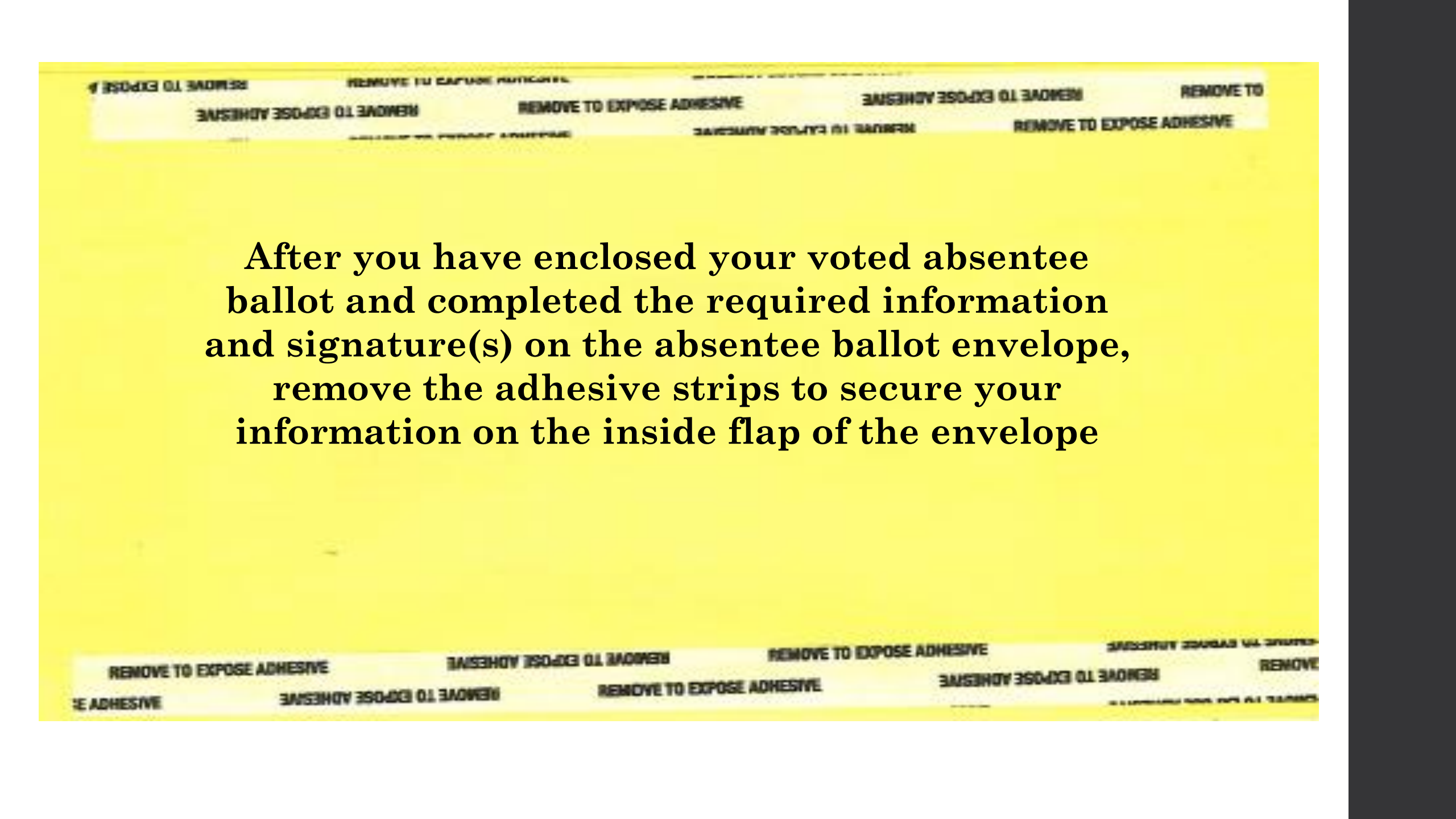
Print carefully. This information will be used to verify your identity before counting your ballot.

My date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Number of my Georgia driver's license or state identification card issued by the Department of Driver Services

OR I do not have a Georgia driver's license or ID. The last 4 digits of my Social Security No. are

OR I do not have a Georgia driver's license or ID or a Social Security Number **AND** I have placed in this envelope a copy of one of the forms of identification listed in the absentee ballot instructions.



After you have enclosed your voted absentee ballot and completed the required information and signature(s) on the absentee ballot envelope, remove the adhesive strips to secure your information on the inside flap of the envelope

UNSOLICITED ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS AND NEW THIRD-PARTY RULES



According to the new law provisions, local and state governments are now prohibited from sending unsolicited applications.

Any person applying for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall make application “in writing” on the form made available by the Secretary of State.

Additionally, third-party entities that send out applications must ensure they’re clearly marked in a legible font, stating that the applications are not official government publications and that they are not ballots. The Act also requires them to clearly state the name of the entity sending the blank request.

The third-party group rules also prohibit them from sending applications to voters who have already requested or cast an absentee ballot. The law imposes stiff penalties for each duplicate they send out.

A blank application for absentee ballot shall be made available online by the SOS, election superintendent, and registrar, but “neither” the SOS, election superintendent, board of registrars, other governmental entity, nor employee shall send absentee ballot applications directly to any elector “except upon request.”

An authorized relative may make a request on behalf of the elector.

Submitting false information on an application for an absentee ballot shall be a violation of Code Sections: O.C.G.A. 21-2-560 and 21-2-571



Assisting an illiterate or physically disabled elector

Unauthorized handling of a completed absentee ballot application



No person or entity other than a relative authorized to request an absentee ballot for an elector or a person **signing as assisting an illiterate or physically disabled elector** can send an elector an absentee ballot application “that is prefilled with the elector’s required information.”



No person or entity other than the elector, a relative authorized to request an absentee ballot for an elector, a person **signing as assisting an illiterate or physically disabled elector** with an application, a common carrier (mail person) charged with returning the ballot application, an absentee ballot clerk, a registrar, or a law enforcement officer in the course of an investigation shall handle or return an elector’s completed absentee ballot application.

Unauthorized handling of a completed absentee ballot application

Handling a completed absentee ballot application by any person or entity other than as allowed is a “misdemeanor.”

Verifying Absentee Ballots

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The registrar or clerk will then compare the number of the elector's Georgia driver's license number or state identification card and date of birth entered on the absentee ballot envelope contained in the elector's voter registration records.

If the elector has affirmed on the envelope that he or she does not have a Georgia driver's license or state identification card, the registrar or clerk shall compare the last four digits of the elector's social security number and date of birth entered on the envelope with the same information contained in the elector's voter registration records.

The registrar or clerk shall also confirm that the elector signed the oath and the person assisting the elector, if any, signed the required oath.

If the elector has signed the elector's oath, the person assisting has signed the required oath, if applicable, and the identifying information entered on the absentee ballot envelope matches the same information contained in the elector's voter registration record, the registrar or clerk shall so certify by signing or initialing his or her name below the voter's oath.



Verifying Absentee Ballots

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If the elector has failed to sign the oath, or if the signature identifying information entered on the absentee ballot envelope does not appear to be valid match the same information appearing in the elector's voter registration record, or if the elector has failed to furnish required information or information so furnished does not conform with that on file in the registrar's or clerk's office, or if the elector is otherwise found disqualified to vote, the registrar or clerk shall write across the face of the envelope 'Rejected,' giving the reason therefor.

The elector may cure a failure to sign the oath, an invalid signature nonmatching identifying information, or missing information by submitting an affidavit to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk along with a copy of one of the forms of identification enumerated in subsection (c) of Code Section 21-2-417.

SIGNATURE MISSING

**Missing
Information**





Drop Box Requirements

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

Revisions and new subsections to Code Section 21-2-382

A board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk must establish at least **one** drop box as a means for absentee by mail electors to deliver their ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk.

A board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk may establish additional drop boxes only if the additional drop boxes totaling the lesser of either:

- One drop box for every 100,000 active registered voters in the county;
- Or the number of advance voting locations in the county.
- Any additional drop boxes must be evenly geographically distributed by population in the county.

Drop boxes may be established at the office of the board of registrars or inside locations at which advance voting is conducted. During an emergency declared by the Governor, drop boxes may be located outside the office of the board of registrars or outside of locations at which advance voting is taking place.



Drop Box Requirements

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

Revisions and new subsections to Code Section 21-2-382

- The drop box may be open during the hours of advance voting at the location and closed when advance voting is not being conducted at that location. All drop boxes shall be closed when the advance voting period ends.
- The drop box location **must** have adequate lighting and be under constant surveillance by an election official or his or her designee, law enforcement official, or licensed security guard.
- The opening slot of a drop box can not allow ballots to be tampered with or removed.
- It must be designed to minimize the ability for liquid or other substances that may damage ballots to be poured into the drop box.
- Must be labeled "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX" and clearly display the signage developed by SOS.



Drop Box Requirements

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

Revisions and new subsections to Code Section 21-2-382

- The board of registrars or absentee ballot must arrange for the collecting and return of ballots deposited at each drop box at the conclusion of **each day** where advance voting takes place.
- Collection of ballots from a drop box must be made by a team of at least **two** people. Any person collecting ballots from a drop box shall have sworn an oath in the same form as the oath for poll officers set forth in Code Section 21-2-95.
- The collection team must complete and sign a ballot transfer form upon removing the ballots from the drop box. Then immediately transfer the ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk, who shall process and store the ballots in the same manner as absentee ballots returned by mail are processed and stored.



Brief Overview of Senate Bill 202

POLLING PLACE PRIVACY ISSUES – SECTION 48

*“§21-2-413, no person shall **intentionally observe** an elector while casting a ballot in a manner that would allow such person to see for whom or what the elector is voting.*

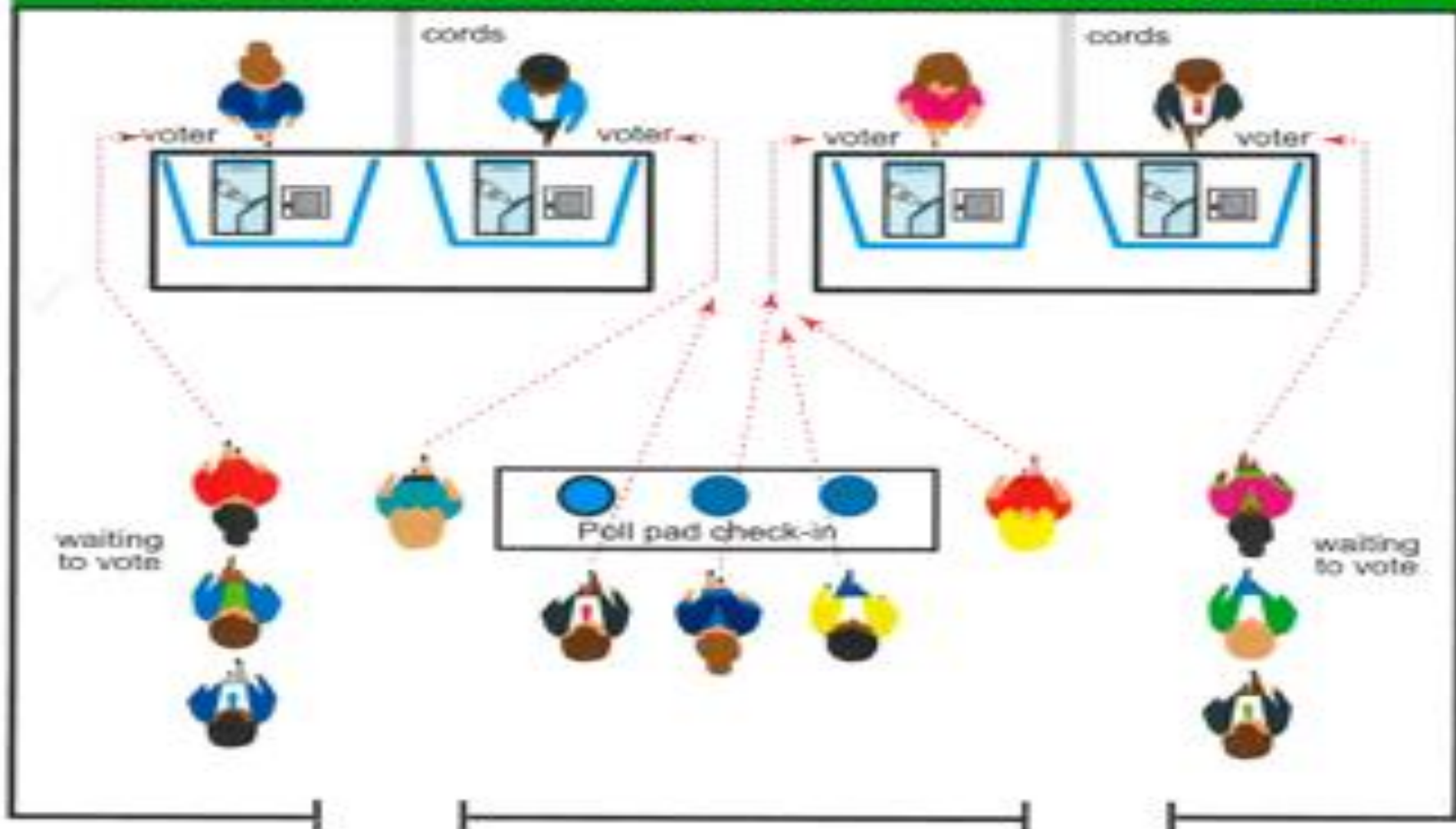
(b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a felony”



Risk of felony for poll workers, voters, and poll watchers

- **Dominion touchscreens hard not to see.**
- **SOS guidance to arrange for privacy not always feasible.**
- **Privacy issues more complex when polling places are crowded.**

EFFECTIVE/PREFERRED PRECINCT LAYOUT - BMD SCREENS SHIELDED



Brief Overview of Senate Bill 202

POLLING PLACE PRIVACY ISSUES

Poll workers must avoid even the appearance of looking at ballots onscreen or at scanning stations



Brief Overview of Senate Bill 202

Poll Watchers

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

Revisions to Code Section 21-2-408

The location of the tabulation center must ensure that each poll watcher can fairly observe the procedures.

No person is eligible to serve as a poll watcher unless he or she has completed training provided by the political party, political body, or candidate designating the poll watcher. SOS will provide the training to those groups.

Each political party, political body, or candidate must certify under oath that the named poll watchers have completed the required training.

The Secretary of State is to provide training material



Advance Voting Dates & Notice

Senate Bill 202 - Effective July 1st

- There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence:
 - on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election; and
 - as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any other general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff.
- Voting shall be conducted:
 - Beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays.
 - Second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M.
- If the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.



Advance Voting Dates & Notice

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- The Board of registrars must publish and post the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting:
 - on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, if applicable, or in a newspaper of general circulation
 - and at a prominent location in the county
- The notice must be published/posted:
 - no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and
 - no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election.
- Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible.
- The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use.



Early Processing/Scanning

Senate Bill 202 - Effective July 1st

- Can begin at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff.
- The election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot,' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners.
- At least **three** persons who are registrars, deputy registrars, poll workers, or absentee ballot clerks must be present before commencing.
- **Three** persons who are registrars, deputy registrars, or absentee ballot clerks shall be present at all times while the outer absentee ballot envelopes are being opened and the absentee ballots are being scanned.



Early Processing/Scanning

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- No person shall tally, tabulate, estimate, or attempt to tally, tabulate, or estimate or cause the ballot scanner or any other equipment to produce any tally or tabulate, partial or otherwise, of the absentee ballots cast until the time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff except as provided in this Code section.
- Prior to beginning the process set forth in this paragraph, the superintendent shall provide written notice to the Secretary of State in writing at least seven days prior to processing and scanning absentee ballots. Such notice shall contain the dates, start and end times, and location or locations where absentee ballots will be processed and scanned.
- The superintendent shall also post such notice publicly in a prominent location in the superintendent's office and on the home page of the county election superintendent's website, if the county election superintendent maintains such a website.



Brief Overview of Senate Bill 202

Restrictions on Campaign Activities

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

Revisions to Code Section 21-2-414

- Restriction on giving, offering to give, or participating in the giving of any money or gifts, including food or drink, to electors to solicit votes.
- Poll Officer is not prohibited from making available self-service water from an unattended receptacle to an elector waiting in line to vote.



Brief Overview of Senate Bill 202

Provisional Ballots

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

Revisions to Code Section 21-2-418

- If the person presents himself or herself at a polling place in the county in which he or she is registered to vote, but not at the precinct at which he or she is registered to vote, the poll officials shall inform the person of the polling location for the precinct where such person is registered to vote.
- The poll officials shall also inform such person that any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff.
- The person must execute a sworn statement stating that he or she is unable to vote at his or her correct polling place prior to the closing of the polls and giving the reason therefor.



Provisional Ballots

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

Revisions to Code Section 21-2-419

- If person casting the provisional ballot timely registered to vote and was **eligible and entitled to vote in the precinct in which he or she voted** in such primary or election, the provisional ballot shall be counted and included in the county's or municipality's certified election results.
- If the person voting the provisional ballot timely registered and was **eligible and entitled to vote in the primary or election but voted in the wrong precinct**, only the person voted between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff and provided the required sworn statement will be reviewed.
 - The superintendent shall count such person's votes which were cast for candidates in those races for which the person was entitled to vote but shall not count the votes cast for candidates in those races in which such person was not entitled to vote.
- The original ballot shall be retained and the sworn statement must be transmitted to the Secretary of State with the certification documents and the statement will be reviewed by the State Election Board.

Provisional Ballot Affidavit (Out of Precinct)

Instructions: This form is to be used when an elector has presented himself or herself at a polling place in the county/municipality in which he or she is registered to vote, but not at the precinct at which he or she is registered to vote. Any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff.

I, _____, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that I
(Elector's First & Last Name - Print)

am unable to vote at my correct polling place prior to the closing of the polls.

Reason: (Required) _____

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-418. Provisional Ballots “ If a person presents himself or herself at a polling place, absentee polling place, or registration office in his or her county of residence in this state for the purpose of casting a ballot in a primary or election stating a good faith belief that he or she has timely registered to vote in such county of residence in such primary or election and the person's name does not appear on the list of registered electors, the person shall be entitled to cast a provisional ballot in his or her county of residence in this state as provided in this Code section. If the person presents himself or herself at a polling place in the county in which he or she is registered to vote, but not at the precinct at which he or she is registered to vote, the poll officials shall inform the person of the polling location for the precinct where such person is registered to vote. The poll officials shall also inform such person that any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff and unless the person executes a sworn statement, witnessed by the poll official, stating that he or she is unable to vote at his or her correct polling place prior to the closing of the polls and giving the reason therefor.”

Elector's Signature Date

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Election: _____ Time: _____

Voter Registration Number of Elector: _____

Poll Worker Witness (Print) Poll Worker Witness Signature Date



Provisional Ballot Voting Guide

WHAT IS A PROVISIONAL BALLOT?

A provisional ballot is a paper ballot used by a voter when their eligibility to vote cannot be determined at the polling place. Voters who declare they are registered and eligible to vote in the county in which they desire to vote, but whose names do not appear on the registration list, must be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. If you have a good faith belief you are properly registered in your county, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will count if your eligibility can be determined within three days after Election Day by your County Registrar's office.

WHICH SCENARIO APPLIES TO YOU?

- **I am a registered voter in this county, but I am told I am at the wrong polling place in my county.**

You have the right to vote a provisional ballot in this polling place or you can go to your correct polling place, if practicable for you to do so. It is up to you to make this determination. You should take into account the distance of your assigned polling place, the severity of traffic, the possibility of a long line, and your work/personal schedule. Any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. If so, your vote will be counted for all the races for which you are eligible.

- **I am a registered voter, but I am told I am registered in a different county.**
You can vote a provisional ballot in this polling place, if you believe that you timely registered to vote in this county. If you know you are not registered in this county, you cannot vote a provisional ballot in this county. If you vote a provisional ballot in this county and the County Registrar's office determines that you have timely registered to vote in this county, your vote will be counted. If you have proof of your registration, you may provide it to the Registrar's office within three days of the election.
- **I believe I am registered to vote in this county, but the poll worker cannot find my registration or the Registrar's Office cannot confirm my registration.**
You can vote a provisional ballot in this polling place, if you believe that you timely registered to vote in this county. If you vote a provisional ballot in this county and the County Registrar's office determines that you have timely registered to vote in this county, your vote will be counted. If you have proof of your registration, you may provide it to the Registrar's office within three days of the election.

- **I am a registered voter in this county, but I did not bring a photo ID to the polls.**
If you have time to find your valid photo ID and return to vote, you can vote normally. If not, you can vote a provisional ballot, but you must affirm that you are the voter identified on the voter roll. Your vote will only be counted if you provide the County Registrar's Office with a copy of a valid photo ID. For your vote to count, you must send a copy of your valid photo ID to your County Registrar's Office within three days of the election. Georgia law requires registered voters to show photo identification in order to vote in person. When you vote in person, you must provide one of the following photo IDs:
 - A Georgia driver's license, even if expired
 - Any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, including one issued by the Department of Driver Services or your Voter Registrar
 - Valid U.S. passport
 - Valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, this state, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of this state
 - Valid U.S. military photo ID
 - Valid tribal photo ID
- **I am a first time voter in Georgia and when I registered to vote by mail in this county I did not provide a copy of identification verifying my name and address.**
If you have time to find the required identification and return to vote, you can vote normally. If not, you can vote a provisional ballot. Your vote will only be counted if you provide the County Registrar's office a copy of a valid ID that shows your name and address in this county where you are registered to vote or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in this county where you are registered to vote. You must provide a copy of this information to the County Registrar's Office within three days of the election.
- **I am voting during extended polling hours in an election in which federal candidates are on the ballot.**
In the event that the polling hours for a polling place are extended by a court order beyond the normal closing time for a primary, election, or runoff in which federal candidates are on the ballot, all voters who vote after the normal closing time for the polling place shall vote by provisional ballot. (SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18)

If you have proof of your registration or need to provide a copy of your ID, you can send it to your County Registrar's Office in person, by email, by fax or, in the case of disabled voters, by third party delivery. You must do so within three days of the election for it to be considered.

SB202 LOCAL COSTS

SPECIAL SECURITY PAPER

- Legislative testimony estimated the increase to range from 50% to 300% increase in paper cost.
- Applies to all ballots – BMD, emergency paper ballots, provisional and mail ballots.
- Precinct scanners can be set to detect security paper.
- Central scanners cannot detect security paper.

If the increase is \$.13 per sheet, that adds \$3.2M for projected 25M ballots over a 4-year election cycle.

SB202 LOCAL COSTS

NEW EARLY VOTING REQUIREMENTS

- A second mandatory Saturday for every election.
- New requirement for municipalities [*and local county elections, like SPLOSTs*] to have two Saturdays for early voting.
- Requirement for municipalities which run their own elections to start daily reporting to SOS via E-Net.
- Costs may include additional staff, training, equipment.

The additional Saturday alone is likely to add \$1M for the 100 smallest counties over the next 4-year election cycle.

Candidate Withdrawal

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

New Subsection to Code Section 21-2-134

- In the event of the death of a candidate on the ballot in a nonpartisan election prior to such nonpartisan election:
 - The candidate's name shall remain on the ballot and all votes cast for such candidate shall be counted.
- If the deceased candidate receives the required number of votes to be elected, such contest shall be handled as a failure to fill the office under Code Section 21-2-504. (Call for a Special Primary or Election)
- If the deceased candidate receives enough votes to be in a run-off election, such run-off election shall be conducted. However, the candidates in the runoff shall be determined in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-501. (Remaining two candidates with the highest numbers of votes)



Tabulation and Certification

Senate Bill 202 - Effective Now

Revisions to Code Section 21-2-493

- The superintendent shall, after the close of the polls on the day of a primary or election publicly commence the computation and canvassing of the returns and continue until all absentee ballots received by the close of the polls and all ballots cast on the day of the primary or election have been counted and tabulated. The results of the tabulation must be released to the public from day to day until completed.
- SOS must create a pilot program for the posting of digital images of the scanned paper ballots created by the voting system.
 - Scanned ballot images created by a voting system shall be public records subject to disclosure under this article.
- Election returns must be certified no later than 5:00 P.M. on the **Monday** following the date on which the election.






STATE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ATLANTA 30334-0900

Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

August 17, 2020

TO: State Department Heads and Other Officials
FROM: Governor Brian P. Kemp 
RE: 2021 State Holidays

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 1-4-1, the following is the list of state holidays when the Capitol and state agencies will be closed in 2021:

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1
State Holiday	January 19 - will be observed on Friday, November 26
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Monday, January 18
Washington's Birthday	February 15 - will be observed on Thursday, December 23
State Holiday	April 26 - will be observed on Good Friday, April 2
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31
Independence Day	July 4 - will be observed on Monday, July 5
Labor Day	Monday, September 6
Columbus Day	Monday, October 11
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25
Christmas Day	December 25 - will be observed on Friday, December 24

2021 STATE HOLIDAYS

Advanced Voting

Revision to 21-2-385(a) and (d) Section 28 Lines 1446-1558

Second and Third Saturdays now required
9am-5pm Monday-Saturday; excluding State observed holidays

§ 1-4-1. Public and legal holidays; leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically provided for



According to SB 202

No Advance in-person voting will be conducted on days with are "State Holidays" in Georgia

**Important Dates and Deadlines for the November 2, 2021
Special Election (Other Local Option Sales Tax – OLOST) – For Bibb County Voters**



IMPORTANT DATES

Election Day (Other Special Option Sales Tax)	Registration Deadline	Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot Application to Vote By Mail	In-Person Advance Voting (Begins – Ends)	According to SB 202 On State Holidays there will be no In-Person Voting	Voting Hours
Nov. 2, 2021	Oct. 4, 2021	Oct. 22, 2021	Oct. 12 – 29, 2021	Columbus Day Holiday Oct. 11, 2021	8:30a – 5:30p
			Mandatory Saturday Voting Oct. 16 & 23, 2021		9:00a – 5:00p



Advance Voting Locations
Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections office
Elaine Lucas Senior Center

*****Theron Ussery Recreation Center is not available for advance voting
due to ongoing construction*****

2022 State Elections & Voter Registration Calendar

Elections	Voter Registration Deadline	Election Date
Special Election Date	February 14, 2022	March 15, 2022
Special Election Runoff Date	February 14, 2022	April 12, 2022
General Primary Election, Nonpartisan General Election and Special Election Date	April 25, 2022	May 24, 2022
General Primary Election, Nonpartisan General Election and Special Election Runoff Date	April 25, 2022	June 21, 2022
General Primary Election Runoff Date for Federal Races	May 23, 2022	June 21, 2022
General Election/Special Election Date	October 11, 2022*	November 8, 2022
General Election/Special Election Runoff Date	October 11, 2022*	December 6, 2022
General Election Runoff Date for Federal Races	November 7, 2022	December 6, 2022