

# THREE WAYS TO VOTE IN GEORGIA

## HOW TO VOTE IN PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

### VOTE BY MAIL OR DROP BOX WITH AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Anyone, for any reason, can request an absentee ballot up to 78 days before the election date and not fewer than 11 days before the election date. Absentee ballots must be requested.

Both the absentee ballot application and the ballot itself require information from a state-issued ID like a driver's license. If an individual doesn't have a state-issued ID, alternative forms of ID are allowed so long as a copy is provided to the Secretary of State by way of the absentee ballot request form. Georgia citizens who do not have a state issued ID can receive a free voter identification card by visiting their local Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) office.

Absentee ballots can be mailed or deposited at a drop box in an early voting location during early voting hours. Whereas drop boxes were first allowed by executive order during the 2020 election cycle, they have now been put into law to provide voters with an additional, convenient option for voting.

If the election date is fewer than 11 days away and a voter has not yet requested an absentee ballot, that voter should use early voting or vote on the day of the election.

### EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

The early voting period begins one month before election day. Be sure to check the Secretary of State's *My Voter* web page for information about your early voting locations. Locations may or may not be the same as your voting location on election day.

All counties must have early voting locations open on weekdays from at least 9am to 5pm, though starting up to 2 hours earlier and ending up to 2 hours later is an acceptable option determined by local officials.

All counties must provide two Saturdays of early voting during the early voting period. Counties may also allow voting on up to, but not more than, two Sundays.

### VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Be sure to check the Secretary of State's *My Voter* web page prior to election day to confirm your registration and voting location. Out-of-precinct voting (provisional ballot) will be permitted on Election Day after 5pm and until polls close. Voters must be within their county of residence to take advantage of this option. Voters may notice the implementation of security paper for ballots that include features to authenticate the ballot during elections.

For information on key election dates, [click here](#). For information on voting in runoff or special elections, [click here](#). To register to vote, [click here](#).

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