

GEORGIA



IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

Registration deadline for general election

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

to FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Advance voting period

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

by 7:00 PM

Deadline for receipt of Absentee Ballots

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Election Day

Polls open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM



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VERIFY YOUR VOTER INFORMATION

How can I verify that I am registered to vote? You should receive a voter registration card ("precinct card") a few weeks after you register. You can verify your voter registration status online at <http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/> or by calling the Georgia Elections Division at 404.656.2871 or the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.



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VOTING EARLY

Can I vote before Election Day? Yes. Any registered voter can vote before Election Day by casting an absentee ballot or advance in-person vote. You don't need a reason.

What is Advance Voting? Advance voting, also known as absentee voting in person, allows any registered voter to vote in person at special voting centers beginning October 15, 2012. You may vote in advance up to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2.

Contact your county board of registrars for the location and hours of an advance voting center near you, including Saturday hours.

What is Absentee Voting by mail? Absentee voting allows any registered voter to vote by mail. Your absentee ballot must be received by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk in your county no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.

To get an absentee ballot, submit an application to your county elections office by mail, email, facsimile, or by hand no later than November 2. Forms are available at your county board of registrars or at <http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/vrinfo.htm>.

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VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

When are the polls open? Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You have the right to vote if you are in line or inside your polling place when the polls close.

Can I get time off of work to vote? If your work schedule would prevent you from voting in person while the polls are open, you have the right to take time off of work (up to two hours) in order to vote. You have to give your employer reasonable notice of your need to take time off, and your employer may specify which hours you get to take.

Where do I vote? On Election Day, you must go to the polling place to which you are assigned, which should be listed on the voter registration card you receive in the mail when you register.

How do I verify my polling place? You can look up your polling place online at www.mvp.sos.state.ga.us/ or by calling the Election Protection Hotline at 866.OUR.VOTE.

Can I bring literature to the polls? Yes. You can take written or printed election materials, including this guide, with you into the polling place as long as they are for your own use.

Can I wear campaign clothing to the polling place? No, you cannot wear campaign clothing, stickers, or buttons in your polling place unless you cover them up.

What if I need help? You can ask someone to assist you in voting if you are blind, disabled, or cannot read or write. Georgia law requires that all polling places be fully accessible and equipped with poll workers that are trained to take care of the needs of all voters.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Do I have to show identification? Yes. Georgia law requires all voters to show some form of photo identification before receiving a ballot.

What are the acceptable forms of identification?

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- a Georgia driver's license, even if expired, or a Georgia voter ID card;
- a valid state or federal government-issued ID card, including an ID card from a public university, college, or technical school in Georgia with photo;
- a valid U.S. military ID card with photo;
- a valid employee ID card with photo issued by any division of the federal government or the government of Georgia;
- a valid tribal ID card with photo; and
- a valid US passport.

What if I don't have any ID? If you do not have any of these forms of ID, Georgia will provide you with a free voter ID card. Contact your county registrar or Department of Driver Services for more information.

If you have ID but not with you, get your ID and return to the polls. You can also cast a provisional ballot without ID, but that ballot will not count unless you bring ID to your county registrar's office after you cast your ballot.

What is a provisional ballot? A provisional ballot is used to record your vote when there's an unresolved question about your eligibility to vote.

PROBLEM VOTING?
Call 1.866.OUR.VOTE

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- **Check your voter registration** now by going to www.mvp.sos.state.ga.us/, calling your county elections office, or the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.
- **Locate your polling place** by going to www.mvp.sos.state.ga.us/, calling your county elections office, or the Election Protection Hotline at 866.OUR.VOTE.
- Bring at least one form of **photo ID**.
- Take your time and **ask for help** if you need it.
- **Report problems** on Election Day, such as being refused a ballot or being turned away from a polling place. You may also report voter intimidation to the National Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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