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SECRETARY OF STATE ELECTIONS DIVISION
2022 ELECTION YEAR CALENDAR

Computation of Time: *O.C.G.A. § 21-2-14. Unless otherwise stated in a specific Code section of this chapter, time periods under this chapter include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. When the last day for the exercise of any privilege or discharge of any duty prescribed or required by this chapter shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day for the exercise of such privilege or the discharge of such duty.*

15 Months Prior to Submission	<p><u>EARLIEST DAY TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS TO QUALIFY POLITICAL BODIES TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES BY CONVENTION</u></p> <p>Petitions to qualify political bodies to nominate candidates for statewide offices by convention shall not be signed by the voters more than 15 months prior to the submission of the petitions to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-182</p>
September 13, 2021	<p><u>EARLIEST DAY TO CIRCULATE PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A PAUPER (Political Party/Nonpartisan/Political Body/Independent Candidates)</u></p> <p>The earliest day to circulate a pauper’s petition for political party candidates is 180 days prior to the last day for submission (3/11/2022). No signature shall be counted on a petition authorizing a candidate to file a pauper’s affidavit unless it was signed within 180 days of the last day for filing of same.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. §21-2-132(h)</p>
November 25, 2021	<p><u>EARLIEST DAY TO ACCEPT UOCAVA BALLOT APPLCATIONS ON FPCA FORM</u></p> <p>Pursuant to OCGA 21-2-381(a)(2), any properly executed FPCA if submitted within 180 days of a primary or election in which the registrant is entitled to vote, shall be considered an application for an absentee ballot, and a ballot should be issued beginning 49 days prior to a federal primary or election.</p> <p>Any FCPA forms submitted after November 25, 2021, should be considered an absentee ballot application for the 2022 election cycle.</p>
January 1, 2022	<p><u>EARLIEST DAY TO ACCEPT UOCAVA BALLOT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2022 ELECTION CYCLE</u></p> <p>In accordance with 52 U.S.C.S. § 20306, any absentee ballot applications received from UOCAVA voters beginning January 1, 2022 for the 2022 election cycle should be considered timely and should be processed. If the application is complete and accurate, then the application should be accepted.</p> <p>Non-UOCAVA voters must submit absentee applications no earlier than 78 days and no later than 11 days before an election to be considered timely.</p>
January 1, 2022	<p><u>EARLIEST DAY FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE AND PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT</u></p> <p>No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier</p>

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than January 1 and no later than the Tuesday after the first Monday in September (9/6/2022) prior to the election for county, state, and federal elections; no later than seven days after the close of the qualifying period for nonpartisan elections in the case of nonpartisan elections for state or county offices; no later than seven days after the close of the municipal qualifying period for municipal elections in the case of a general election; or no later than seven days after the close of the special election qualifying period for a special election by the person to be a write-in candidate or by some other person or group of persons qualified to vote in the subject election, as follows:

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)

January 13, 2022

EARLIEST DAY TO CIRCULATE NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR GENERAL ELECTION (Political Body & Independent Candidates)

The earliest day for voters to sign a nomination petition for placing the name of a political body candidate or independent candidate on the General Election ballot is 180 days before the last day on which such petition may be filed (7/12/2022), and no signature shall be counted unless it was signed within 180 days of the last day for filing the same.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-170(e)

February 1, 2022

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICES

The last day for the Secretary of State and Election Superintendents to fix and publish 2022 qualifying fees for candidates running for federal, state, and local offices.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)

February 13, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION

The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 30 days prior to any special primary or special election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)

February 14, 2022

LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR THE MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION

At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)

February 14, 2022

DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION

The last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the special primary or special election and runoff shall be at the close of business on the fifth day after the date of the call for the special primary or special election, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays or the close of business on

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the fifth Monday prior to the date of the special primary or special election or, if such Monday is a legal holiday, by the close of business on the following business day, whichever is later. The runoff shall be a continuation of the election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(b), (d)

The last day for an elector to change his/her address if he/she has moved within the county to an address different from the address shown on the voter's registration card is the fifth Monday prior to the special primary or special election. It is the duty of the elector to notify the board of registrars by this date in order for the elector to be placed in the correct precinct and for the elector's name to be placed on the correct list of electors. An elector who moves within the county but into a different precinct or moves within the same precinct, but to a different address, and fails to notify the board of registrars of this change by the fifth Monday prior to the primary or election shall vote in the precinct of elector's previous residence for the primary or election and any ensuing runoff. Such elector shall complete a change of address card at the polls.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-218

Feb. 18 – March 5,
2022

PREFERRED TIMEFRAME TO SUBMIT BALLOT INFO TO SOS

Counties should submit precinct, combo, vote center information and expected races to appear on the May ballot to the ballot builder at SOS by March 5.

Prior to February 18,
2022

DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR

The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) regarding mailing or issuing absentee ballots to eligible applicants, prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the special election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)

February 21, 2022

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION

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 and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period.

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O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

- February 21, 2022 FIRST DAY TO ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION
The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants within three days after the receipt of such ballots and supplies, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
- February 23, 2022 LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NON-PARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION
Special elections which are to be held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary, a state-wide general primary, or state-wide general election shall be called at least 90 days prior to such election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)
- March 4, 2022 DEADLINE FOR VOTERS TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION
To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
- March 5, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT FOR MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION
At least ten days before a special primary or election, the superintendent shall place on public exhibition, in such places and at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors, a sample ballot to be used in such election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)
- March 7, 2022 FIRST DAY OF QUALIFYING FOR PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION
The earliest day for a political party candidate to file a declaration of candidacy and affidavit and for a nonpartisan candidate to file a notice of candidacy and affidavit to have the candidate's name placed on the 2022 primary/nonpartisan election ballot, and to pay the prescribed qualifying fee or file a pauper's affidavit accompanied by a qualifying petition.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132, 21-2-153(c)(1)(A)
- March 7, 2022 FIRST DAY OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR INDEPENDENT/ POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES
The qualifying period for a candidate for federal, state, or county office, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the election ballot to file a notice of candidacy and pay the prescribed qualifying fee or file a pauper's affidavit accompanied by a qualifying petition.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(d)

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- March 7, 2022 EARLIEST DAY FOR VOTERS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION
The earliest day for voters to apply for absentee ballots for the primary/nonpartisan election is not more than 78 days prior to such primary or election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A).
Note concerning UOCAVA voters: 42 USC § 1973ff-3 of the MOVE Act regarding UOCAVA absentee ballot applications - A State may not refuse to accept or process, with respect to any election for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter registration application or absentee ballot application submitted by an absent uniformed services voter during a year on the grounds that the voter submitted the application before the first date on which the State otherwise accepts or processes such applications of absentee voters who are not members of the uniformed services.
***Ranked choice runoff ballots will be included with UOCAVA ballot packets.**
- March 8, 2022 DEADLINE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION
If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
- March 8, 2022 DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION
The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice prior to the primary or election by publishing same in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office, of the time and place when and where he or she will commence and hold his or her sessions for the computation and canvassing of the returns; and he or she shall keep copies of such notice posted in his or her office during such period.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
- March 10, 2022 DEADLINE TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING FOR MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION
Public notice of Logic and Accuracy testing should be posted at least five days prior to the commencement of such testing. The superintendent of each county or municipality shall publish such notice on the homepage of their publicly accessible website associated with elections, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and by posting in a prominent location in the county or municipality. Such notice shall state the date, time, and place or places where preparation and testing of the voting system components for use in the primary or election will commence, that

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such preparation and testing shall continue from day to day until complete, and that representatives of political parties and bodies, news media, and the public shall be permitted to observe such tests. The superintendent of the county or municipality shall also provide such notice to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.25 (c)

- March 10, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST
The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
- March 10, 2022 FORM OF BALLOTS FOR INSPECTION
The superintendent shall have in the superintendent's office, open to public inspection, the form of the ballots with the names and other required statements printed thereon, to be used in each precinct in the superintendent's county at least 5 days prior to the General/Special Election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-292
- March 11, 2022 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RACES/CANDIDATE INFORMATION TO SOS
Counties should submit confirmed races and qualified candidates to the ballot builder at SOS no later than 5:00pm on March 11th.
- March 11, 2022 QUALIFYING FOR PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION ENDS
(Political Party, Independent, and Political Body Candidates)
The last day for a political party, independent and political body candidate to file a declaration of candidacy and affidavit and for a nonpartisan candidate to file a notice of candidacy and affidavit to have the candidate's name placed on the 2022 primary/nonpartisan election ballot, and to pay the prescribed qualifying fee or file a pauper's affidavit accompanied by a qualifying petition.
- March 11, 2022 LAST DAY OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR INDEPENDENT/POLITICAL
BODY CANDIDATES
The qualifying period for a candidate for federal, state, or county office, or his or her agent, desiring to have his or her name placed on the election ballot to file a notice of candidacy and pay the prescribed qualifying fee or file a pauper's affidavit accompanied by a qualifying petition.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(d)
- March 11, 2022 POSTING OF CANDIDATE NAMES BY PARTIES
Within two hours after the qualifications have ceased, the county executive committee of each political party shall post at the office of the county election superintendent a list of all candidates who have qualified with such executive committee, and the state executive committee of each political party shall provide a list of all candidates who have qualified with such committee to the office of the Secretary of State. If the election

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superintendent qualifies the candidates for a political party in accordance with subsection (c) of this Code section, the election superintendent shall post at his or her office a list of all the candidates who have qualified with such superintendent for such political party.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(d)(1)

March 12, 2022

LAST DAY FOR LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING FOR MARCH 15th SPECIAL ELECTION

On or before the third day preceding a primary or election, including special primaries, special elections, and referendum elections, the election superintendent shall commence the preparation and testing of the electronic poll books, electronic ballot markers, printers, and ballot scanners for use on Election Day. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c) SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08

March 14, 2022

DEADLINE FOR CERTIFICATION OF NAMES/QUESTIONS BY POLITICAL PARTIES

The deadline for the state executive committee of each political party to certify to the Secretary of State the names of those candidates who have qualified with them to run in the primary election is the third day after the deadline for qualifying. Forms for certification will be furnished by the Secretary of State to state executive committees. The certification shall be accompanied by the appropriate amount of qualifying fees paid by the candidates. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-154(a)

Political parties shall also certify the wording of any matter or question to be voted upon to the election superintendent, if to be voted on by one county only, or to the Secretary of State, if to be voted on by more than one county, by the deadline for certifying candidates for the primary election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-284(d)

March 15, 2022

DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY

A special election to fill a vacancy in a county or municipal office shall be held on the third Tuesday in March

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)(1)(B)(i)

POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

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- March 16, 2022 PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR
The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)
- March 18, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION
Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)
- March 18, 2022 LAST DAY FOR NONPARTISAN WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO SUBMIT HIS OR HER NOTICE OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY
No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no later than seven days after the close of the qualifying period for nonpartisan elections.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)
- March 21, 2022 DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF MARCH 15th ELECTION
Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)
- March 23, 2022 DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE
Following certification whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)
***The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.**
- March 25, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NON-PARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION
The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered on a day in which a primary or election is held, or during the period of 60 days prior to any general primary or election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)

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- March 26, 2022 DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS
A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524(a)
***The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.**
- April 4, 2022 LAST DAY FOR ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING TO BEGIN FOR THE APRIL 12TH SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF
There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and during the second and third Saturdays.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
***Date could be earlier if Election Superintendent Starts Early Voting Before June 13th**
- Prior to April 5, 2022 DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR FOR MAY GENERAL / PRIMARY ELECTION
The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) regarding mailing or issuing absentee ballots to eligible applicants,, prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)
- April 5, 2022 FIRST DAY FOR UOCAVA/MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TRANSMISSION FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION
The board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots for received valid and verified absentee ballot applications to all eligible applicants not more than 49 days but not less than 45 days prior to any general primary in which there is a candidate for a federal office on the ballot. During the period of advance voting set forth in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385, an absentee ballot shall be issued within three days after receiving a timely, valid, and verified application for absentee ballot.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)
***Ranked choice runoff ballots will be included with UOCAVA ballot packets.**
- April 8, 2022 LAST BUSINESS DAY FOR UOCAVA/MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TRANSMISSION FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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The board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots for received valid and verified absentee ballot applications to all eligible applicants not more than 49 days but not less than 45 days prior to any general primary in which there is a candidate for a federal office on the ballot. During the period of advance voting set forth in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385, an absentee ballot shall be issued within three days after receiving a timely, valid, and verified application for absentee ballot.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

***Ranked choice runoff ballots will be included with UOCAVA ballot packets.**

April 9, 2022

FIRST DAY OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT FOR THE
MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

At least 45 days before a general primary or election, the superintendent shall place on public exhibition, in such places and at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors, a sample ballot to be used in such election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)

April 11, 2022

DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR
ADVANCE IN PERSON VOTING FOR MAY 24th GENERAL
PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

In a primary or run-off primary, each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the name of one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380 in which he or she wishes to have an observer to the chairperson or secretary of the appropriate party executive committee at least 21 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a primary.

O.C.G.A § 21-2-408(a)(2)

April 12, 2022

DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF TO FILL A VACANCY

In the case of a runoff from a special primary or special election for an office other than a federal office not held in conjunction with a general primary or general election, the runoff shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special primary or special election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1)

POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire

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duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

April 25, 2022

DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR
THE MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

The last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the general primary and general election shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the election. The runoff shall be a continuation of the election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(a)

The last day for an elector to change his/her address if he/she has moved within the county to an address different from the address shown on the voter's registration card is the fifth Monday prior to the general primary and general election. It is the duty of the elector to notify the board of registrars by this date in order for the elector to be placed in the correct precinct and for the elector's name to be placed on the correct list of electors. An elector who moves within the county but into a different precinct or moves within the same precinct, but to a different address, and fails to notify the board of registrars of this change by the fifth Monday prior to the primary or election shall vote in the precinct of elector's previous residence for the primary or election and any ensuing runoff. Such elector shall complete a change of address card at the polls.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-218(c)

April 25, 2022

FIRST DAY TO MAIL AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE MAY 24th
GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants not more than 29 days but not less than 25 days prior to any presidential preference primary, general primary other than a municipal general primary, general election other than a municipal general election, or special primary or special election in which there is a candidate for a federal office on the ballot.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)

April 25, 2022

DEADLINE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO DESIGNATE POLL
WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE IN PERSON VOTING FOR THE MAY 24th GENERAL
PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

The appropriate party executive committee shall designate at least seven days prior to such advance voting period for a primary or run-off primary no more than two poll watchers for each advance voting location, such poll watchers to be selected by the committee from the list submitted by party

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candidates. Official poll watchers shall be given a letter signed by the party chairperson and secretary, if designated by a political party, containing the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and name and date of primary or run-off primary. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2)

April 29, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PARTIES TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT

At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

May 2, 2022

ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

May 3, 2022

DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

In a primary, each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary ballot may submit the name of one poll watcher for each precinct in which he or she wishes to have an observer to the chairperson or secretary of the appropriate party executive committee at least 21 days prior to such primary.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1)

May 7, 2022

SATURDAY VOTING

Saturday voting shall be held on the second and third Saturdays prior to a primary or election during the hours of 9:00am through 5:00pm.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)

May 8, 2022

OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING

If the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, Sunday voting may be held 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.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)

May 13, 2022

DEADLINE FOR VOTERS TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)

May 14, 2022

SATURDAY VOTING

Saturday voting shall be held on the second and third Saturdays prior to a primary or election during the hours of 9:00am through 5:00pm.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)

May 15, 2022

OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING

If the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, Sunday voting may be held 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.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)

May 16, 2022

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Public notice of Logic and Accuracy testing should be posted at least five days prior to the commencement of such testing. The superintendent of each county or municipality shall publish such notice on the homepage of their publicly accessible website associated with elections, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and by posting in a prominent location in the county or municipality. Such notice shall state the date, time, and place or places where preparation and testing of the voting system components for use in the primary or election will commence, that such preparation and testing shall continue from day to day until complete, and that representatives of political parties and bodies, news media, and the public shall be permitted to observe such tests. The superintendent of the county or municipality shall also provide such notice to the Secretary of State.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.25 (c)

May 17, 2022

DEADLINE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)

May 17, 2022

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR THE MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice prior to the primary or election by publishing same in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office, of the time and place when and where he or she will commence and

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hold his or her sessions for the computation and canvassing of the returns; and he or she shall keep copies of such notice posted in his or her office during such period.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492

May 17, 2022

DEADLINE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR THE MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/ NONPARTISAN ELECTION

The appropriate party executive committee shall designate at least seven days prior to such primary or run-off primary no more than two poll watchers for each precinct, such poll watchers to be selected by the committee from the list submitted by party candidates. Official poll watchers shall be given a letter signed by the party chairperson and secretary, if designated by a political party, containing the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and name and date of primary or run-off primary.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1)

May 19, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST

The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)

FORM OF BALLOTS FOR INSPECTION

The superintendent shall have in the superintendent's office, open to public inspection, the form of the ballots with the names and other required statements printed thereon, to be used in each precinct in the superintendent's county at least 5 days prior to the General/Special Election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-292

May 21, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PARTIES TO SEND LETTERS FOR DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

At least three days prior to the primary, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

May 21, 2022

LAST DAY FOR LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING FOR MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION

On or before the third day preceding a primary or election, including special primaries, special elections, and referendum elections, the election superintendent shall commence the preparation and testing of the electronic poll books, electronic ballot markers, printers, and ballot scanners for use on Election Day. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c) SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08

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- May 23, 2022 DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE JUNE 21ST GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF
The last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the general primary election runoff where there is a **federal candidate on the ballot** is by the close of business on the 30th day prior to the date of the runoff.
- May 24, 2022 DATE OF GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION
Whenever any political party holds a primary to nominate candidates for public offices to be filled in the ensuing November election, such primary shall be held on the Tuesday of the twenty- fourth week prior to the November general election in each even- numbered year or, in the case of municipalities, on the third Tuesday in July in each odd-numbered year.
- The names of all candidates who have qualified with the Secretary of State for the office of judge of a superior court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, or Justice of the Supreme Court of this state and the names of all candidates who have qualified with the election superintendent for the office of judge of a state court shall be placed on the ballot in a nonpartisan election to be held and conducted jointly with the general primary in each even- numbered year.
O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-150, 21-2-138
- POLLS ARE OPEN
Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403
- OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN
The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490
- May 25, 2022 PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR
The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)
- May 27, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION
Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)

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- May 27, 2022 DEADLINE TO RECEIVE AND COUNT UOCAVA BALLOTS
Absentee ballots cast in a primary, election, or runoff by eligible absentee electors who reside outside the county or municipality in which the primary, election or runoff is held and are members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the merchant marine of the United States, spouses or dependents of members of the armed forces or merchant marine residing with or accompanying such members, or overseas citizens that are **postmarked** by the date of such primary, election, or runoff, and are received within the three-day period following such primary, election, or runoff, if proper in all other respects, shall be valid ballots and shall be counted and included in the certified election results.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)
- May 30, 2022 DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF THE MAY 24th GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION RETURNS
Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00pm on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)
- May 30, 2022 DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF ADVANCE VOTING PERIOD
In a run-off primary, each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the name of one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21- 2-380 in which he or she wishes to have an observer to the chairperson or secretary of the appropriate party executive committee 14 days prior to such period in a run-off primary.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2)
Could be earlier if Election Superintendent Starts Early Voting Before June 13th
- June 1, 2022 DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE
Following certification, whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)
***The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.**
- June 4, 2022 POTENTIAL SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE JUNE 21ST PRIMARY RUNOFF

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Advance voting should commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but not later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. In the event that advance voting commences prior to the second, or second and third Saturday before the runoff election, voting shall be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the second and third Saturday's that fall within the advance voting period, and may be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the second and third Sundays that fall within the advance voting period. If the advance voting period does not include a Saturday, there is no mandated Saturday voting.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

June 6, 2022

DEADLINE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR THE JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF ADVANCE VOTING PERIOD

The appropriate party executive committee shall designate at least seven days prior to such advance voting period for a primary or run-off primary no more than two poll watchers for each advance voting location, such poll watchers to be selected by the committee from the list submitted by party candidates. Official poll watchers shall be given a letter signed by the party chairperson and secretary, if designated by a political party, containing the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and name and date of primary or run-off primary.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2)

Could be earlier if Election Superintendent Starts Early Voting Before June 13th

June 7, 2022

DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF

In a primary, each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the name of one poll watcher for each precinct in which he or she wishes to have an observer to the chairperson or secretary of the appropriate party executive committee at least 14 days prior to such runoff primary.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1)

June 10, 2022

DEADLINE FOR VOTERS TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF

To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)

June 10, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PARTIES TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT

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At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

Could be earlier if Election Superintendent Starts Early In-Person Voting Before June 13th

June 11, 2022

POTENTIAL SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE JUNE 21st PRIMARY RUNOFF

Advance voting should commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but not later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. In the event that advance voting commences prior to the second, or second and third Saturday before the runoff election, voting shall be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the second and third Saturday's that fall within the advance voting period, and may be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the second and third Sundays that fall within the advance voting period. If the advance voting period does not include a Saturday, there is no mandated Saturday voting.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

June 11, 2022

POLITICAL BODY CONVENTION

The last day for a political body to hold a convention for the purpose of nominating candidates to be placed on the General Election ballot is 150 days prior to the date on which the general election is conducted.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-172(e)

June 13, 2022

LAST DAY FOR ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING TO BEGIN FOR THE JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and during the second and third Saturdays.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

June 14, 2022

DEADLINE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR THE JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF

The appropriate party executive committee shall designate at least seven days prior to such primary or run-off primary no more than two poll watchers for each precinct, such poll watchers to be selected by the committee from the list submitted by party candidates. Official poll watchers shall be given a letter signed by the party chairperson and secretary, if designated by a political party, containing the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and name and date of primary or run-off primary.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1)

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- June 14, 2022 DEADLINE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR THE JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF
If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
- June 14, 2022 DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR THE JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF
The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice prior to the primary or election by publishing same in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office, of the time and place when and where he or she will commence and hold his or her sessions for the computation and canvassing of the returns; and he or she shall keep copies of such notice posted in his or her office during such period.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
- June 16, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST
The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
- June 18, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PARTIES TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT
At least three days prior to the primary runoff, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03
- June 18, 2022 LAST DAY FOR LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING FOR THE JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF
On or before the third day receding a primary or election, including special primaries, special elections, and referendum elections, the superintendent shall have each electronic ballot marker tested to ascertain that it will correctly record the votes cast for all offices and on all questions and produce a ballot reflecting such choices of the elector. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests.
O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.25(c) SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08
- June 21, 2022 DATE OF GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF

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In the case of a runoff from a special primary or special election for an office other than a federal office not held in conjunction with a general primary or general election, the runoff shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special primary or special election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1)

POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

June 22, 2022

PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR

The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)

June 24, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)

June 24, 2022

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE AND COUNT UOCAVA BALLOTS

Absentee ballots cast in a primary, election, or runoff by eligible absentee electors who reside outside the county or municipality in which the primary, election or runoff is held and are members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the merchant marine of the United States, spouses or dependents of members of the armed forces or merchant marine residing with or accompanying such members, or overseas citizens that are **postmarked** by the date of such primary, election, or runoff, and are received within the three-day period following such primary, election, or runoff, if proper in all other respects, shall be valid ballots and shall be counted and included in the certified election results.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)

June 27, 2022

DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF THE JUNE 21st GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN RUNOFF RETURNS

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Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00pm on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)

June 27, 2022

FIRST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PETITION FOR POLITICAL BODY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Each candidate required to file a notice of candidacy by this Code section shall, no earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday in June immediately prior to the election and no later than 12:00 Noon on the second Tuesday in July immediately prior to the election, file with the same official with whom he or she filed his or her notice of candidacy a nomination petition in the form prescribed in Code Section 21-2-170.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(e)

June 28, 2022

DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS

A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524

**The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.*

June 29, 2022

DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE

Following certification, whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)

**The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.*

July 2, 2022

DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS

A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524(a)

**The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.*

July 12, 2022

LAST DAY TO FILE AFFIDAVIT AND PETITION TO QUALIFY AS A

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O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-132(g), 21-2-132(h)

July 12, 2022

LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PETITION FOR POLITICAL BODY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Each candidate required to file a notice of candidacy by this Code section shall, no earlier than 9:00 A.M. on the fourth Monday in June immediately prior to the election and no later than 12:00 Noon on the second Tuesday in July immediately prior to the election, file with the same official with whom he or she filed his or her notice of candidacy a nomination petition in the form prescribed in Code Section 21-2-170.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(e)

August 10, 2022

LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

Special elections which are to be held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary, a state-wide general primary, or state-wide general election shall be called at least 90 days prior to such election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)

August 10, 2022

PREFERRED DATE TO SUBMIT BALLOT INFORMATION TO SOS

If a county has made changes to their precinct, combo or vote center information so that it is different from what was present during the primary and primary runoff, the county should provide that information to the ballot builder at SOS no later than the close of business.

August 10, 2022

PREFERRED DATE TO SUBMIT RACES/CANDIDATES TO SOS

All races (including questions) and candidates appearing on the November ballot should be submitted to the ballot builder at SOS no later than close of business.

August 22, 2022

EARLIEST DAY TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION

The earliest day for voters to apply for absentee ballots for the General/Special Election is not more than 78 days prior to the General/Special Election. Any elector meeting criteria of advanced age or disability specified by rule or regulation of the State Election Board or any elector who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) may request in writing on one application a ballot for a primary as well as for any runoffs resulting therefrom and for the election for which such primary shall nominate candidates as well as any runoffs resulting therefrom.

O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-381(a)(1)(A); 21-2-381(a)(1)(G)

September 6, 2022

DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TO FILE AND PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT

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No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier than January 1 and no later than the Tuesday after the first Monday in September prior to the election for county, state, and federal elections. In a state general or special election, notice shall be filed with the Secretary of State and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the state. In a general or special election of county officers, notice shall be filed with the superintendent of elections in the county in which he or she is to be a candidate and published in the official organ of the same county
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)

September 9, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered on a day in which a primary or election is held, or during the period of 60 days prior to any general primary or election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)

September 11, 2022 DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TO FILE COPY OF NOTICE AND AFFIDAVIT

The person or persons giving notice of intention of candidacy for a write-in candidate shall also file, with the appropriate official, a copy of the notice as published with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the newspaper and the date of publication, not later than the fifth day after the deadline for filing and publishing such notice.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(b)

September 16, 2022 CERTIFICATION OF WRITE IN CANDIDATES

The Secretary of State shall certify and transmit to the election superintendent of each county affected within five days following the deadline for the submission by write-in candidates of the notice and documentation required by this Code section to be a write-in candidate in a general or special election the names of all persons who have filed notices of intention to be write-in candidates with the Secretary of State for such general or special election. The county election superintendent shall certify within five days following the deadline for the submission by write-in candidates for county offices of the notice and documentation required by this Code section to be a write-in candidate in a general or special election the names of all persons who have filed notices of intention to be write-in candidates with the county election superintendent for county offices for such general or special election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(e)

September 20, 2022 FIRST DAY FOR UOCAVA/MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TRANSMISSION FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

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The board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots for received valid and verified absentee ballot applications to all eligible applicants not more than 49 days but not less than 45 days prior to any general primary in which there is a candidate for a federal office on the ballot. During the period of advance voting set forth in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385, an absentee ballot shall be issued within three days after receiving a timely, valid, and verified application for absentee ballot.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

***Ranked choice runoff ballots will be included with UOCAVA ballot packets.**

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LAST BUSINESS DAY FOR UOCAVA/MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TRANSMISSION FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

The board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots for received valid and verified absentee ballot applications to all eligible applicants not more than 49 days but not less than 45 days prior to any general primary in which there is a candidate for a federal office on the ballot. During the period of advance voting set forth in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385, an absentee ballot shall be issued within three days after receiving a timely, valid, and verified application for absentee ballot.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

***Ranked choice runoff ballots will be included with UOCAVA ballot packets.**

September 24, 2022

FIRST DAY OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

At least 45 days before a general primary or election, the superintendent shall place on public exhibition, in such places and at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors, a sample ballot to be used in such election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)

October 3, 2022

DEADLINE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO DESIGNATE STATE-WIDE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION ADVANCE VOTING PERIOD

In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body, which body is registered pursuant to Code Section 21-2-110 and has nominated a candidate for state-wide office, shall additionally be entitled to designate, at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election or run-off election, no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers for such advance voting period to be selected by the appropriate party or body executive committee. Each independent candidate shall also be entitled to designate no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers for such advance voting period. In addition, candidates running in a state-wide nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate no more than 25 official state-wide poll watchers for such advance voting period.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(B)

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DEADLINE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND POLITICAL BODIES TO
DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR
NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION ADVANCE VOTING PERIOD

In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election or run-off election, no more than two official poll watchers for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380 to be selected by the appropriate party or body executive committee. Each independent candidate shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. In addition, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21- 2-380. Each poll watcher shall be given a letter signed by the appropriate political party or body chairperson and secretary, if a party or body designates same, or by the independent or nonpartisan candidate, if named by the independent or nonpartisan candidate. Such letter shall contain the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and date of election or run-off election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)

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DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS
FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

The last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the general primary and general election shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the election. The runoff shall be a continuation of the election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(a)

The last day for an elector to change his/her address if he/she has moved within the county to an address different from the address shown on the voter's registration card is the fifth Monday prior to the general primary and general election. It is the duty of the elector to notify the board of registrars by this date in order for the elector to be placed in the correct precinct and for the elector's name to be placed on the correct list of electors. An elector who moves within the county but into a different precinct or moves within the same precinct, but to a different address, and fails to notify the board of registrars of this change by the fifth Monday prior to the primary or election shall vote in the precinct of elector's previous residence for the primary or election and any ensuing runoff. Such elector shall complete a change of address card at the polls.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-218

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- October 10, 2022 FIRST DAY TO MAIL AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION
The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants not more than 29 days but not less than 25 days prior to any presidential preference primary, general primary other than a municipal general primary, general election other than a municipal general election, or special primary or special election in which there is a candidate for a federal office on the ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
- October 14, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PARTIES TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT
At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03
- October 17, 2022 ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION
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 and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- October 22, 2022 SATURDAY VOTING
Saturday voting shall be held on the second and third Saturdays prior to a primary or election during the hours of 9:00am through 5:00pm.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)
- October 23, 2022 OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING
If the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, Sunday voting may be held 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.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)
- October 28, 2022 DEADLINE FOR VOTERS TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION
To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
- October 29, 2022 SATURDAY VOTING

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Saturday voting shall be held on the second and third Saturdays prior to a primary or election during the hours of 9:00am through 5:00pm.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)

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OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING

If the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, Sunday voting may be held 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.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)

October 31, 2022

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

Public notice of Logic and Accuracy testing should be posted at least five days prior to the commencement of such testing. The superintendent of each county or municipality shall publish such notice on the homepage of their publicly accessible website associated with elections, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and by posting in a prominent location in the county or municipality. Such notice shall state the date, time, and place or places where preparation and testing of the voting system components for use in the primary or election will commence, that such preparation and testing shall continue from day to day until complete, and that representatives of political parties and bodies, news media, and the public shall be permitted to observe such tests. The superintendent of the county or municipality shall also provide such notice to the Secretary of State.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.25 (c)

November 1, 2022

DEADLINE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, POLITICAL BODIES AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

In an election, each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to such election, no more than two official poll watchers in each precinct to be selected by the appropriate party or body executive committee. Each independent candidate shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct. In addition, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct. Each poll watcher shall be given a letter signed by the appropriate political party or body chairperson and secretary, if a party or body designates same, or by the independent or nonpartisan candidate, if named by the independent or nonpartisan candidate. Such letter shall contain the following information: name of official poll watcher, address, precinct in which he or she shall serve, and date of election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)

November 1, 2022

DEADLINE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR THE NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

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If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)

November 1, 2022

DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR THE
NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice prior to the primary or election by publishing same in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office, of the time and place when and where he or she will commence and hold his or her sessions for the computation and canvassing of the returns; and he or she shall keep copies of such notice posted in his or her office during such period.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492

November 3, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST

The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)

FORM OF BALLOTS FOR INSPECTION

The superintendent shall have in the superintendent's office, open to public inspection, the form of the ballots with the names and other required statements printed thereon, to be used in each precinct in the superintendent's county at least 5 days prior to the General/Special Election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-292

November 5, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PARTIES TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER
DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT

At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

November 5, 2022

LAST DAY FOR LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING FOR THE
NOVEMBER 8th GENERAL ELECTION

On or before the third day receding a primary or election, including special primaries, special elections, and referendum elections, the superintendent shall have each electronic ballot marker tested to ascertain that it will correctly record the votes cast for all offices and on all questions and produce a ballot reflecting such choices of the elector. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests.

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O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.25(c) SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08

November 8, 2022

DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION

The date of the General/Special Election O.C.G.A. § 21-2-9; 21-2-10; 21-2-540

POLLS ARE OPEN

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

November 9, 2022

PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR

The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)

November 11, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)

November 11, 2022

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE AND COUNT UOCAVA BALLOTS

Absentee ballots cast in a primary, election, or runoff by eligible absentee electors who reside outside the county or municipality in which the primary, election or runoff is held and are members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the merchant marine of the United States, spouses or dependents of members of the armed forces or merchant marine residing with or accompanying such members, or overseas citizens that are **postmarked** by the date of such primary, election, or runoff, and are received within the three-day period following such primary, election, or runoff, if proper in all other respects, shall be valid ballots and shall be counted and included in the certified election results.

O.C.G.A. §21-2-386(a)(1)(G)

Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)

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- November 16, 2022 DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE
Following certification whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)
***The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.**
- A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524
***The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.**
- As soon as possible DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR
The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) regarding mailing or issuing absentee ballots to eligible applicants, prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)
- November 25, 2022 DEADLINE FOR VOTERS TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE DECEMBER 6th STATE AND LOCAL RUNOFF ELECTION
To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
- November 28, 2022 LAST DAY FOR ADVANCE (ABSENTEE IN-PERSON) VOTING TO BEGIN FOR THE DECEMBER 6th GENERAL PRIMARY/ NONPARTISAN RUNOFF
There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and during the second and third Saturdays.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

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- As soon as possible MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TRANSMISSION FOR THE DECEMBER 6th STATE AND LOCAL RUNOFF ELECTION
The board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)
- November 28, 2022 DEADLINE TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING FOR THE DECEMBER 6th RUNOFF ELECTION
Public notice of Logic and Accuracy testing should be posted at least five days prior to the commencement of such testing. The superintendent of each county or municipality shall publish such notice on the homepage of their publicly accessible website associated with elections, and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality and by posting in a prominent location in the county or municipality. Such notice shall state the date, time, and place or places where preparation and testing of the voting system components for use in the primary or election will commence, that such preparation and testing shall continue from day to day until complete, and that representatives of political parties and bodies, news media, and the public shall be permitted to observe such tests. The superintendent of the county or municipality shall also provide such notice to the Secretary of State.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.25 (c)
- November 29, 2022 DEADLINE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR THE DECEMBER 6th RUNOFF ELECTION
If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
- November 29, 2022 DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR THE DECEMBER 6th RUNOFF ELECTION
The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice prior to the primary or election by publishing same in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office, of the time and place when and where he or she will commence and hold his or her sessions for the computation and canvassing of the returns; and he or she shall keep copies of such notice posted in his or her office during such period.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
- December 1, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST
The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)

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- December 3, 2022 LAST DAY FOR LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING FOR THE DECEMBER 6th RUNOFF ELECTION
On or before the third day receding a primary or election, including special primaries, special elections, and referendum elections, the superintendent shall have each electronic ballot marker tested to ascertain that it will correctly record the votes cast for all offices and on all questions and produce a ballot reflecting such choices of the elector. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests.
O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.25(c) SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08
- December 6, 2018 DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF
In the case of a runoff from a general election for an office other than a federal office or a runoff from a special primary or special election for an office other than a federal office held in conjunction with a general election, the runoff shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding general election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1)
- POLLS ARE OPEN
Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403
- OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN
The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490
- December 7, 2022 PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR
The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)
- December 9, 2022 DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION
Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list.
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)
- December 9, 2022 DEADLINE TO RECEIVE AND COUNT UOCAVA BALLOTS

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Absentee ballots cast in a primary, election, or runoff by eligible absentee electors who reside outside the county or municipality in which the primary, election or runoff is held and are members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the merchant marine of the United States, spouses or dependents of members of the armed forces or merchant marine residing with or accompanying such members, or overseas citizens that are **postmarked** by the date of such primary, election, or runoff, and are received within the three-day period following such primary, election, or runoff, if proper in all other respects, shall be valid ballots and shall be counted and included in the certified election results.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)

December 12, 2022

DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF THE DECEMBER 6th
RUNOFF ELECTION RETURNS

Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00pm on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)

December 14, 2022

DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE

Following certification, whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)

***The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.**

December 17, 2022

DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS

A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524

***The deadline may be earlier if the election is certified early.**