



GEORGIA

HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2024 ELECTION

KEY DATES

Voter registration deadline
Monday, Oct. 7

Early in-person voting
Tuesday, Oct. 15, through Friday, Nov. 1

Deadline to request an absentee ballot
Friday, Oct. 25

Deadline for absentee ballots to be received
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.

Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 5, with polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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WHAT'S NEW

A 2024 law allows election officials to remove voters from the rolls until 45 days before the election if their eligibility has been successfully challenged. Previously, challenges were permitted through Election Day. The law also defines the probable cause needed for a challenge.

Other recent election-related developments include:

▶A federal judge upheld new congressional and state legislative maps approved in 2023. The changed boundaries may affect which candidates appear on your ballot.

▶A 2023 law allows workers to take up to two hours off for early in-person voting.

▶As of press time, litigation was ongoing over a 2021 election law that made multiple changes to voting rules, including shortening the absentee voting window.

WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

How can I register to vote?

Online: Go to mvp.sos.ga.gov and click Register. You'll need a valid driver's license or state ID issued by the Georgia Department of Driver Services.

By mail: To download a form, go to sos.ga.gov/elections and click Register to Vote under Voter Information, or call your county election office to request one. Find contact information at georgia.gov/locate-county-registrars-office. Complete the postage-paid application and mail it to the secretary of state's office.

In person: Register at your county election office, or at the Georgia Department of Driver Services when you renew or apply for your driver's license. Or pick up and submit a voter registration form at public libraries, public assistance agencies and other government offices, military recruitment stations and colleges.

The registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 7. If mailed, your application must be postmarked by that date.

How can I get an absentee ballot?

Any eligible registered Georgia voter can request an absentee ballot.

Online: Go to securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov and select Complete and Submit Absentee Ballot Application.

By mail, email, fax or in person: To print a form, go to securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov and select Download Blank Absentee Ballot Application (PDF). Or call your county election office to request one. Mail, email, fax or hand-deliver it to your election office.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Friday, Oct. 25. Mailed applications must be received by then, not just postmarked.

How do I submit my absentee ballot?

By mail: Mail completed ballots to your county election office with enough time to ensure it arrives by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5. Include your driver's license or state ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security number on the outer envelope.

In person: You, a family member or someone living in your household can hand-deliver your ballot to your county election office before 7 p.m. on Election Day. Go to georgia.gov/locate-county-registrars-office.

Drop box: Bring your ballot to a drop box in your county by the close of early voting on Friday, Nov. 1. Check with your county election office for locations.

Track your ballot at georgia.ballottrax.net/voter or at mvp.sos.ga.gov.

What about military and overseas voters?

Go to sos.ga.gov/elections and select Military & Overseas Voting under Voter Information.

When is early in-person voting?

Cast your ballot at an early voting site in your county from Tuesday, Oct. 15, through Friday, Nov. 1. Saturday voting is offered on Oct. 19 and 26; some counties also offer Sunday voting. Find early voting locations at mvp.sos.ga.gov.

When is Election Day?

Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Find your location at mvp.sos.ga.gov. You can vote if you're in line by 7 p.m.

Do I need ID to vote in person?

You must show an acceptable photo ID, such as a Georgia driver's license (even if expired) or a valid U.S. passport. For a full list, go to sos.ga.gov/elections and select Voter ID Requirements under Voter Information.

What if I have a disability?

Go to sos.ga.gov/elections and choose Voters with Disabilities under Voter Information. —*Natalie Missakian*

IMPORTANT: As of press time, election issues were still being contested in some states. Before voting, AARP strongly recommends confirming details at the Georgia secretary of state's official site at **sos.ga.gov/elections**—or by calling 404-656-2871. Also get updates at **aarp.org/gavotes**, or scan here for the state's site.

RACES TO WATCH

- **U.S. President**
- **U.S. House:** All 14 seats
- **State Senate:** All 56 seats
- **State House:** All 180 seats

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