GEORGIA - POST NOV. 3 ELECTIONS – FAQs

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1. **ELECTIONS: What, where and when are elections still happening in Georgia?**
   - *Answer:* January 5
     - o U.S. Senate runoffs (both seats)
     - o Statewide Public Service Commission

REGISTERING TO VOTE

2. **JANUARY 5 ELECTION: Who can vote in the January 5th runoffs?**
   - *Answer*: All **registered** voters may vote in the Jan 5 runoffs, whether or not they voted in the November election. Those not already registered must register by December 7th for the January 5th run-offs.
   - *Action*: Check voter registration status; if caller is not registered, walk caller through registration while you're on the phone, if possible. See GA FAQ 2-3.
   - *Links*: Voter Registration Look-Up and Application (send callers the link to the application, do not register anyone directly!)

3. **17 YEAR OLD: I'm 17 but will be 18 by the January 5th runoff. Can I vote in the runoff?**
   - *Answer:* Yes, but you must register by the deadline of December 7th.
   - *Action*: Walk voter through registration while you're on the phone, if possible. See FAQ 2-3.
   - ***Note: You can register to vote after turning 17 ½, but must be 18 on election day.***
   - *Links*: Voter Registration Look-Up and Application (send callers the link to the application, do not register anyone directly!)

HOW TO VOTE: EARLY VOTING

4. **WHEN/WHERE FOR JANUARY 5 RUNOFF: When do the polls open/close during early voting? Where do I vote?**
   - *Answer: This is set by the counties; but early voting must begin on December 14th.*
   - *Action:* Check using country registrar look-up.
   - *Note:* Many counties have not yet updated their sites with early voting dates
   - *Link:* **County Board of Registrars** (Our internal lookup cheat sheet - only use if the official site has not been updated)

HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE and/or VOTE BY MAIL

5. **AUTOMATIC: Do I have to request an absentee ballot again or will GA mail me one automatically?**
   - *Answer:* Most Georgia voters will not automatically be sent an absentee ballot, only those who meet **both** of the criteria below will *automatically* receive an absentee ballot for the runoff:
     1. They meet one of the specific exceptions: elderly (over 65), disabled (physical disability); UOCAVA Voter (Uniformed service member, spouse or dependent of uniformed service
     2. member and some other US citizens residing overseas.)
        AND

3. They checked a box on their initial application to receive absentee ballots for the entire cycle.
- *Answer:* All other registered voters, regardless of age, health, or other status and regardless of whether they requested absentee ballots for prior elections, are entitled to vote absentee, but *must request* an absentee ballot for the runoff. See FAQ 19-21 for detailed information on submitting request, ID requirements, etc.
- *Link:* Absentee ballot application (send to callers, do not fill out for them!) and Absentee Ballot Tracker

6. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline to request an absentee ballot for the January 5ᵗʰ runoff?**
- *Answer:* The deadline to request an absentee ballot is January 2, 2021. There is some discrepancy between counties on the exact deadline. Urge the voter not to wait, especially with the election coming right after the holidays.
- *Task:* Send/share absentee ballot application to voter (DO NOT FILL IN)
- *Note:* See FAQ 19-21 for detailed information on submitting request, ID requirements, etc.
- *Link:* Absentee ballot application (send to callers, do not fill out for them!) and Absentee Ballot Tracker

7. **BALLOT DEADLINES: What is the deadline to submit ballots for the January 5ᵗʰ runoffs?**
- *Answer:* Absentee ballots, whether mailed, deposited in county drop box, or delivered in person must be received by the close of polls on January 5. Ballots postmarked on or before January 5ᵗʰ, but received after will NOT count.
- *Note:* See FAQ 30-32 for detailed information
- *For in person voting options after requesting an absentee please see FAQ 29*
- *Link:* Absentee Ballot Tracker