

# GEORGIA - POST NOV. 3 ELECTIONS – FAQs

Updated 11/23

## 1. ELECTIONS: What, where and when are elections still happening in Georgia?

- **Answer:**
  - January 5
    - U.S. Senate runoffs (both seats)
    - Statewide Public Service Commission
  - December 1
    - U.S. Congressional District GA 5<sup>th</sup> special election runoff. Rep. Lewis' seat for the remainder of his term through Jan. 2 (parts of Fulton, Clayton and DeKalb Counties).
    - Local election runoffs (Clarke and Oconee County District Attorney; Polk County Commissioner, GA Senate District 39 (part of Fulton County))

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> for the January 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Form and Look-Up](#) (Send link to caller, do not register anyone directly!)

### 3. DECEMBER 1 ELECTION: Who can vote in the [December 1<sup>st</sup> elections](#)?

- **Answer:**
  - For local election runoffs – All voters who were registered by **October 5**.
  - For U.S. Congressional District (GA 5<sup>th</sup>) special election runoff – All voters who were registered by **November 2**.
- **Action:** Check voter registration status
- **Links:** [Voter Registration Look-Up](#)

### 4. 17 YEAR OLD: I'm 17 but will be 18 by the January 5<sup>th</sup> runoff. Can I vote in the runoff?

- **Answer:** Yes, but you must register by the deadline of December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 Form and Look-Up](#) (Send link to caller, do not register anyone directly!)

## HOW TO VOTE: EARLY VOTING

### 5. 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 and Saturday voting must be available on December 26th at a minimum.
- **Action:** Check using country registrar look-up.
- **Note:** Most 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

### 6. AUTOMATIC: Do I have to request an absentee ballot again or will GA mail me one automatically?

- **Answer:** Georgia voters must reapply for an absentee ballot for the runoff UNLESS: (1) they meet one of the specific exceptions below\*; **and** (2) checked a box on their initial application that they would like to receive absentee ballots for the entire cycle.  
     \**Exceptions:* Elderly (over 65), disabled (physical disability); UOCAVA Voter (Uniformed service member, spouse or dependent of uniformed service member of other US citizen residing overseas.)
- **Task:** Send/share absentee ballot application to voter (DO NOT FILL IN FOR VOTER)
- **Note:** All registered voters, regardless of age, health, or other status and regardless of whether they requested absentee ballots for prior elections, may obtain 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 use!)

### 7. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline to request an absentee ballot for the January 5<sup>th</sup> runoff?

- **Answer:** The deadline to request an absentee ballot is January 2, 2021. 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 use!)

### 8. BALLOT DEADLINES: What is the deadline to submit ballots for the January 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](#)**