2020 Georgia Runoff Election Voting Guide

Key Dates:

- **Request an absentee ballot: NOW.** IMPORTANT: You must re-apply for a separate absentee ballot for the runoff election, even if you requested and received one for the November general election. **Online absentee ballot application** is available at https://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov

- **Registration deadline: December 7**. Any resident of Georgia who will be 18 years of age by January 5 can register if otherwise qualified. **Online voter registration** is available at registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR

    - *Students who are registered to vote at an address where they will not be located on Jan. 5, will need to request an absentee ballot, vote early if available before they leave campus, or physically return to vote in-person.*

- **In-person early voting: begins December 14**. Days and times vary by location. Find times and nearby locations here.

- **Runoff Election Day: January 5**

How do college students in GA who are leaving their campus address and not returning until after the Jan. 5 Election Day vote?

Most campuses are trying to finish the semester by Thanksgiving, so students may be changing addresses at the same time as the runoff voter registration deadline, while others will finish the semester and may change addresses after the Dec. 7 registration deadline.

Students who are already registered at their campus address may vote at their campus address by absentee ballot*, by returning to vote early in-person, or on Election Day at the voting place for the campus address.

Students registering for the first time or changing their residence to a family address or other non-school address will be able to vote by absentee ballot, vote early in-person, or vote on Election Day.

*Absentee ballots for voters who are not physically disabled can only be sent to the registration address, the mailing address on the registration, or an address *outside* the

county the voter is registered in. This could affect students who go to school in the same county as their non-school address.

What type of ID do I need to register?

Georgia's voter registration form asks for your Georgia driver's license or ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. Be sure to provide one of these numbers if you have it. Georgia's online registration system requires a Georgia driver's license or ID number.

What type of ID do I need to vote?

All voters in Georgia must show ID at the polls prior to voting in-person early or on Election Day. Acceptable ID includes:

- A Georgia driver's license, even if expired
- Any valid state or federal issued photo ID, including a free Voter ID Card issued by your county registrar's office or by the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS)
- Valid U.S. passport
- Valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other state entity
- Valid U.S. military photo ID
- Valid tribal photo ID
- **Student ID cards: Georgia accepts student ID cards from certain public and technical institutions.** Students at private colleges or universities must show one of the other acceptable forms of photo ID to vote. **You can see if your school's student ID is accepted [here.](#)**
- If you do not have one of the above forms of ID, the State of Georgia offers a free Voter Identification Card.
- For more information on the acceptable forms of photo ID and the free Voter Identification Card, please visit the [Secretary of State's website](#).

Voting by mail

Request a ballot immediately [online](#) or [download a ballot application](#) and email it back as an attachment or drop it off in-person. Once you get your ballot, follow the instructions *exactly* when filling it out and preparing to return it. Either return it via postal mail or drop it off at a designated drop-box (check locations with your [county registrar's office](#)).

It's recommended that you drop off, rather than mail-in your ballot, if it's 10 days or less before the election. For more information about requesting, completing, and submitting your absentee ballot, review the Secretary of State's Absentee Voting Guide.

Voting in person

Make a plan. Check your voter registration and look up your voting site and hours at: www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Early In-person
- You can vote early in-person starting December 14, exact dates and hours vary by county.
- Find your county's early in-person voting locations at https://elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/advancedVotingInfo.do

Election Day
Voting sites will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. If you are in line by the closing time, then you have a right to vote.

Official Election Websites:

- **Election information** can be found at mvp.sos.ga.gov
- **Online voter registration** available at registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR
- **Paper registration form** available at https://georgia.gov/register-to-vote
- **County Board of Registrars** offices and contact information can be found at elections.sos.ga.gov/Elections/countyregistrars.do

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