

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

**COALITION FOR GOOD  
GOVERNANCE, RHONDA J.  
MARTIN, JEANNE DUFORT,  
AILEEN NAKAMURA, B. JOY  
WASSON, AND ELIZABETH  
THROOP,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**BRAD RAFFENSPERGER, et al.,**

**Defendants.**

**Civil Action No. 1:20-cv- 01677 -TCB**

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER  
AND OTHER EMERGENCY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

Pursuant Rules 65(a) and 65 (b) of the Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs Coalition for Good Governance, Rhonda J. Martin, Jeanne Dufort, Aileen Nakamura, B. Joy Wasson, and Elizabeth Throop move the Court for a temporary restraining order and other emergency injunctive relief as explained below.

Plaintiffs seek emergency relief on an urgent and newly discovered issue that, without immediate intervention of the Court, will likely disenfranchise

hundreds of thousands of absentee mail ballot voters in the statewide primary currently scheduled for June 9, 2020. Plaintiffs bring this motion today because waiting until the May 14 hearing to raise the issue will cause even more irreparable harm.

Plaintiffs discovered on Sunday night, May 10, 2020 that over 1.3 million ballots and ballot packets are being mailed out by Defendant Secretary's ballot printing and mailing vendor not only contain the wrong election date (May 19, 2020) but also do not contain any instruction to inform the voter of the date of the election or the due date of the ballots, which is currently June 9, 2020. *See generally* Exhibit 4 (Dufort Declaration). Hundreds of thousands of incorrect ballots are in the process of being mailed to Georgians this week and next. Hundreds of thousands of Georgia voters will be receiving their ballots after May 19 showing an election day of May 19. Many of those voters will, understandably, discard their ballots because they believe that there would be no point in going to the trouble and expense of mailing them back after the election date. The Secretary's communication of this inaccurate date is the direct cause of this continuing disenfranchisement.

*There is no excuse for this mistake.* The statewide primary was moved from May 19, 2020 to June 9, 2020 by Secretary Raffensperger on April 9, 2020. *See Exhibit 1* The printer that the Secretary engaged to print the ballots and assemble the ballot packets did not start its work until April 21, 2020, 12 days after the postponement of the election. *See Exhibit 5.* This 12 day delay itself was inexcusable (and is causing other serious problems, discussed below), but at least it gave the Secretary and the printer the opportunity to issue ballots with the correct election date or, at a bare minimum, to insert instructions informing voters of the election date and when the completed ballots are actually due.

The following information about the dates of application for absentee mail ballots and the date the ballots were mailed by the printer and received by voters shows the ongoing injury but also is crucial in the crafting of appropriate relief, discussed below. The processing of absentee mail ballots is as follows: applications for absentee ballots are sent by voters to the counties, either by mail or email. The counties process these applications and give the Secretary lists of voters who are entitled to be mailed absentee ballots. The Secretary then informs the printer, who assembles the ballot packages and mails them out. What follows

is a table showing when the declarants applied for absentee ballots, when the printer mailed their ballots, and when the declarants received their ballots:

| Declarant                  | Date Absentee Ballot Applied For | Date Printer Mailed the Ballot | Date Voter Received Ballot |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jeanne Dufort <sup>1</sup> | April 3, 2020                    | April 23, 2020                 | April 27, 2020             |
| B. Joy Wasson <sup>2</sup> | April 6, 2020                    | May 3, 2020                    | May 8, 2020                |
| Rhonda Martin <sup>3</sup> | April 6, 2020                    | Not received                   | Not recieved               |

Significantly, the declarants appear to be in the first of several waves of absentee ballots.

Last Friday, May 8, the Secretary announced that approximately 1,300,000 ballots had been requested and that approximately 1,000,000 ballots had been mailed to voters. *See Exhibit 2.* These figures, however, do not include the backlog at the counties – requests for ballots that have not even been received by the Secretary. As of May 11, 2020, for example, Fulton County – shorthanded

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<sup>1</sup> *See Exhibit 4.*

<sup>2</sup> *See Exhibit 6.*

<sup>3</sup> *See Doc. 20 at 109.*



because of the pandemic and making every effort to process a massive increase in mail ballot applications - has approximately 75,000<sup>4</sup> applications that it still has not processed, with new applications pouring in daily. Even if it catches up by early next week, the Secretary will not get the request until for ballots to the printer until May 18 at the earliest. At the current rate, these voters will not receive their misdated ballots until the first week of June, just days before the due date. Unless injunctive relief is granted, these voters will be receiving ballots for an election that appears to have taken place two weeks in the past. In addition, many of these voters will not receive their ballots until it is way too late for them to vote in the June 9 election, particularly considering mail delays.

Even without this most recent colossal blunder, the election needed to be moved from June 9 to June 30, for all the reasons set forth in Plaintiffs' motion and brief. Voters must be informed that their ballots are not due May 19. Because of the processing and printer delays, however, tens of thousands of voters will not be receiving their ballots in time to vote unless election day is moved from June 9 to June 30. The Secretary should therefore be directed to move the election to June

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<sup>4</sup> This is counsel's best estimate as of the time of filing. Further evidence will be submitted.

30 and to inform all voters as to the correct election date. In addition, the Secretary should be directed to extend the date for accepting completed mail ballots to the date they are postmarked (rather than received by the counties) and to allow voters to drop off absentee ballots in person at polling locations.

Specifically, Plaintiffs move for an order directing the Secretary to take the following action immediately:

1. To move the June 9 election to June 30;
2. To order the mail ballot vendor and county officials to insert an information and instruction sheet in all remaining mail ballot packets for the 2020 statewide primary unless the official printed ballot accurately reflects the date of the election. The instruction and information sheet should prominently explain the change of date of the election and the validity of the ballot enclosed as well as the deadline for receipt of the ballot at the county election office. Such ballot packets should also include a secrecy inner envelope with instructions for its use<sup>5</sup>;
3. To cause each voter, who has been previously mailed a ballot in the 2020 statewide primary which has not yet been completed and received by the

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<sup>5</sup> For an explanation of this problem, see Exhibit 3.

counties, to be mailed a letter containing instructions and information on the election date and relevant deadline. The ballot packet should also include a secrecy inner envelope with instructions for its use;

4. To issue a statewide press release explaining the election date and instructions for completing and timely delivering the completed ballot, and instructions for the use of the secrecy envelope;

5. To order the county superintendents to accept as timely cast: (a) absentee ballots post-marked no later than Election Day and received up to three days after Election Day; (b) absentee ballots that are not post-marked but received by one day after Election Day; (c) absentee ballots cast by voters covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Voting Act (“UOCAVA”) should be accepted as timely received if the ballot arrives prior to the final day for the superintendent’s certification of election results, which is the second Friday following the election. (O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)); and

6. To require superintendents to authorize absentee ballot clerks at polling locations to: (a) provide absentee ballot application to voters; (b) issue secrecy envelopes to voters who did not receive one; (c) issue mail ballot packets

to voters upon determination of such voter's eligibility; and (d) accept completed mail ballots for counting by confirming the identity of the voter.

Respectfully submitted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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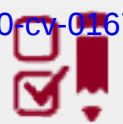
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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## RAFFENSPERGER ANNOUNCES POSTPONEMENT OF PRIMARY ELECTION UNTIL JUNE 9

(ATLANTA) — Today, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger announced that, pursuant to the authority vested in him by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-50.1, he is postponing the Statewide General Primary/Presidential Preference Primary Election until June 9, 2020.

Yesterday, Governor Brian Kemp extended the current public health state of emergency until May 13, 2020. Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan and Speaker of the House David Ralston concurred in the Governor’s extension of the state of emergency.

“Due to the Governor’s extension of the state of emergency through a time period that includes almost every day of in-person voting for an election on May 19, and after careful consideration, I am now comfortable exercising the authority vested in me by Georgia law to postpone the primary election until June 9,” said Secretary Raffensperger. “This decision allows our office and county election officials to continue to put in place contingency plans to ensure that voting can be safe and secure when in-person voting begins and prioritizes the health and safety of voters, county election officials, and poll workers.”

Throughout this crisis, the Secretary of State’s office has been in close contact with county election officials across the state. Over the past week, the reports of mounting difficulties from county election officials, particularly in Southwest Georgia, grew to a point where county election officials could not overcome the challenges brought on by COVID-19 in time for in-person voting to begin on April 27. Additionally, current modeling by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation projects the COVID-19 pandemic in Georgia will peak around April 24, only days before in-person voting was scheduled to begin. While challenges will certainly remain on June 9, these additional three weeks will give the Secretary of State’s office and counties time to shore up contingency plans, find and train additional poll workers, and procure supplies and equipment necessary to clean equipment and protect poll workers.

Emergency authority is something that should be exercised carefully, and moving an election should only take place in the rarest of circumstances. While Secretary Raffensperger previously expressed concern that he did not have the authority to move the primary election again, the Governor’s extension of the state of emergency to a time that includes almost every day of in-person voting for a May 19 election is sufficient to allow the Secretary to exercise the emergency authority given to him by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-50.1 and move the primary election to June 9.

“I certainly realize that every difficulty will not be completely solved by the time in-person voting begins for the June 9 election, but elections must happen even in less than ideal circumstances,” said Raffensperger. “Just like our brave healthcare workers and first responders, our county election officials and poll workers are undertaking work critical to our democracy, and they will continue to do this critical work with all the challenges that the current crisis has brought forth. This postponement allows us to provide additional protection and safety resources to county election officials, poll workers, and voters without affecting the November election.”

The voter registration deadline for the June 9, 2020 election will be May 11, 2020. Early voting will begin on May 18, 2020. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501, moving the primary election to June 9, 2020 will move the primary runoff to August 11, 2020. Pushing back the primary to June 9 gives Georgia election officials additional time to put in place contingency plans to allow for safe and secure voting, but pushing back the primary election any further could potentially have negative consequences on preparation for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Given existing deadlines to prepare and send ballots for the November election, particularly for military voters, moving forward on June 9 is the best way to ensure a successful election year in Georgia.

Absentee ballot applications for the upcoming primary election will continue to be accepted and processed by counties even if the application said May 19. Once county election officials properly verify the signature on the application, the voter will be sent an absentee ballot for the primary election now to be held on June 9.

See the attached file to understand how the date was chosen: [Timeline2.jpg](#)

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## ONE MILLIONTH ABSENTEE BALLOT HIGHLIGHTS ELECTION SUCCESS UNDER COVID-19

(ATLANTA)-Georgia election officials, working with Dominion Voting and Runbeck Election Services, have sent more than one million absentee ballots to Georgia voters for the June 9 primary election. The new development underscores the speed and efficiency with which county election officials are processing absentee ballot requests and the excellent work of the mail vendors and the U.S. Postal Service to get the ballots in the mail and delivered to voters.

“For a state that previously had only around 40,000 mail ballots voted in past general primary elections, the surge to one million ballots sent out is a monumental accomplishment on its own,” said Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. “That it was done in such a short time and under the restrictions of a global pandemic is a testament to the hard work of Georgia’s election officials on the state and local level.”

Georgia election officials have mailed out more than one million absentee ballots to Georgians planning to vote absentee by mail in the June 9 statewide general primary and Presidential Preference Primary. During the 2016 general primary only around 37,000 absentee ballots were submitted by mail. 200,000 were submitted for the November 2016 general election, just one fifth of the total we are seeing with more than one month to go until the June 9 election date.

The surge in absentee ballot voting was made possible in large part because the Secretary of State sent absentee ballot request forms to all of Georgia’s 6.9 million active voters. The multimillion dollar effort is supported by 68 percent of the Georgia public, including three quarters of voters over age 65 and 76 percent of Black voters.

Instead of leaving the sending of absentee ballot request forms to local elections offices or third party organizations, the Secretary of State’s office took on that responsibility, coordinating with experienced state vendors for the printing and mailing of the request forms. The Secretary of State’s office also contracted with outside mail vendors for the fulfillment of the absentee ballot requests, including the provision of processing equipment and printing and mailing ballots, to take that burden off of local elections officials.

At the same time, the Secretary of State’s office is focusing resources and energy to support early and Election Day in-person voting. In addition to procuring sanitation equipment to distribute directly to counties, the Secretary of State is providing millions of dollars in grants to local elections offices for sanitation equipment, elections infrastructure, and other voting needs. One grant in particular is dedicated to equipment like drop boxes, which will make it easier for voters to return their absentee ballots and for local elections offices to accept them.

Georgia voters can check the status of their absentee ballot on [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov).

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## Georgia absentee voting instructions to be corrected

By [Mark Niesse](#), The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Georgia election officials said Tuesday they will correct absentee ballot instructions that [erroneously](#) told voters to insert ballots into envelopes that no longer exist.

Instructions mailed with future absentee ballots will tell voters that ballots should be placed inside a folded piece of paper labeled "Official absentee ballot," which replaced an inner envelope that secured ballots in previous elections.

The inner envelope protected the secrecy of ballots so they couldn't be matched with voters' information printed on the outer envelope. Without the inner envelope in Georgia's June 9 primary, a county election worker could see how someone voted after opening the outer envelope.

Absentee ballots will be [counted](#) as long as they're received by the time polls close on election day, said Gabriel Sterling, implementation manager for Georgia's voting system. Absentee ballots must be returned in signed and dated envelopes, which are still included.

The secretary of state's office only learned that absentee ballot packets wouldn't include inner envelopes when voters [began receiving them](#) late last week, Sterling said.

The problem occurred because of a miscommunication between the state and its ballot mailing company, Arizona-based [Runbeck Election Services](#). The privacy sleeve looked identical to typical inner envelopes in images approved by state election officials, Sterling said.

"It's more important for people to get their ballots and turn them in than have a perfect set of instructions," Sterling said. "We're having to deal with the real world and the COVID situation. This was a Herculean effort. The main thing is ballots are going out the door."

The secretary of state's office hired Runbeck to mail ballots to voters statewide to deal with a [surge](#) in people requesting absentee ballots so they can [avoid human contact](#) at in-person voting locations. In prior elections, ballots were mailed by county election offices.

So far, more than 886,000 voters had request absentee ballots through Monday.

"Voters are going to be confused," said Margaret Arnett, a DeKalb County voter and member of [Indivisible Georgia Coalition](#), a left-leaning group. "There's an awful lot of people who have never done vote-by-mail before, and this is their first exposure to it. It's kind of like getting a desk from Ikea and the instruction sheet isn't right."

State law requires an inner envelope for absentee ballots. Sterling said the folded paper meets the intent of the law, which he said is to protect secret ballots if someone were to hold an absentee ballot envelope to a light and try to detect how they voted.

Fair Fight Action, a voting rights group founded by Democrat Stacey Abrams, criticized the secretary of state's office for the incorrect instructions.

"This was a careless mistake that will confuse voters and inundate already overwhelmed county boards with phone calls," said Seth Bringman, spokesman for Fair Fight Action. "Despite the secretary of state's incompetence, we encourage voters to cast their vote by mail so that voting in-person is safe for those who need it."

The secretary of state's office said the absence of an inner ballot envelope will help county election officials more quickly process so many absentee ballots. They will only have to open one envelope instead of two.

Revised ballot instructions were being finalized Tuesday, and they will be included in absentee ballots mailed to voters between this week and election day, Sterling said.

There's no additional cost to changing the ballot instructions, he said. The state is paying Runbeck \$1.88 and \$2.38 per absentee ballot packet mailed, depending on its size.

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### **Supplemental Declaration of Jeanne Dufort**

**Jeanne Dufort** declares, under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is Jeanne Dufort.
2. I have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this declaration, and if called to testify, I could and would testify competently thereto.
3. I am a registered voter in Morgan County and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of the Morgan County Democratic Committee.
4. On Sunday night, May 10, I removed all the materials from my absentee ballot packet to carefully review the candidates and questions on my ballot, and I reviewed all materials sent with it.
5. My packet included a return envelope, a folded sheet of paper on which was printed “Official Absentee Ballot, ballot must be enclosed”, my ballot, and an instruction sheet. Photographs of the entire ballot packet including outer envelopes are attached as Exhibit A.
6. My previous declaration (Decl. Dufort Doc. 20 Exhibit E ¶¶ 10-15 at 158 ) included my concern about the packet’s lack of a secrecy envelope and the insufficient folded paper (Exhibit A-1) and my attempt to remedy that error.



7. The instruction sheet included general instructions for completing my ballot, and also included a portion printed in red type (attached as Exhibit A-2), advising that absentee ballots must be received in the office of the Board of Registrars by 7 pm (close of polls) on the Primary or Election Day, in order to be counted. No date was noted in the instructions. I looked carefully at the materials for the “due date” and found none.

8. The only date I could find was printed near the top of my ballot – May 19, 2020. (Exhibit A-3) That was the original scheduled date of the General Primary.

9. I have fielded many questions from voters asking if it’s too late to request an absentee ballot, or too late to send it in. It is clearly confusing to voters to receive a mail ballot without a clear and accurate “due date”.

10. I know from my work in election integrity that Statewide Primary Election Day has been moved to June 9, and that is the due date of the ballot, but is not specified in the red instructions. Based on my recent conversations with voters, I believe this will be a source of concern and confusion for many voters.

11. Voters who see the May 19, 2020 date, and rush to submit their ballot by that date (three weeks before the actual due date) will not have the opportunity to consider all information that may develop and influence their choices between May

19 and June 9. Other voters may not submit their ballot at all, believing (incorrectly) that they missed the deadline, or have received the wrong ballot.

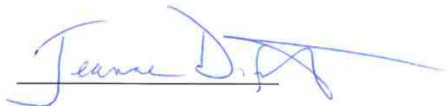
12. I applied for my absentee mail ballot on April 3, 2020 via email, and my MVP record shows my application was processed on April 6, 2020.

13. My MVP record shows that my mail ballot was issued on April 21, 2020.

14. My ballot envelope (Exhibit A-4) contains a time and date stamp that appears to be a vendor internal stamp of “114 01:54:38” (meaning April 23 at 1:54 am) and a timestamp that apparently indicates the mailing time and date “20114 07:12:16” (meaning April 23, 2020 at 7:12 am) .

15. I received my ballot in the mail on April 27, 2020.

Executed on this date, May 10, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Dufort", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT**  
**BALLOT MUST BE ENCLOSED**

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NOTE: Mailing or delivery may be made by the elector's mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or an individual residing in the household of such elector.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(b): A physically disabled or illiterate elector may receive assistance in preparing his or her ballot from any person of the elector's choice other than such elector's employer or the agent of such employer or an officer or agent of such elector's union; provided, however, that no person whose name appears on the ballot as a candidate at a particular primary, election, or runoff nor the mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of such candidate shall offer assistance during such primary, election, or runoff under the provisions of this Code section to any elector who is not related to such candidate. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "related to such candidate" shall mean such candidate's mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law. The person rendering assistance to the elector in preparing the ballot shall sign the oath printed on the same envelope as the oath to be signed by the elector. Any person who willfully violates this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00, or both, for each such violation.

**AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS BY 7:00 P.M. (CLOSE OF THE POLLS) ON THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION DAY IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED. ALTHOUGH GEORGIA LAW PROHIBITS ANYONE FROM VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ON PRIMARY OR ELECTION DAY, IT DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM MAILING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN VOTED ON THAT DAY; HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED UNLESS RECEIVED IN THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE BY 7:00 P.M. EXCEPTION: A REGISTRAR MAY DELIVER, ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO AN ELECTOR CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL, AND SUCH ELECTOR MAY THEN AND THERE VOTE THE ABSENTEE BALLOT.**



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**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT**

**OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY AND  
NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT  
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
MAY 19, 2020**

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil.

Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.

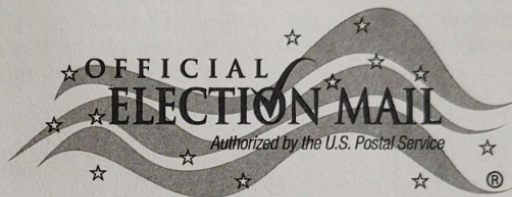


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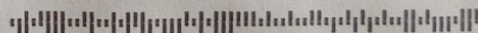


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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND RETURNING OFFICIAL  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS**

The accompanying ballot and two envelopes are sent to you in response to a request made by you or a member of your family.

**YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR VOTE TO  
COUNT:**

1.
  - A. Use a black or blue pen to mark your ballot. Be sure the ink is dry before folding the ballot and placing it in the envelope.
  - B. Completely fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote and the response you wish to give to a question (if applicable).
  - C. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot for a general election or a special election, follow the directions on the ballot for casting a write-in vote. Write-in votes are not allowed in primary elections.

**EXAMPLE  
OFFICIAL OFFICE TITLE**

(Vote for One)  
☐ CANDIDATE NAME  
☒ CANDIDATE NAME  
☐ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

2. If while voting you inadvertently make an error, spoil, or otherwise deface the ballot, IMMEDIATELY contact the Board of Registrars of your county or the municipal absentee ballot clerk, whichever is applicable, to receive a replacement ballot. **Note: No replacement absentee ballot can be mailed by the registrars or absentee ballot clerk's office on the day prior to a primary or election.**
3. After voting your ballot, enclose and securely seal the ballot in the smaller of the two envelopes provided, which is white and on which is printed "Official Absentee Ballot."
4. Place this envelope in the second (or larger) envelope, which has a yellow bar, and complete the oath on the back of the envelope, then sign on the line provided.
5. Personally mail or personally deliver to the Board of Registrars or the municipal absentee ballot clerk, whichever is applicable. Be sure to use sufficient postage if mailing.



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| <p>For Judge,<br/>Court of Appeals of Georgia<br/>(To Succeed Christian Dozier)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Christian Dozier<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>                                 | <p>For Judge, Superior Court of the<br/>Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit<br/>(To Succeed William X. Price, Jr.)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Stephen X. Bradley</p> <p>Write-in</p>                        |
| <p>For Judge,<br/>Court of Appeals of Georgia<br/>(To Succeed Sam L. Doyle)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sam Doyle<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>                                            | <p>For Judge, Superior Court of the<br/>Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit<br/>(To Succeed Brenda Holbert Trammell)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brenda Holbert Trammell<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p> |
| <p>For Judge,<br/>Court of Appeals of Georgia<br/>(To Succeed Elizabeth Sobel)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Dallas Sobel<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>                            | <p>For Judge of the Probate Court<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Charles W. Warritt, Jr.<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>                                                                          |
| <p>For Judge,<br/>Court of Appeals of Georgia<br/>(To Succeed Todd Markle)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David Todd Markle<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>                                     | <p>For Chief Magistrate<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Connie Jay Holt<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>                                                                                            |
| <p>For Judge,<br/>Court of Appeals of Georgia<br/>(To Succeed Carla W. McMillen)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Carla McMillen<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>For Judge, Superior Court of the<br/>Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit<br/>(To Succeed Alison Teresa Burleson)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alison Teresa Burleson<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>For Judge, Superior Court of the<br/>Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit<br/>(To Succeed Terry N. Massey)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Terry N. Massey<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>For Judge, Superior Court of the<br/>Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit<br/>(To Succeed Amanda S. Petty)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Amanda S. Petty<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p>Write-in</p>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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## MORGAN COUNTY

304-E Morgan, 306-E Morgan

## OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT

OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY AND  
NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT  
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
MAY 19, 2020

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil.

Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.

If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

\*I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issues, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law. (O.C.G.A. 21-2-294(a) and 21-2-383(a))

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| <b>For President of the United States</b><br>(Vote for One) | <b>For Public Service Commissioner</b><br>(To Succeed Lauren W. "Bubba" McDonald)<br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                                              | <b>- 4 -</b><br>Should Georgia take partisanship out of the redistricting process and have an independent commission draw district lines instead of politicians?<br><br><input type="radio"/> YES<br><input type="radio"/> NO                             |
| <input type="radio"/> Michael Bennet                        | <input type="radio"/> Daniel Blackman                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>- 5 -</b><br>Should our criminal justice system end the discriminatory cash bail system that allows the wealthy to buy their way out of jail while disadvantaging lower-income Georgians?<br><br><input type="radio"/> YES<br><input type="radio"/> NO |
| <input type="radio"/> Joseph R. Biden                       | <input type="radio"/> John Noel                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>- 6 -</b><br>Should every Georgian that has served their sentence for a crime they committed be allowed to have their voting rights restored?<br><br><input type="radio"/> YES<br><input type="radio"/> NO                                             |
| <input type="radio"/> Michael R. Bloomberg                  | <b>For U.S. Representative in 117th Congress From the 10th Congressional District of Georgia</b><br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                               | <b>NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Pete Buttigieg                        | <input type="radio"/> Andrew Ferguson                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>For Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia</b><br>(To Succeed Charlie Bethel)<br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="radio"/> John K. Delaney                       | <input type="radio"/> Tabitha Johnson-Green                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="radio"/> Elizabeth "Beth" Beskin                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="radio"/> Tulsi Gabbard                         | <b>For State Senator From 25th District</b><br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="radio"/> Charlie Bethel<br>(Incumbent)                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Amy Klobuchar                         | <input type="radio"/> Veronica Brinson                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Deval Patrick                         | <b>For State Representative In the General Assembly From 112th District</b><br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                                                    | <b>For Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia</b><br>(To Succeed Sarah Hawkins Warren)<br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                                                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Bernie Sanders                        | <input type="radio"/> Malcolm Adams                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <input type="radio"/> Hal Moroz                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Tom Steyer                            | <b>For Tax Commissioner</b><br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="radio"/> Sarah Hawkins Warren<br>(Incumbent)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Elizabeth Warren                      | <input type="radio"/> Sheila Terrell Sanders                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Andrew Yang                           | <b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY QUESTIONS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia</b><br>(To Succeed Trenton "Trent" Brown, III)<br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>For United States Senate</b><br>(Vote for One)           | <b>- 1 -</b><br>Should Georgians work to stop climate change and listen to the scientific community, which recommends immediate action to combat this serious threat to our planet?<br><br><input type="radio"/> YES<br><input type="radio"/> NO | <input type="radio"/> Trenton "Trent" Brown, III<br>(Incumbent)                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Sarah Riggs Amico                     | <b>- 2 -</b><br>Should Georgia enact basic standards to protect our environment from wasteful plastic items that pollute our state?<br><br><input type="radio"/> YES<br><input type="radio"/> NO                                                 | <input type="radio"/> Write-in                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Marcketh DeJesus                      | <b>- 3 -</b><br>Should every eligible Georgian be allowed to register to vote on Election Day to make sure everyone can exercise their right to vote?<br><br><input type="radio"/> YES<br><input type="radio"/> NO                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="radio"/> James Knox                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Tricia Carpenter McCracken            | <b>For Public Service Commissioner</b><br>(To Succeed Jason Shaw)<br>(Vote for One)                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Jon Ossoff                            | <input type="radio"/> Robert G. Bryant                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Maya Dillard Smith                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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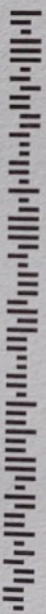


From \_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT**  
**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**



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## OATH OF ELECTOR

I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and of the State of Georgia; that I possess the qualifications of an elector required by the laws of the State of Georgia; that I am entitled to vote in the precinct containing my residence in the primary or election in which this ballot is to be cast; that I am eligible to vote by absentee ballot; that I have not marked or mailed any other absentee ballot, nor will I mark or mail another absentee ballot for voting in such primary or election; nor shall I vote therein in person; and that I have read and understand the instructions accompanying this ballot; and that I have carefully complied with such instructions in completing this ballot. I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law.

**SIGN HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature or Mark of Elector

Printed Name of Elector

**Oath of Person Assisting Elector (if any):** I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that I assisted the above-named elector in marking such elector's absentee ballot as such elector personally communicated such elector's preference to me; and that such elector is entitled to receive assistance in voting under provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-409.

This, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Assisting Elector

Printed Name of Person Assisting Elector

Reason for assistance (Check appropriate square):

- ☐ Elector is unable to read the English language.
- ☐ Elector requires assistance due to physical disability.



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POST #206 GENERAL PRIMARY 2020

JEANNE MARIE DUFORT

Georgia law provides that any person who knowingly falsifies information so as to vote illegally by absentee ballot or who illegally gives or receives assistance in voting, as specified in Code Section 21-2-568 or 21-2-573, shall be guilty of a felony.

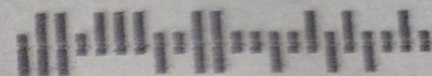
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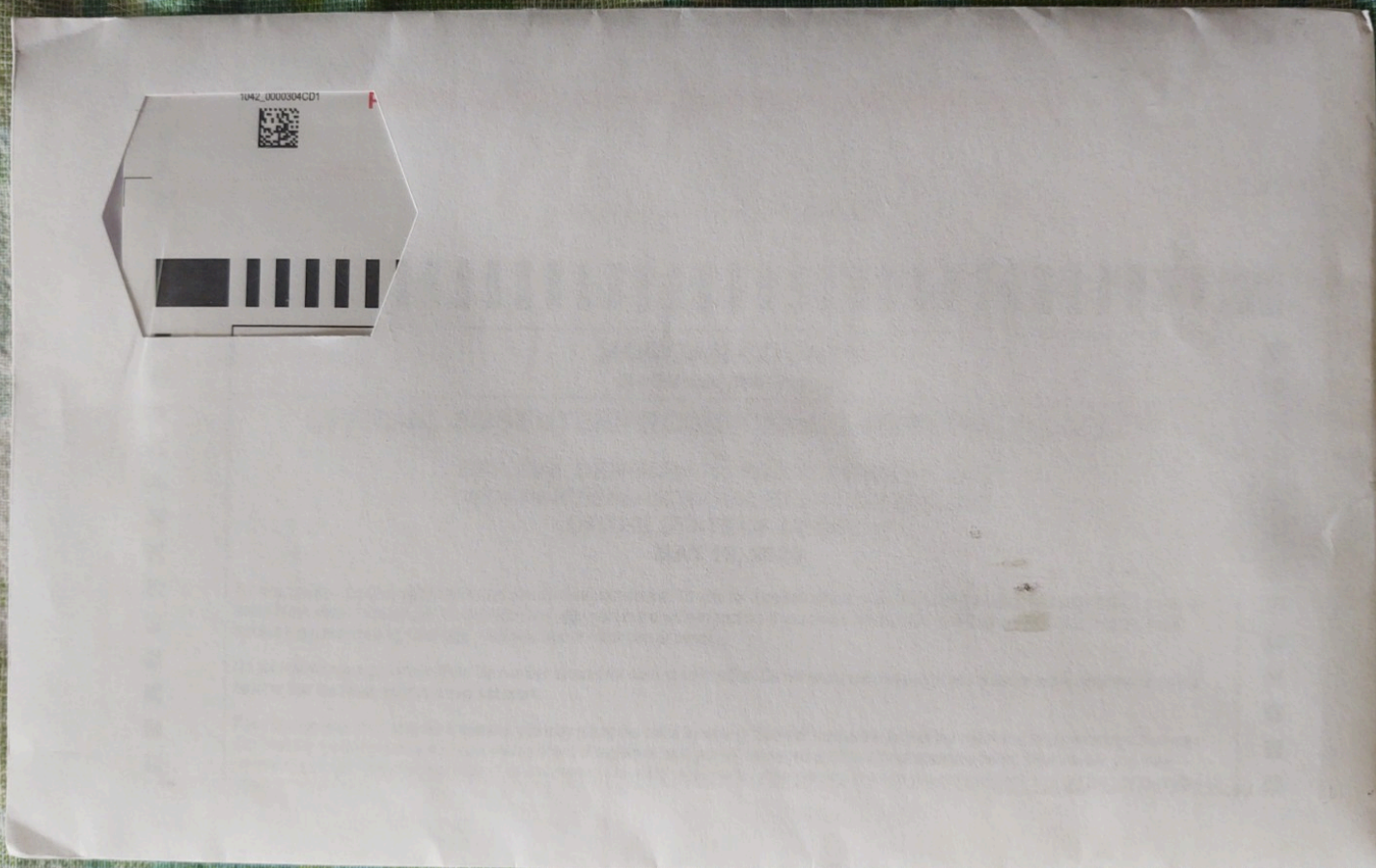
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## OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

April 13, 2020

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**TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars**  
**FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director**  
**RE: Absentee By Mail for 2020 Primary and PPP**

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### State Issued Absentee by Mail Process

#### Summary

Due to the health concerns caused by the COVID-19 virus, the Secretary of State has moved the Presidential Primary, General Primary, and Nonpartisan General Election to June 9, 2020. The absentee process that was planned for the 5/19/2020 election will remain in place for the new election date. The new election date comes with new legal restrictions. Per O.C.G.A. 21-2-384 (a)(2), absentee ballot may not be mailed out more than 49 days before an election. All counties should hold off on issuing any additional absentee ballots until this new 49-day period begins on April 21, 2020. The state hired absentee ballot vendor will also be instructed to wait until this time to issue ballots on behalf of the counties.

#### Absentee Process Overview

The Office of the Secretary of State sent out absentee ballot applications to all active registered voters in Georgia. Additionally, our office will be promoting the use of absentee ballots by mail as an alternative to in-person voting. To assist with the increased burden placed on the counties by this shift from in-person to absentee by mail, the Secretary of State has procured a mail vendor to send ballot packets to voters on behalf of the counties. County registrars will still be responsible for accepting absentee ballot applications, verifying the information and signature of the voters, and entering voter information into the Absentee Module of the Voter Registration System. Once the information has been entered into the system, the state will export reports that contain voter information and instruct the mail vendor to print and issue ballots to voters. Voters will complete their ballots and return them to their county registration offices. County employees will enter returned ballot information into the voter registration system to apply credit for voting and retain the ballots until Election Day for tabulation.

### **Process Details**

Absentee ballot applications will be completed by the voters and sent into county registration offices. Once they are received, the county registrars will:

1. Date stamp the absentee ballot application
2. Verify the voter information and compare the signature on the application to ensure it matches the signature on file for the voter
3. Enter the absentee ballot application into the Voter Registration System (ElectionNet)
  - a. The Date Requested in the Ballot Requested Information section should reflect the date the application was received by the county registration office
  - b. The Issue/Mailed Date in the Ballot Issued Information section should be 4/21/2020 until 4/21/2020 has passed. After that time the Issued/Mailed date should reflect the date that the application was entered into ElectionNet.
  - c. The system will default to include the mailing address in the Ballot Issued information section. The ballot packet will be sent to the address displayed here.
    - i. If the voter does not have a mailing address, the residential address will display by default
    - ii. If the voter has indicated on their application that they would like to receive their ballot at a different address, this information should be entered into the absentee module in the Ballot Issued Information section

The state vendor will then mail the absentee ballot packets to the addresses in the Ballot Issued Information section of the Absentee entry for the 6/9/2020 election.

### **Exceptions**

The purpose of procuring the mail vendor is to assist the counties as much as possible given the increased use in absentee ballots for this election. However, there are special circumstances that will prevent the mail vendor from being able to issue ballots to the following types of absentee voters:

- Challenged Voters
  - Examples include voters that are currently on the felon 40 day clock.
- Provisional Voters
  - Examples include voters with a signature mismatch between their absentee ballot application and the signature on file with the registration office that require a cure affidavit.
- Missing Identification Voters (Often referred to as MIDR or IDR voters)
- UOCAVA Voters that have requested absentee ballots by mail

Absentee ballot packets for voters in the groups listed above will need to be prepared and mailed to voters by the county registration offices. Enter an issue date for these records that reflects the date that the absentee ballot was mailed by your office. We will periodically provide reports that include voters in these groups to the county offices to ensure that all ballots are being sent out.

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

Q: Will voters need to submit a new absentee ballot application now that the election date has been moved?



A: No, all applications for the 5/19/2020 election will be honored as applications for the 6/9/2020 election.

Q: Will counties receive new ballots with the updated 6/9/2020 election date on them? What should be done with the ballots that have already ordered or received from my absentee ballot printer?

A: No, the ballots will not be updated from their current form to show the new election date of 6/9/2020. All of the ballots already ordered can still be used for the 6/9/2020 election. All of the ballots sent out should be counted if they are returned.

Q: Should county registrars continue to issue ballots for the 6/9/2020 election?

A: County registrars should continue to process absentee ballot applications as they come in, but ballot packages should not be mailed until the absentee period begins again on 4/21/2020. The mail vendor will also hold off on issuing ballots until 4/21/2020.

Q: Should county registrars continue to enter absentee ballot applications into ElectionNet? What issue/mailed date should they enter?

A: Yes, registrars should continue to enter absentee ballot applications into ElectionNet. County registrars should enter the issued/mailed date of 4/21/2020 up until 4/21/2020. After this date, registrars should enter the current date as the issue date when entering absentee ballot applications into ElectionNet.

Q: Will county registrars need to update the issue dates of all of the voters in the voter registration system to reflect the new 4/21/2020 issue date?

A: No, the Office of the Secretary of State will update the issue dates of the absentee ballots it intends to send out to the new 4/21/2020 date. County registrars will be responsible for updating the issue dates of the exception ballots that are required to be mailed out by the county.

Q: Should registrars cancel outstanding absentee ballots for the 3/24/2020 election if they receive a new application for the 6/9/2020 election?

A: Yes, when you receive an application for the 6/9/2020 election, outstanding ballots for the 3/24/2020 election should be cancelled. The vendor will issue a combined ballot to all voters who have not returned their 3/24/2020 ballot. This will be done based on the credit for voting file, so it is important to make sure that you check in all returned 3/24/2020 ballots.

Q: If a 3/24/2020 ballot is received back in the voter registration office, should it be counted.

A: That depends on the circumstances. If the voter has not applied for and been issued a 6/9/2020 combined ballot, yes, 3/24/2020 ballots can still be accepted. If the voter has applied for a 6/9/2020 ballot and been issued a combined 6/9/2020 ballot, the 3/24/2020 ballot should be rejected to prevent double voting in the 3/24/2020 elections.

Q: Will absentee ballot packets be sent to the mailing addresses of voters?



A: Absentee ballot packets will be sent to the addresses entered into the Ballot Issued Information section of ElectionNet. The system defaults to the mailing address. If there is no mailing address on file for a voter, the system defaults to the residential address on file for the voter. The address in the Ballot Issued Information section can also be updated to a different address other than the residential or mailing address of the voter. The address that is input into the Ballot Issued Information section will be the address the ballot packet is sent to.

Q: Will absentee ballot packets that are undelivered be returned to the county registration office?

A: No, the ballot packets that are undeliverable will be returned to the SOS office. These ballot packets will then be forwarded to the county registration offices by the SOS office.

Q: If a voter wants to change the party ballot that they requested, how should this be handled in the system to ensure the voter gets a new ballot?

A: The existing entry for the 6/9/2020 election should be cancelled in the system with the cancellation reason of Voter Requested. A new absentee ballot entry should be entered into the system with the date that the change was entered into the system as the Issue/Mailed date. This is how all ballots should that need to be reissued should be handled, including cancelled, spoiled, and rejected ballots. The reason code that is selected should reflect the circumstances. If a new entry is entered into the system with the current date as the issued date, a new absentee ballot will be sent out by the vendor.



## OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

April 17, 2020

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**TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars**  
**FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director**  
**RE: Absentee Ballot Application Clarifications**

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Our office has received questions concerning the absentee ballot application mailer. Below you will find the answers to a few of the more common questions received by our office.

### **Returned Mail**

The Office of the Secretary of State sent an absentee ballot application to the residential address of every active registered voter in the State of Georgia. Residential addresses were used because the voter registration system vendor was not able to systematically extract address data in an if/then format. If these absentee ballot applications were unable to be delivered to the residential addresses of the voter, they are being returned to the county registration office. Below are guidelines concerning when these should be entered as returned mail.

1. If the voter does not have a mailing address that is different from their residential address, a returned absentee ballot application should be treated as returned mail. The returned mail process is started in ElectionNet by entering the registration number of the voter into ElectionNet under Activities > Elector List Maintenance > Returned Mail. This will generate a confirmation notice and start the 40 day clock outlined in 21-2-234.
2. If the voter has a mailing address in ElectionNet that is different from the address printed on the absentee ballot application, the returned application should not be entered as returned mail.

### **Out of County Permanent Address Changes Reflected on Absentee Ballot Applications**

An absentee ballot application can be used to make an address change within the county. That is allowed under 21-2-218(c). Section 3 of the absentee ballot application has a check box for the voter to convey that they have changed their permanent address. This check box was meant to allow voters to update their in-county address as allowed by Georgia law.

☐ Check here if your permanent address has changed and you want to update the address in Section 2 with the address you've provided in Section 3.

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However, the wording of the check box is causing some confusion for voters, and many counties have received absentee ballot applications that indicate a permanent address change outside of their county or outside of the state. In this situation, we recommend the following:

- Attempt to contact the voter to confirm that they have changed their residency outside of your county or of the state.
- If the voter cannot be reached, proceed with processing the absentee ballot application and issue the ballot to the temporary address listed in Section 3. Refer the application to the state for further investigation on whether the voter has permanently moved from their registered address.
- If the voter says that they have not changed their permanent residential address from what is on file, proceed with processing the absentee ballot application and issue the ballot to the temporary address listed in Section 3.
- If the voter says that they have indeed changed their permanent residential address outside of the county or state:
  - Explain to the voter that they are not allowed to vote in a county or state that they do not reside.
  - Explain to the voter how they can submit a new voter registration form (preferably online) so that their address can be updated to their new county or state.
  - Process a voluntary cancellation and reject the absentee ballot application. Make sure to note in the memo field that the change of residency was confirmed directly with the voter.



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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF B. JOY WASSON**

B. Joy Wasson declares, under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§1746, that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is B. Joy Wasson.
2. I have personal knowledge of all facts stated in this declaration, and if called to testify, I could and would testify competently thereto.
3. I am a registered voter in DeKalb County, Georgia.
4. On Thursday evening, May 7, 2020 my nephew's wife called and asked me if she and my nephew had time to vote their absentee ballots. She was under the impression that the election was May 19 since that is the date on their ballots.
5. I applied for my mail ballot for the June election via email on April 6, 2020.
6. My ballot arrived on the afternoon of Friday, May 8, 2020.
7. The ballot envelope had various numbers and a barcode on it. It has two time stamps. One time stamp is "123 08:21:38 AM" which could be interpreted as the 123<sup>rd</sup> day of 2020 or May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:21 am. The other time stamp on the outside of the envelope is "20124 19:26:49" which would be the 124<sup>th</sup> day of 2020 or May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:26pm, which appears to be a stamp related to the mailing of the ballot.

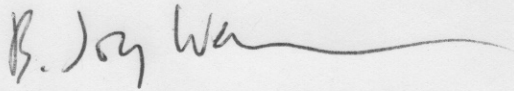


8. Shortly after receiving my ballot, I carefully photographed the envelope and removed all contents, photographing each item. I subsequently scanned all items received, front and back. These images are exhibit A. The complete contents inside the envelope included a single-page, double-sided ballot; a white piece of paper stating "OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT BALLOT MUST BE ENCLOSED"; a double-sided sheet of instructions; and a return envelope.
9. Nowhere in my ballot packet is there information on the new date of the election or the deadline date for receipt of the ballot.
10. I have been very closely following election issues in Georgia and am active on social media, often responding to friends, acquaintances and others who have questions about the election and their ballots. I am very troubled that so many people I know are confused about various issues.
11. I have seen social media posts by several people stating that they were confused by the lack of an inner envelope which is referred to in the instructions.
12. My nephew's wife told me that she was confused by the May 19<sup>th</sup> date on the ballot which is the same date on my ballot and all of the several others I've seen. I know that there have been big delays in absentee ballot processing, given that my ballot took nearly a month and this is in line with news reports and what many others have reported to me.



13. I read the instructions about returning the ballot and there is no date listed for returning the ballot, but rather an instruction to return it to the board of registrars by 7pm (close of polls) on election day. I read and tried to understand what it meant in those instructions in red ink that I would be prohibited by Georgia law from voting my ballot on primary or election day. That is very confusing and disturbing to me since I would like to vote my ballot and hand deliver my ballot to a drop box very near to and possibly on election day.

Executed on this date, May 11, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Joy Wasson", written over a horizontal line.

B. Joy Wasson

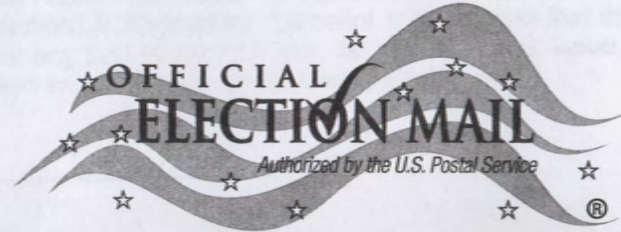
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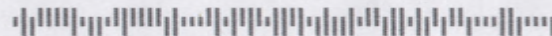


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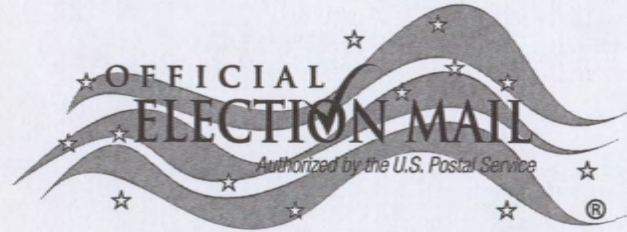
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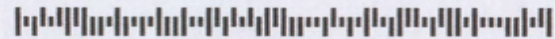
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**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT**  
**BOARD OF REGISTRARS**



DEKALB COUNTY  
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# OATH OF ELECTOR

I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and of the State of Georgia; that I possess the qualifications of an elector required by the laws of the State of Georgia; that I am entitled to vote in the precinct containing my residence in the primary or election in which this ballot is to be cast; that I am eligible to vote by absentee ballot; that I have not marked or mailed any other absentee ballot, nor will I mark or mail another absentee ballot for voting in such primary or election; nor shall I vote therein in person; and that I have read and understand the instructions accompanying this ballot; and that I have carefully complied with such instructions in completing this ballot. I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law.

**SIGN HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature or Mark of Elector

Printed Name of Elector \_\_\_\_\_

**Oath of Person Assisting Elector (if any):** I, the undersigned, do swear (or affirm) that I assisted the above-named elector in marking such elector's absentee ballot as such elector personally communicated such elector's preference to me; and that such elector is entitled to receive assistance in voting under provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 21-2-409.

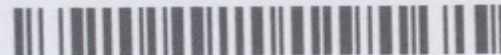
This, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Assisting Elector

Printed Name of Person Assisting Elector \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for assistance (Check appropriate square):

- ☐ Elector is unable to read the English language.  
☐ Elector requires assistance due to physical disability.



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**BARBARA J WASSON**  
612 CLIFTON RD NE  
ATLANTA GA 30307-1710

Georgia law provides that any person who knowingly falsifies information so as to vote illegally by absentee ballot or who illegally gives or receives assistance in voting, as specified in Code Section 21-2-568 or 21-2-573, shall be guilty of a felony.

(This box for office use only.)

Date and Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified and Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Registrar)





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**DEKALB COUNTY**

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**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT**
**OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY AND NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT  
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA  
MAY 19, 2020**

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil.

Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.

If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

*"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e) and 21-2-383(a)]*

**For United States Senate  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Sarah Riggs Amico
- ☐ Marcketh DeJesus
- ☐ James Knox
- ☐ Tricia Carpenter McCracken
- ☐ Jon Ossoff
- ☐ Maya Dillard Smith
- ☐ Teresa Pike Tomlinson

**For Public Service Commissioner  
(To Succeed Jason Shaw)  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Robert G. Bryant

**For Public Service Commissioner  
(To Succeed Lauren Bubba McDonald, Jr.)  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Daniel Blackman
- ☐ John Noel

**For U.S. Representative in 117th  
Congress From the 5th  
Congressional District of Georgia  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ John R. Lewis (Incumbent)
- ☐ Barrington D. Martin, II

**For State Senator From 42nd District**
**For Solicitor General of DeKalb County  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Donna Coleman-Stribling  
(Incumbent)

**For Chief Executive Officer  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Michael "Mike" Thurmond  
(Incumbent)

**For County Commissioner District 6  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Maryam Ahmad
- ☐ Emily Halevy
- ☐ Edward "Ted" Terry

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY QUESTIONS**

- 1 -

Should Georgians work to stop climate change and listen to the scientific community, which recommends immediate action to combat this serious threat to our planet?

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

- 2 -

Should Georgia enact basic standards to protect our environment from wasteful plastic items that pollute our

**NONPARTISAN GENERAL  
ELECTION**
**For Justice,  
Supreme Court of Georgia  
(To Succeed Charlie Bethel)  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Elizabeth "Beth" Beskin
- ☐ Charlie Bethel  
(Incumbent)
- ☐

**Write-in**
**For Justice,  
Supreme Court of Georgia  
(To Succeed Sarah Hawkins Warren)  
(Vote for One)**

- ☐ Hal Moroz
- ☐ Sarah Hawkins Warren  
(Incumbent)
- ☐

**Write-in**
**For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia  
(To Succeed Trenton "Trent" Brown, III)  
(Vote for One)**



☐ Daniel Blackman

☐ John Noel

**For U.S. Representative in 117th Congress From the 5th Congressional District of Georgia**  
(Vote for One)

☐ John R. Lewis (Incumbent)

☐ Barrington D. Martin, II

**For State Senator From 42nd District**  
(Vote for One)

☐ Elena Parent (Incumbent)

**For State Representative in the General Assembly From 89th District**  
(Vote for One)

☐ Bee Nguyen (Incumbent)

☐ Marcia Ridley

**For District Attorney of the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(Vote for One)

☐ Sherry Boston (Incumbent)

**For Clerk of Superior Court of DeKalb County**  
(Vote for One)

☐ Debra DeBerry (Incumbent)

**For Sheriff**  
(Vote for One)

☐ Geraldine Champion

☐ Adam Gardner

☐ Ted Golden

☐ Antonio "Block" Johnson

☐ Kyle "KK" Jones

☐ Melody M. Maddox (Incumbent)

☐ Carl Mobley

☐ Ruth "The Truth" Stringer

**For Tax Commissioner**  
(Vote for One)

☐ Irvin J. Johnson (Incumbent)

☐ Roslyn Allison McCaskill

**For Chief Magistrate**  
(Vote for One)

☐ Berryl A. Anderson (Incumbent)

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ YES

☐ NO

- 2 -

Should Georgia enact basic standards to protect our environment from wasteful plastic items that pollute our state?

- 3 -

Should every eligible Georgian be allowed to register to vote on Election Day to make sure everyone can exercise their right to vote?

- 4 -

Should Georgia take partisanship out of the redistricting process and have an independent commission draw district lines instead of politicians?

- 5 -

Should our criminal justice system end the discriminatory cash bail system that allows the wealthy to buy their way out of jail while disadvantaging lower-income Georgians?

- 6 -

Should every Georgian that has served their sentence for a crime they committed be allowed to have their voting rights restored?

☐ Hal Moroz

☐ Sarah Hawkins Warren  
(Incumbent)

Write-in

**For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia**  
(To Succeed Trenton "Trent" Brown, III)  
(Vote for One)

☐ Trenton "Trent" Brown, III  
(Incumbent)

Write-in

**For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia**  
(To Succeed Christian Coomer)  
(Vote for One)

☐ Christian Coomer  
(Incumbent)

Write-in

**For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia**  
(To Succeed Sara Doyle)  
(Vote for One)

☐ Sara Doyle  
(Incumbent)

Write-in

**For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia**  
(To Succeed Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil)  
(Vote for One)

☐ Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil  
(Incumbent)

Write-in

**For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia**  
(To Succeed David Todd Markle)  
(Vote for One)

☐ David Todd Markle  
(Incumbent)

Write-in

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**For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia**  
(To Succeed Carla McMillian)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Carla McMillian**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of the  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Gregory A. Adams)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Gregory A. Adams**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of the  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Tangela M. Barrie)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Tangela M. Barrie**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of the  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Linda Warren Hunter)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Linda Warren Hunter**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of the  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Stacey K. Hydrick)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Stacey K. Hydrick**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of the  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Shondeana Crews Morris)

**For Judge of State Court of  
DeKalb County**  
(To Succeed Janis C. Gordon)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Janis C. Gordon**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge of State Court of  
DeKalb County**  
(To Succeed Mike Jacobs)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Mike Jacobs**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge of State Court of  
DeKalb County**  
(To Succeed Dax Lopez)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Dax Lopez**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge of State Court of  
DeKalb County**  
(To Succeed Wayne M. Purdom)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Wayne M. Purdom**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Associate Judge of State Court of  
DeKalb County**  
(To Succeed Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr.)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr.**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Associate Judge of State Court of  
DeKalb County**



(Incumbent)

Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of the  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Shondeana Crews Morris)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Shondeana C. Morris**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of the  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Mark Anthony Scott)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Mark Anthony Scott**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of the  
Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Clarence "Chuck" Seeliger)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Roderick Bridges**

☐ **Aaron Chausmer**

☐ **Vincent C. Crawford**

☐ **Yolanda C. Parker-Smith**

☐ **Melinda "Mindy" Pillow**

☐

Write-in

☐ **Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr.**  
(Incumbent)

Write-in

**For Associate Judge of State Court of  
DeKalb County**  
(To Succeed Brian K. Ross)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Brian K. Ross**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Associate Judge of State Court of  
DeKalb County**  
(To Succeed Kiesha R. Storey)  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Kiesha R. Storey**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

**For Judge of the Probate Court  
of DeKalb County**  
(Vote for One)

☐ **Bedelia C. Hargrove**  
(Incumbent)

☐

Write-in

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND RETURNING OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

The accompanying ballot and two envelopes are sent to you in response to a request made by you or a member of your family.

### YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR VOTE TO COUNT:

1.
  - A. Use a black or blue pen to mark your ballot. Be sure the ink is dry before folding the ballot and placing it in the envelope.
  - B. Completely fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote and the response you wish to give to a question (if applicable).
  - C. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot for a general election or a special election, follow the directions on the ballot for casting a write-in vote. Write-in votes are not allowed in primary elections.

### EXAMPLE OFFICIAL OFFICE TITLE

(Vote for One)

☐ CANDIDATE NAME

☒ CANDIDATE NAME

☐ Write-in \_\_\_\_\_

2. If while voting you inadvertently make an error, spoil, or otherwise deface the ballot, IMMEDIATELY contact the Board of Registrars of your county or the municipal absentee ballot clerk, whichever is applicable, to receive a replacement ballot. **Note: No replacement absentee ballot can be mailed by the registrars or absentee ballot clerk's office on the day prior to a primary or election.**
3. After voting your ballot, enclose and securely seal the ballot in the smaller of the two envelopes provided, which is white and on which is printed "Official Absentee Ballot."
4. Place this envelope in the second (or larger) envelope, which has a yellow bar, and complete the oath on the back of the envelope, then sign on the line provided.
5. Personally mail or personally deliver to the Board of Registrars or the municipal absentee ballot clerk, whichever is applicable. Be sure to use sufficient postage if mailing.



NOTE: Mailing or delivery may be made by the elector's mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or an individual residing in the household of such elector.

**O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(b):** A physically disabled or illiterate elector may receive assistance in preparing his or her ballot from any person of the elector's choice other than such elector's employer or the agent of such employer or an officer or agent of such elector's union; provided, however, that no person whose name appears on the ballot as a candidate at a particular primary, election, or runoff nor the mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of such candidate shall offer assistance during such primary, election, or runoff under the provisions of this Code section to any elector who is not related to such candidate. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "related to such candidate" shall mean such candidate's mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law. The person rendering assistance to the elector in preparing the ballot shall sign the oath printed on the same envelope as the oath to be signed by the elector. Any person who willfully violates this subsection shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00, or both, for each such violation.

**AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS BY 7:00 P.M. (CLOSE OF THE POLLS) ON THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION DAY IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED. ALTHOUGH GEORGIA LAW PROHIBITS ANYONE FROM VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ON PRIMARY OR ELECTION DAY, IT DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM MAILING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN VOTED ON THAT DAY; HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED UNLESS RECEIVED IN THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE BY 7:00 P.M. EXCEPTION: A REGISTRAR MAY DELIVER, ON THE DAY OF THE PRIMARY OR ELECTION, AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO AN ELECTOR CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL, AND SUCH ELECTOR MAY THEN AND THERE VOTE THE ABSENTEE BALLOT.**



**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT**  
**BALLOT MUST BE ENCLOSED**



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