

# Office of the Secretary of State | Elections Division



## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

While comprehensive, not all events are included. This purpose of this calendar is to provide high level information for significant election and registration activities. County superintendents/registrars should always consult their county attorney with legal questions and guidance.

This calendar may be updated/revised without advance notice. If revised, special notations will be conspicuous on the page where updates/revisions have been made. Please reference form number and revision date on the last page.

### **Computation of Time O.C.G.A. § 21-2-14**

***Unless otherwise stated in a specific Code section of this chapter, time periods under this chapter include Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. When the last day for the exercise of any privilege or discharge of any duty prescribed or required by this chapter shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day for the exercise of such privilege or the discharge of such duty.***

January 1, 2023

### **EARLIEST DAY FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE/PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT**

No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier than January 1 and no later than the Tuesday after the first Monday in September (9/5/2023) prior to the election for county, state, and federal elections; no later than seven days after the close of the qualifying period for nonpartisan elections in the case of nonpartisan elections for state or county offices; no later than seven days after the close of the municipal qualifying period for municipal elections in the case of a general election; or no later than seven days after the close of the special election qualifying period for a special election by the person to be a write-in candidate or by some other person or group of persons qualified to vote in the subject election, as follows: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)

January 20, 2023

### **CES BALLOT INFORMATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

The last day to submit ballot information to CES for the March 21<sup>st</sup> Special Election.

February 1, 2023

### **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES**

The last day for the Secretary of State and Election Superintendents to fix and publish 2023 qualifying fees for candidates running for federal, state, and local offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)

February 13, 2023

### **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**

The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)

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- February 21, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 30 days prior to any special primary or special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c) – *Date moved due to holiday*
- February 21, 2023 **LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR THE MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b) – *Date moved due to holiday*
- February 21, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING FOR MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
In an election or run-off election, each candidate shall be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election and run-off election, one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A) – *Date moved due to holiday*
- February 21, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF**  
The last day for a person to register/change address and be eligible to vote in the special election and runoff Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224, 21-2-501, 21-2-218 – *Date moved due to holiday*
- February 24, 2023 **DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT**  
At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03
- Prior to  
February 27, 2023 **DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR OR ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK**  
The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the special election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)
- February 27, 2023 **FIRST DAY TO ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants within three days after the receipt of such ballots and supplies, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)

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- February 23, 2023 **BACK-UP ELECTOR'S LIST GENERATED**  
Election Services to process back-up elector's list and make available for download for Advance Voting.
- February 27, 2023 **ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING BEGINS FOR THE MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- March 4, 2023 **MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- March 5, 2023 **OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- March 6, 2023 **EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)
- March 11, 2023 **MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- March 13, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT**  
At least ten days before a special primary or election, the superintendent shall place on public exhibition, in such places and at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors, a sample ballot to be used in such election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)
- March 14, 2023 **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492

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- March 14, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY**  
If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
- March 14, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS**  
In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
- March 16, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST**  
The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
- March 17, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SEND LETTERS TO DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS**  
At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03
- March 17, 2023 **LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING**  
The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)
- March 20, 2023 **NO ISSUING OR MAILING ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. No absentee ballot shall be voted on the day of an election, except in the case of a voter confined to the hospital to whom the registrars have delivered an absentee ballot and the voter has voted it then and there. An absentee ballot, which has been voted prior to the day of the election, may be mailed to the registrars on the day of the election but will not be counted unless it is received by the registrar's office by 7:00pm the day of the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

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March 21, 2023

### **SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY & PROPOSE A QUESTION**

In odd-numbered years, a special election to fill vacancies and present questions may be held on the third Tuesday in March. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)

### **POLLS ARE OPEN**

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

### **OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN**

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

### **TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.**

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct.

The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system. O.C.G.A § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12

### **10PM REPORT DUE TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

As soon as possible but not later than 10:00 P.M. following the close of the polls on the day of a primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall report to the Secretary of State and post in a prominent public place the following information: (1) The number of ballots cast at the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, including provisional ballots cast; (2) The total number of absentee ballots returned to the board of registrars by the deadline to receive such absentee ballots on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421

March 22, 2023

### **PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR**

The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)

March 24, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION**

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(11)

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- March 27, 2023  
5:00 pm
- DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)
- March 28, 2023
- COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT**  
As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e).
- As soon as possible
- DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**  
The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)
- As soon as possible
- ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**  
There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and during the second and third Saturdays. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- As soon as possible
- FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**  
In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

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## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

Two business days  
following certification

### **DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE**

Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)

Five business days  
following certification

### **DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS**

A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524

April 3, 2023

### **EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF**

Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot,' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)

April 17, 2023

### **NO ISSUING OR MAILING ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF**

No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. No absentee ballot shall be voted on the day of an election, except in the case of a voter confined to the hospital to whom the registrars have delivered an absentee ballot and the voter has voted it then and there. An absentee ballot, which has been voted prior to the day of the election, may be mailed to the registrars on the day of the election but will not be counted unless it is received by the registrar's office by 7:00pm the day of the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)

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April 18, 2023

### **SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF**

A runoff in the case of a special election shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(6)

### **POLLS ARE OPEN**

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

### **OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN**

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### **TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.**

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The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system. O.C.G.A § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12

### **10PM REPORT DUE TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

As soon as possible but not later than 10:00 P.M. following the close of the polls on the day of a primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall report to the Secretary of State and post in a prominent public place the following information: (1) The number of ballots cast at the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, including provisional ballots cast; (2) The total number of absentee ballots returned to the board of registrars by the deadline to receive such absentee ballots on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421

April 19, 2023

### **PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR**

The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00am on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.06(10)

April 21, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION**

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.06(11)



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April 21, 2023

### **CES BALLOT INFORMATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

The last day to submit ballot information to CES for the June 20<sup>th</sup> Special Election.

April 24, 2023  
5:00 pm

### **DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF RESULTS**

Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)

April 27, 2023

### **COUNTY RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT FROM THE MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION DUE**

As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e).

Two business days  
following certification

### **DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE**

Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)

Five business days  
following certification

### **DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS**

A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524

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- May 16, 2023 **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)
- May 22, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 30 days prior to any special primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c); SEB Rule 183-1-7-.01
- May 22, 2023 **LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of the same. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b).
- May 22, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION/ADDRESS CHANGE – JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF**  
If the special election is held on one of the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 to fill a vacancy in an elected county or municipal office, the registration deadline for such special election shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the special election. The special election runoff shall be a continuation of the special election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the special election for candidates for that office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224; 21-2-501
- May 23, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING FOR JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
In an election or run-off election, each candidate shall be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election and run-off election, one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)

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- May 26, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT**  
At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03
- May 30, 2023 **DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR AND ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK**  
The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2), prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)
- May 30, 2023 **FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots within three days after the receipt of such ballots, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)
- May 30, 2023 **ADVANCE IN-PERSON VOTING BEGINS FOR THE JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- June 3, 2023 **MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays, during such period and shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and, if the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.
- June 4, 2023 **OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR THE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)



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- June 5, 2023      **EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> ELECTION**  
Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot,' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners with advance notice. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)
- June 9, 2023      **DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT FOR JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
At least 10 days prior to a special primary or election the superintendent shall place on public exhibition a sample ballot to be used in such election. The exhibition shall be held in such public places at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)
- June 10, 2023      **MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays, during such period and shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and, if the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.
- June 13, 2023      **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
- June 13, 2023      **DEADLINE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
- June 13, 2023      **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)



## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

- June 15, 2023      **PREPARATION OF ELECTORS LIST FOR JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
- June 16, 2023      **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SEND LETTERS TO DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS FOR JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve.  
O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03
- June 15, 2023      **LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING**  
The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)
- June 19, 2023      **NO ISSUING OR MAILING ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
No absentee ballot shall be issued or mailed out on the day prior to an election. No absentee ballot shall be voted on the day of an election, except in the case of a voter confined to the hospital to whom the registrars have delivered an absentee ballot and the voter has voted it then and there. An absentee ballot, which has been voted prior to the day of the election, may be mailed to the registrars on the day of the election but will not be counted unless it is received by the registrar's office by 7:00pm the day of the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

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June 20, 2023

### **SPECIAL ELECTION FOR VACANCIES**

In odd-numbered years, a special election to fill vacancies may be held on the third Tuesday in June. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)

### **POLLS ARE OPEN**

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

### **OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN**

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

### **TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.**

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct.

The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system. O.C.G.A § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12

### **10PM REPORT DUE TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

As soon as possible but not later than 10:00 P.M. following the close of the polls on the day of a primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall report to the Secretary of State and post in a prominent public place the following information: (1) The number of ballots cast at the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, including provisional ballots cast; (2) The total number of absentee ballots returned to the board of registrars by the deadline to receive such absentee ballots on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421

June 21, 2023

### **PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR**

The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00am on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(10)

June 23, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION**

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(11)

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- June 26, 2023  
5:00 p.m. **DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION RETURNS**  
Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)
- July 3, 2023 **EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**  
Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot,' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)
- July 7, 2023 **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR THE JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**  
To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. For advance voting in person, the application shall be made within the time period set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
- As soon as possible  
or by July 10<sup>th</sup> **ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**  
There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- As soon as possible **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**  
The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)
- As soon as possible **FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**  
In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. §21-2-384(a)

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Two business days following certification

### **DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE**

Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)

Five days following Certification

### **DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS**

A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524

July 18, 2023

### **DATE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF**

A runoff in the case of a special election shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501

**POLLS ARE OPEN** Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

### **OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN**

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

### **TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.**

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct. The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12

### **10PM REPORT DUE TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

As soon as possible but not later than 10:00 P.M. following the close of the polls on the day of a primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall report to the Secretary of State and post in a prominent public place the following information: (1) The number of ballots cast at the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, including provisional ballots cast; (2) The total number of absentee ballots returned to the board of registrars by the deadline to receive such absentee ballots on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421





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- July 19, 2023 **PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR**  
The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00am on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(10)
- July 21, 2023 **CES BALLOT INFORMATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE**  
The last day to submit ballot information to CES for the September 19<sup>th</sup> Special Election
- July 21, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION**  
Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(11)
- July 24, 2023  
5:00 p.m. **DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF RETURNS**  
Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)
- July 25, 2023 **COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT**  
As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e).
- Two business days  
following certification **DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE**  
Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)

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Five days following  
Certification

### **DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS**

A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524

August 7, 2023

### **DEADLINE TO RE-PUBLISH QUALIFYING INFORMATION**

Except in the case of a special election, notice of the opening and closing dates and the hours for candidates to qualify shall be published at least two weeks prior to the opening of the qualifying period. O.C.G.A. 21-2-132(d)(5)

August 14, 2023

### **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER 21ST SPECIAL ELECTION**

The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)

August 21, 2023

### **EARLIEST DAY TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 7TH GENERAL ELECTION**

Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, by facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff. To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. For advance voting in person, the application shall be made within the time period set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385. O.C.G.A. 21-2-540(b)

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August 21 – 25, 2023	<p><b><u>MUNICIPAL QUALIFYING PERIOD</u></b></p> <p>Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 am on the third Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30pm on the following Friday. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(c)(3)(A)</p>
August 21, 2023	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 30 days prior to any special primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c); SEB Rule 183-1-7-.01</p>
August 21, 2023	<p><b><u>LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of the same. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)</p>
August 21, 2023	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>If the special election is held on one of the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 to fill a vacancy in an elected county or municipal office, the registration deadline for such special election shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the special election. The special election runoff shall be a continuation of the special election for the particular office concerned. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the special election for candidates for that particular office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224; 21-2-501</p>
August 21, 2023	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>In an election or run-off election, each candidate shall be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election and run-off election, one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. O.C.G.A § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)</p>
August 25, 2023	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT</u></b></p> <p>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03</p>

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Prior to August 28, 2023

### **DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR AND ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK**

The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2), prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)

August 28, 2023

### **FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**

In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots within three days after the receipt of such ballots, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

August 28, 2023

### **ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general election in which there are only state or county candidates on the ballot in the runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

September 1, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TO FILE AND PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT**

No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier than January 1 and no later than seven days after the close of the municipal qualifying period for municipal elections in the case of a general election. The notice must be filed by a municipal candidate with the superintendent and published in the official gazette of the municipality holding the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)(3)

September 2, 2023

### **MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**

Voting shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays, during such period and shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and, if the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.

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- September 3, 2023 **OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- September 5, 2023 **EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot,' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)
- September 6, 2023 **DEADLINE TO FILE AFFIDAVIT & COPY OF THE PUBLICATION FOR QUALIFYING AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**  
In addition to the requirements contained in subsection (a) of this Code section, the person or persons giving notice of intention of candidacy for a write-in candidate shall also file, with the appropriate official specified in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) of this Code section, a copy of the notice as published with an affidavit stating that the notice has been published and including the name of the newspaper and the date of publication, not later than the fifth day after the deadline for filing and publishing such notice. The affidavit may be made by the person giving notice of intention of candidacy or by the publisher of the newspaper in which the notice was published or by an employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher. O.C.G.A. 21-2-133
- September 8, 2023 **CES BALLOT INFORMATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE**  
The last day to submit ballot information to CES for the November 7 General/Special Election.
- September 8, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 60 days prior to any general primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261; SEB Rule 183-1-7-.01
- September 8, 2023 **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. For advance voting in person, the application shall be made within the time period set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)

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- September 8, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
At least 10 days prior to a special primary or election the superintendent shall place on public exhibition a sample ballot to be used in such election. The exhibition shall be held in such public places at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)
- September 9, 2023 **MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays, during such period and shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and, if the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.
- September 10, 2023 **OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- September 12, 2023 **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
- September 12, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
- September 14, 2023 **PREPARATION OF ELECTORS LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)

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September 15, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SEND LETTERS TO DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION**

At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

September 15, 2023 **LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING**

The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)

September 19, 2023 **DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION DATE FOR VACANCIES**

In odd-numbered years, a special election to fill vacancies may be held on the third Tuesday in September. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)

**POLLS ARE OPEN**

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

**OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN**

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

**TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.**

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct.

The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system. O.C.G.A § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12

**10PM REPORT DUE TO SECERTARY OF STATE**

As soon as possible but not later than 10:00 P.M. following the close of the polls on the day of a primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall report to the Secretary of State and post in a prominent public place the following information: (1) The number of ballots cast at the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, including provisional ballots cast; (2) The total number of absentee ballots returned to the board of registrars by the deadline to receive such absentee ballots on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421

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- September 20, 2023 **PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR**  
The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00am on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(10)
- September 22, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION**  
Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(11)
- September 25, 2023  
5:00 p.m. **DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION RETURNS**  
Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)
- September 26, 2023 **COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT**  
As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e).
- Two business days  
following certification **DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE**  
Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)
- Five business days  
following certification **DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS**  
A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524



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## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

October 2, 2023

### **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION**

The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)

As soon as possible  
or by  
October 2, 2023

### **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF**

The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)

October 2, 2023

### **EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF**

Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked Official Absentee Ballot, and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)

October 6, 2023

### **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF**

To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. For advance voting in person, the application shall be made within the time period set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)

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## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

October 6, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT**

At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

As soon as possible  
or by  
October 9, 2023

### **ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF**

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1) *Date moved due to state holiday on Monday, October 8*

As soon as possible

### **FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF**

In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

October 9, 2023

### **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF CALL FOR THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION & PROVIDE A COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE**

All general municipal elections to fill municipal offices shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year. Public notice of such elections shall be published by the governing authority of the municipality in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least 30 days prior to the elections. In addition, the municipality shall immediately transmit a copy of such notice to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. 21-2-9 – *Date moved due to state holiday on Monday, October 8*

October 10, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF**

The last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the general/special election and runoff shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the election. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224; 21-2-501

The last day for an elector to change his/her address if he/she has moved within the county to an address different from the address shown on the voter's registration card is the fifth Monday prior to the election. It is the duty of the elector to notify the board of registrars by this date in order for the elector to be placed in the correct precinct and for the elector's name to be placed on the correct list of electors. An elector who moves within the county but into a different precinct or moves within the same precinct, but to a different address, and fails to notify the board of registrars of this change by the fifth Monday prior to the primary or election shall vote in the precinct of elector's previous residence for the primary or election and any ensuing runoff. Such elector shall complete a change of address card at the polls. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-218



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October 10, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**

In an election or run-off election, each candidate shall be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election and run-off election, one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)

Prior to October 16, 2023

### **DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR AND ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK FOR THE NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**

The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2), prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)

October 16, 2023

### **FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**

The board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots 22 days prior to any municipal general election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

October 16, 2023

### **ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ELECTION**

There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence: On the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election; and as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any other general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to each primary, election, or runoff. Voting shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays, during such period and shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and, if the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

October 17, 2023

### **FIRST DAY OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**

At least 21 days prior to a municipal general election the superintendent shall place on public exhibition a sample ballot to be used in such election. The exhibition shall be held in such public places at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)



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October 17, 2023

### **DATE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF**

A runoff in the case of a special election shall be held on the twenty-eighth day after the day of holding the preceding special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501

### **POLLS ARE OPEN**

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

### **OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN**

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

### **TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.**

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct.

The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system. O.C.G.A § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12

### **10PM REPORT DUE TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

As soon as possible but not later than 10:00 P.M. following the close of the polls on the day of a primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall report to the Secretary of State and post in a prominent public place the following information: (1) The number of ballots cast at the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, including provisional ballots cast; (2) The total number of absentee ballots returned to the board of registrars by the deadline to receive such absentee ballots on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421

October 18, 2023

### **PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR FOR THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF**

The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00am on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(10)

October 20, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION FOR THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF**

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(11)



## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

October 21, 2023

### **MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**

Voting shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays, during such period and shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and, if the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.

October 22, 2023

### **OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**

Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

October 23, 2023

### **EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION**

Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot,' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners .O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)

October 23, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF**

Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)

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## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

October 24, 2023	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b></p> <p>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e).</p>
Two business days following certification	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE FOR THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)</p>
Five business days Following certification	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524</p>
October 27, 2023	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. For advance voting in person, the application shall be made within the time period set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)</p>
October 28, 2023	<p><b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Voting shall be conducted beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays, other than observed state holidays, during such period and shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and, if the registrar or absentee ballot clerk so chooses, the second Sunday, the third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M.</p>

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- October 29, 2023 **OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
- October 30, 2023 **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
- October 31, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
- November 2, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
- November 3, 2023 **LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING**  
The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)
- November 3, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SEND LETTERS TO DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION**  
At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

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## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

November 7, 2023

### **GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY AND PROPOSE A QUESTION**

The date of the General/Special Election is November 2, 2021. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-9; 21-2-2(12); 21-2-540

### **POLLS ARE OPEN**

Polls open at 7:00am and close at 7:00pm. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403

### **OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN**

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

### **TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.**

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct.

The election superintendent shall receive the memory cards from the poll managers and proceed to verify that the envelopes are sealed, remove each memory card and transfer the vote totals from the memory card to the election management system. O.C.G.A § 21-2-379.11(g); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12

### **10PM REPORT DUE TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

As soon as possible but not later than 10:00 P.M. following the close of the polls on the day of a primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall report to the Secretary of State and post in a prominent public place the following information: (1) The number of ballots cast at the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff, including provisional ballots cast; (2) The total number of absentee ballots returned to the board of registrars by the deadline to receive such absentee ballots on the day of the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421

November 8, 2023

### **PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR**

The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00am on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419, SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(10)

November 13, 2023

### **DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL BALLOT VERIFICATION**

Within three days following the election, the registrar will verify to the election superintendent whether the provisional ballot may be accepted or rejected and shall check the appropriate column on the provisional numbered list. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18(11)  
– *Date moved due to state holiday on Friday, November 10, 2023*



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## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

- November 13, 2023 **DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL RUNOFF**  
The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)
- November 14, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION RETURNS**  
Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k) – *Date moved due to state holiday on Friday, November 10, 2023*
- November 15, 2023 **COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT**  
As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e).
- Two business days following certification **DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE**  
Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)



## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

Five business days following certification

### **DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS**

A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524

November 27, 2024

### **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR THE DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL RUNOFF**

To be timely received, an application for an absentee-by-mail ballot shall be received by the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk no later than 11 days prior to the primary, election, or runoff. For advance voting in person, the application shall be made within the time period set forth in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A) – *Date moved due to state holiday on November 24, 2023*

As soon as possible or by November 27, 2023

### **ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MUNICIPAL GENERAL RUNOFF**

Advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general election in which there are only state or county candidates on the ballot in the runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election or runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

As soon as possible

### **FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> RUNOFF**

In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)

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## 2023 ELECTION CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE CALENDAR

December 5, 2023

### **DATE OF GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF**

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### **OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN**

The chairman of the county board of registrars and the election superintendent shall cause their office(s) to remain open during the entire duration of each primary and election, and after the close of the polls, until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490

### **TABULATION, POSTING, ETC.**

The poll manager shall post one tape showing the total votes cast for the precinct on the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap sheet for the precinct.

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December 6, 2023

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December 8, 2023

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- December 11, 2023 **DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF RETURNS**  
Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)
- December 12, 2023 **COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT**  
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- Five business days following certification **DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS**  
A petition to contest the result of a primary or election shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524