

# GEORGIA ELECTIONS: EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING

 Georgia is one of **34** states which does not require an excuse for a voter to request an absentee ballot. Any Georgia voter can vote via an absentee ballot.

A GEORGIA VOTER CAN REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ANY TIME BETWEEN

# 78 DAYS

BEFORE THE ELECTION AND 11 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

VOTERS CAN **DOWNLOAD** AND PRINT  
AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION ON  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED  
TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS IN **4** WAYS:

EMAIL



MAIL




FAX



IN PERSON



COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE **RETURNED BY MAIL, DELIVERED IN PERSON** TO THE VOTER'S COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE, OR DROPPED OFF AT A **DROP BOX** LOCATION WITHIN THE VOTER'S COUNTY. THE BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY REGISTRAR BY THE **CLOSE OF THE POLLS** ON ELECTION DAY. 

To ensure an absentee ballot is **received and counted**, voters can track their ballot's progress in **2** ways:

**ballottrax**

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- If a voter requests an absentee ballot, but then decides to **vote in person**, the voter should bring the unused ballot with them to the polls to have it cancelled. If the voter
- has not received the ballot yet or they do not bring it to the polling place, they must sign
- an **affidavit** confirming that they have not and will not vote with the absentee ballot.

# UOCAVA

THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT

A FEDERAL LAW, ENACTED IN 1986, WHICH REQUIRES STATES TO ALLOW CERTAIN GROUPS OF **OVERSEAS CITIZENS** TO REGISTER AND VOTE ABSENTEE IN ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICES.

In addition to absentee voting by mail, Georgia voters also have the option of **early or advance voting** in person.

DURING THE PERIOD OF ADVANCE VOTING, VOTERS ARE PERMITTED TO VOTE AT **ANY EARLY VOTING LOCATION** WITHIN THEIR COUNTY.



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STATES, INCLUDING GEORGIA, PERMIT SOME FORM OF EARLY VOTING

The period of advance voting in Georgia begins on the **4th Monday** prior to Election Day and concludes on the **Friday before** Election Day.

