



PAULDING COUNTY

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Board of Elections

**Deidre B. Holden, Director**

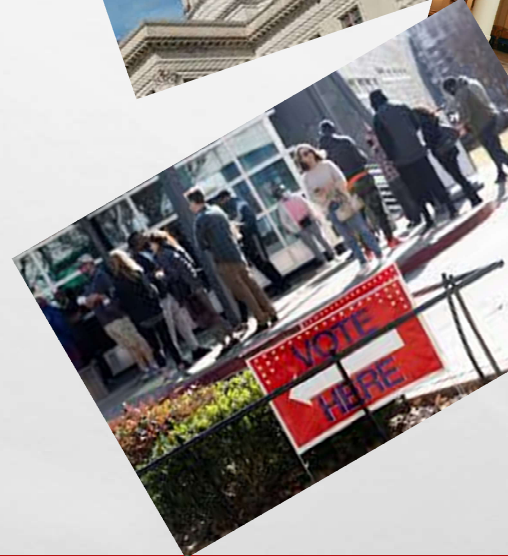
# PAULDING COUNTY, GEORGIA



- 35 MILES NORTHWEST OF ATLANTA
- POPULATION: 189,000
- VOTERS: 141,649
- 21 POLLING LOCATIONS
- 3 ADVANCE VOTING LOCATIONS
- 5 MEMBER BOARD OF ELECTIONS
- 5 FULL TIME STAFF
- SERVING THE VOTERS OF PAULDING COUNTY FOR 21 YEARS, PAULDING COUNTY FOR 29 YEARS
- UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION-LOCAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

# WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY & HOW

GEORGIANS WORKING TOGETHER  
FOR SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS



# WHO?

**\*THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**\*THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**\*THE STATE ELECTION BOARD**

**\*GEORGIA ELECTION OFFICIALS**

**\*GEORGIA VOTERS**

**MOST IMPORTANT...**

**THE GEORGIA  
VOTER**

# WHAT?

SAFE

SECURE

TRANSPARENT

TRUSTED

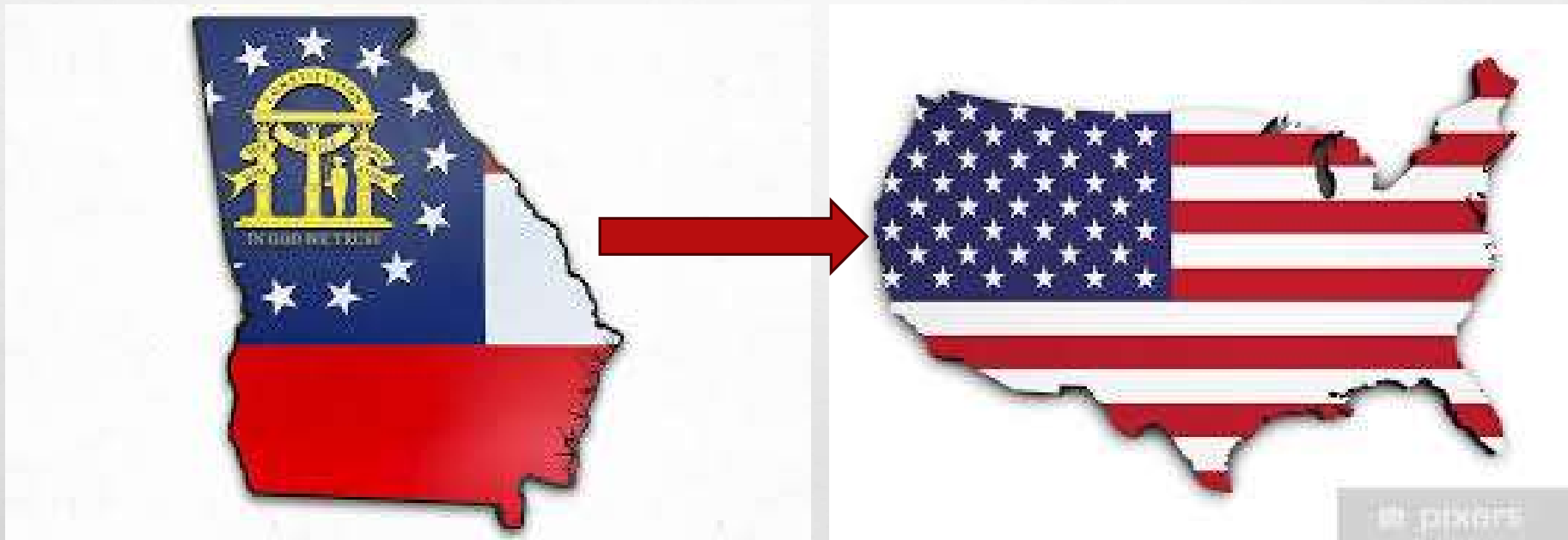
SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS FOR

ALL VOTERS

**WHEN?**

**!! NOW !!**

# WHERE?



# WHY?



1. VOTER CONFIDENCE
2. SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS
3. CONSISTENT &  
REASONABLE ELECTION  
CODE & SEB RULES

# HOW?

- GET THE POLITICS OUT OF THE PROCESS-BIPARTISANSHIP IS INSTRUMENTAL TO SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS
- LISTEN TO THE VOTERS
- LISTEN TO THE ELECTION OFFICIALS-WE DO THIS EVERY DAY
- RECOGNIZING THAT ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL
- WORK TOGETHER

**“ I BELIEVE VOTING LEADS TO  
BETTER CITIZENS, SO I THINK IT  
IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE IT AS  
EASY AS POSSIBLE TO REGISTER. — ”**  
**ANN FFOLLIOTT**

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

# DDS-DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER'S SERVICES

## OPT-IN NOT OPT-OUT

- OPT-OUT PROCESS HAS FAILED
- FELONS REGISTERING-LEGAL ISSUES
- NON-CITIZENS REGISTERING
- INDIVIDUALS REGISTERING THAT DO NOT WANT TO REGISTER.
- PRODUCING TOO MANY DUPLICATE APPLICATIONS
- DDS SENDING OVER INCORRECT INFORMATION
- PLACES FINANCIAL BURDEN ON COUNTIES FOR NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

## PHYSICAL ADDRESS REQUIREMENT

- DDS IS ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO GET A DRIVERS LICENSE WITHOUT REQUIRING A PHYSICAL ADDRESS-WE CANNOT REGISTER APPLICANTS WITHOUT A PHYSICAL ADDRESS
- DDS ALLOWS PO BOX REGISTRATIONS AS WELL AS MAILBOX STORE REGISTRATIONS
- OCGA 21-2-217 (C) PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OR RENTAL OF A POST OFFICE BOX OR PRIVATE MAILBOX SERVICE ADDRESS WITHIN A PARTICULAR JURISDICTION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO ESTABLISH A PERSON'S RESIDENCY WITHIN THAT PARTICULAR JURISDICTION
- OCGA 21-2-217 (C) (14) THE SPECIFIC ADDRESS IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH A PERSON HAS DECLARED A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, IF A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION HAS BEEN CLAIMED, SHALL BE DEEMED THE PERSON'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS
- PLACES FINANCIAL BURDEN ON COUNTIES FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES

# DFACS AND PUBLIC HEALTH REGISTRATIONS

- MISUNDERSTANDING OF REGISTRATON PROCESS-INCOMPLETE PACKET=NO SERVICE
- NON-CITIZENS REGISTERING
- FELONS REGISTERING
- NO GUIDANCE FROM REGISTRATION SITES
- PLACES BURDEN ON COUNTY BUDGETS FOR NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRED

# UOCAVA VOTERS

(UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT)



WE NEED ELECTRONIC BALLOT RETURN

- MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS ARE PAYING EXORBITANT AMOUNTS TO GET THEIR VOTED BALLOTS BACK TO US ON TIME.
- POSSIBLE PILOT FOR THIS
- THEN EXPAND TO OUR ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS FOR THIS PROCESS

A graphic featuring a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. The text 'RUNOFF ELECTIONS' is overlaid in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a slight shadow effect. In the bottom right corner of the graphic, the letters 'MGN' are visible in a smaller font.

# RUNOFF ELECTIONS

...BUT  
WHY?

# MAJORITY VS PLURALITY

- INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES AND INFLATION
  - COUNTY FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS AND REC, WATER, SENIORS...NOT RUNOFF ELECTIONS
- POSSIBLE IDEAS
  - PLURALITY INSTEAD OF MAJORITY FOR ALL ELECTIONS
  - LOWER MAJORITY % TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN AN ELECTION
  - RANK CHOICE VOTING-NOT POPULAR, BUT IT WORKS. GEORGIA ALREADY USES THIS FOR OUR UOCAVA VOTERS
  - REWRITE OCGA 21-2-270 TO INCLUDE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE TURNOUT IN ALL ELECTIONS TO REQUIRE OPENING 1 EARLY VOTING LOCATION AND POLLING LOCATION INSTEAD OF ALL POLLING LOCATIONS AND MULTIPLE EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS. HUGE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON COUNTIES.

# COST EXAMPLE JUNE 2025 PSC ELECTION PAULDING COUNTY

## JUNE 17, 2025 PSC ELECTION

1,043 VOTES CAST 1.47%  
TURNOUT

\$70,000 COST TO PAULDING  
COUNTY

3 EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

21 POLLING LOCATIONS

**\$67.11 PER VOTE**

## RUNOFF ELECTION WITHOUT OCGA 21-2-270 APPLIED

533 VOTES CAST 0.41% TURNOUT

\$35,000 COST TO PAULDING  
COUNTY

1 EARLY VOTING LOCATION

21 POLLING LOCATIONS

**\$65.67 PER VOTE**

## RUNOFF ELECTION WITH OCGA 21-2-270 APPLIED

533 VOTES CAST 0.41% TURNOUT

\$13,675.00 COST TO PAULDING  
COUNTY

1 EARLY VOTING LOCATION

1 POLLING LOCATION

**\$25.66 PER VOTE**

# SPECIAL ELECTIONS

## CURRENTLY

### EVEN NUMBERED YEARS

3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY IN MARCH

DATE OF GENERAL  
PRIMARY

1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY AFTER THE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

## CURRENTLY

### ODD NUMBERED YEARS

3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY IN MARCH

3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY IN JUNE

3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY AFTER THE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

## PROPOSED

DO AWAY WITH ODD NUMBERED  
YEAR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

ONLY HAVE SPECIAL ELECTIONS IN  
AN ODD NUMBERED YEAR FOR  
REASONS OF DEATH OR  
RESIGNATION

ADD TO MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
BALLOT

# **ACCESSIBLE & CONVENIENT VOTING**

**MAKE ELECTION DAY LIKE EARLY VOTING-THIS  
WILL ALLOW VOTERS TO STOP AND CAST THEIR  
VOTE AN ANY POLLING LOCATION IN THE COUNTY  
IN WHICH THEY ARE REGISTERED.**

**WE HAVE THE CAPABILITIES...IT CAN BE DONE!**

# RULES OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD

NO RULE CHANGES  
90 DAYS PRIOR TO AN  
ELECTION

# **2024 CONFUSION**

**CONDUCT OF ELECTION...HOW?**

**RE-TRAINING OF POLL  
WORKERS-ADDED EXPENSE**

**POLITICS GOT INVOLVED**

# REVAMP OF SEB

- ADD THE SECRETARY OF STATE BACK TO THE TABLE
- CREATE A SUPPORT COMMITTEE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS TO EDUCATE THE SEB ON ELECTION ISSUES THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND
- ASSIST IN FUNDING TO EXPEDITE HEARINGS

# UNITY-TEAMWORK

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE ELECTION BOARD

ELECTION OFFICIALS

# VOTER OUTREACH & EDUCATION STATEWIDE

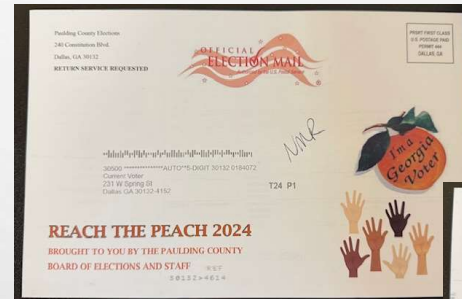
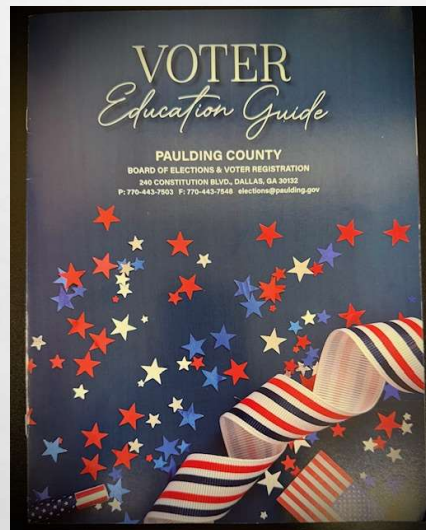
“IT IS OUR DUTY AS ELECTION OFFICIALS TO EDUCATE OUR VOTERS SO THEY WILL BE  
CONFIDENT AND SUCCESSFUL IN CASTING THEIR VOTE.” *DEIDRE HOLDEN*

# PAULDING COUNTY-OUTREACH

## VOTER EDUCATION GUIDE-2022

## REACH THE PEACH-2024

FEDERAL AWARD  
WINNING-CLEARIE  
AWARD UNITED  
STATES ELECTION  
ASSISTANCE  
COMMISSION



**REACH THE PEACH IN 2024 BY BEING ELECTION READY**

Election Date	Election Type	Registration Deadline	Early Voting Dates	General Voting Dates	Mail-in Voting Dates
March 12	Presidential Preference Primary	February 17	3/10/24-3/12/24	3/12/24-3/12/24	3/12/24
May 14	Presidential Preference Primary	April 17	4/22/24-4/24/24	4/24/24-4/24/24	4/24/24
June 18	Primary/Nonpartisan Runoff	April 17	6/12/24-6/18/24	6/18/24-6/18/24	6/18/24
Nov. 5	General Election	10/15/24	10/15/24-10/15/24	10/15/24-10/15/24	10/15/24
Dec. 2	General Runoff for Federal Offices	11/4/24	11/27/24-11/27/24	11/27/24-11/27/24	11/27/24

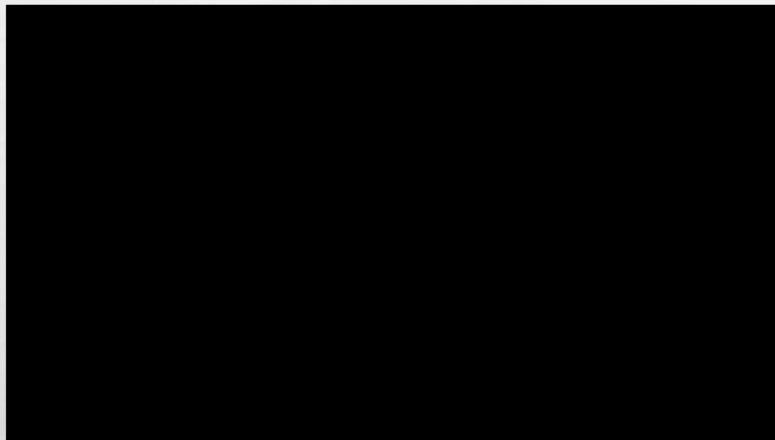
Are you Election Ready?  
Visit [www.paULDING.gov/election](http://www.paULDING.gov/election) or register in person at the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office. Register in person, request an absentee ballot, or find your polling location.

Please contact the Paulding County Election Office  
770-443-7933  
or  
[election@paULDING.gov](mailto:election@paULDING.gov)

You can also find us on social media:  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pauldingcountyga>  
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pauldingcountyga>  
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/pauldingcountyga>

# PAULDING COUNTY-OUTREACH

## LOCAL PSA'S



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



# SUGGESTION: STATEWIDE VOTER OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR SECRETARY OF STATE TO HAVE A VOTER OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT REACHES ALL GEORGIA VOTERS
- ESTABLISH AN OUTREACH TEAM MADE UP OF COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS, SECRETARY OF STATE ELECTION DIVISION STAFF AND SEB TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN
- OUR VOTERS DESERVE THIS

# BETTER OUTREACH FOR “RETURNING CITIZENS” (FELONS)

THERE IS NO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR FELONY SENTENCES

- SHOCK AND EMOTIONS
- BOGGED DOWN SYSTEM

[HTTPS://DCBOE.ORG/FAQS/INCARCERATED-VOTERS-RETURNING-CITIZENS](https://dcboe.org/faqs/incarcerated-voters-returning-citizens)

# ELECTIONS MATTER

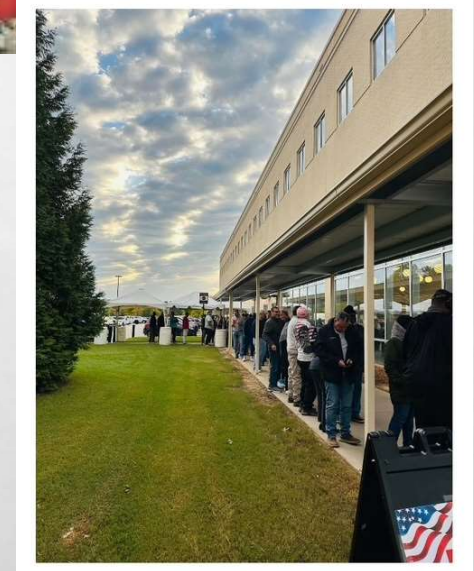
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**\*GEORGIA VOTERS**



# OUR VOTERS



# OUR COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS





# OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS

THANK  
YOU!

QUESTIONS  
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