



House of Representatives
Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Election Procedures

Blue-Ribbon Study Committee Report

The Honorable Tim Fleming
Representative, 114th District
Chair

The Honorable Victor Anderson
Representative, 10th District
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The Honorable Saira Draper
Representative, 90th District

The Honorable Jan Jones
Speaker Pro Tempore, 47th District

The Honorable Trey Kelley
Representative, 16th District

The Honorable Rob Leverett
Representative, 123rd District

The Honorable Martin Momtahan
Representative, 17th District

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Introduction

The House Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Election Procedures was created by Speaker Jon Burns following the 2025 Legislative Session. The committee was established to study and evaluate Georgia's current election laws as well as statewide and local election administration. In Georgia, the Secretary of State, the State Election Board, and local county election officials work together to administer the state's current election process. The committee was tasked with examining that connection and considering any improvements that might be possible.

Speaker Jon Burns appointed the following members to the blue-ribbon study committee: Representative Tim Fleming, chair; Representative Victor Anderson, vice chair; Representative Saira Draper; Representative Jan Jones; Representative Trey Kelley; Representative Rob Leverett; and Representative Martin Momtahan.

Meeting Summary

The House Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Election Procedures held six meetings throughout the state between July and October of 2025. The committee heard from election stakeholders, experts, advocates, officials, and members of the public on various topics related to election administration in the state.

Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Location: 341 Capitol – Atlanta, Georgia

Date: Friday, August 8, 2025

Location: Rockmart City Hall – Rockmart, Georgia

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2025

Location: North Georgia Technical College – Clarkesville, Georgia

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Location: Savannah Technical College – Savannah, Georgia

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2025

Location: Georgia Piedmont Technical College – Covington, Georgia

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025

Location: South Georgia Technical College – Americus, Georgia


Recommendations

The following recommendations are offered by the blue-ribbon study committee related to election procedures in this state:

1. Extend the existence of the House Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Election Procedures through December 31, 2026. Allow the committee to continue meeting, as necessary, and offer further recommendations on topics related to elections in the state.
2. In order to ensure compliance with the intent of SB 189 (2024 Session), the General Assembly should adopt legislation to provide voters with the option to utilize pre-printed, hand-marked paper ballots on Election Day, beginning with the 2026 General Election. The legislation should require all ballots that contain a QR code of any kind to be hand-counted for the purposes of official tabulation. Scanner tabulation of QR code ballots is for unofficial results only.¹
3. The General Assembly should adopt legislation during the 2026 session to provide for the procurement of Georgia's next statewide voting system. The General Assembly should provide funds in the FY 2027 budget to allow for the purchasing of a new statewide uniform voting system.

Speaker Burns, these are the recommendations of the House Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Election Procedures.

Respectfully Submitted,



**The Honorable Tim Fleming
Representative, 114th District
Chair**

¹ Committee member Representative Saira Draper opposes this recommendation.