

# GEORGIA | VOTING LAWS

**Registration** — no later than October 11, 2022  
**Election Dates:** Primary Election — May 24, 2022  
General Election — November 8, 2022

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## BRIEF STATEMENT OF CURRENT ELECTION LAWS

### THE BASICS:

- Georgia permits online voter registration
- Georgia permits no-excuse absentee voting and early voting.
- Voters in Georgia are required to present valid photo identification at the polls. An individual with a felony conviction is unable to vote until the completion of his or her sentence, including probation or parole. Voting rights are automatically restored once the sentence is completed.
- On March 25, 2021, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp (R) signed SB202 into law, enacting a series of changes to the state's election administration procedures, including (but not limited to) the following:
  - Absentee/mail-in ballots verified on the basis of driver's license numbers instead of voter signatures (the last four digits of a Social Security number, and a date of birth, permissible in lieu of a driver's license number).
  - Ballot drop boxes made available only inside early voting locations during business hours.
  - Ballot application deadline fixed at 11 days before Election Day.
  - Early voting: For general elections, counties required to offer early voting on two Saturdays; counties authorized, but not required, to offer early voting on two Sundays.
  - For runoff elections, early voting period limited to a minimum of one week.
  - Other election administration matters:
    - State Election Board authorized to remove county election boards and replace them with interim election managers.
    - Counties required to certify election results within six days instead of 10.
    - Prohibited the use of "photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices ... to photograph or record a voted ballot."

## REGISTRATION RULES

You are eligible to vote in Georgia if you:

- Are a U.S citizen
- Are a resident of Georgia
- Are at least 18 years old by Election Day
- You are NOT eligible to vote in Georgia if:
  - You have been legally declared "mentally incompetent" by a court
  - You are on parole for a felony conviction or convicted of a felony

## KEY ID REQUIREMENTS SOURCES

**SUMMARY:** Georgia requires voters to present photo identification (ID) while voting. Accepted forms of ID include Georgia driver's licenses or ID cards, U.S. passports, and U.S. military ID. WHAT IDS ARE ACCEPTABLE?

- Any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, including a free ID Card issued by your county registrar's office or the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS)
- A Georgia Driver's License, even if expired
- Valid employee photo ID from any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. Government, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority or other entity of this state
- Valid U.S. passport ID
- Valid U.S. military photo ID
- Valid tribal photo ID If the voter does not have one of the six acceptable forms of photo ID, the State of Georgia offers a free ID Card. An ID card can be issued at any county registrar's office or Department of Driver Services Office free of charge.
- To receive a voter identification card, the voter must provide:
  - A photo identity document or approved non-photo identity document that includes full legal name and date of birth
  - Documentation showing the voter's date of birth
  - Evidence that the applicant is a registered voter
  - Documentation showing the applicant's name and residential address