

ELECTION PROTECTION **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

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Georgia Voter Registration Cut-off is October 6

*Five Metro-Atlanta County Election Officials Expect Record Registration and Turnout
Voters Urged to Vote Early to Avoid Long Lines on Election Day*

PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE CAPITOL - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 10AM

ATLANTA, GA – Are you registered to vote? You have only two weeks left to sign up. The deadline is October 6. If you're not registered, you can't vote. And if you've moved recently, you can't vote until you've re-registered. Election officials of Atlanta area's five largest counties are encouraging every voter to vote early to avoid long lines on Election Day. **For the first time ever**, Georgia voters will be able to **vote early** by casting "absentee" ballots in person.

Georgia Election Protection is announcing the launch of a national hotline **1-866-OUR-VOTE** to help voters with any questions or problems they may have about voting. A **real live person** will answer your call. The hotline is open **NOW** until the polls close on Election Day. If you need to find out if your registered, or where to register, or if you have any questions about voting, call today. Election Protection also has a website www.866OurVote.org, where you can register to vote, locate your polling place or report a problem at the polls. Help is just a phone call or a click away.

WHO: Election Director from Fulton County and Georgia Election Protection leaders.

WHAT: Press Conference on Voter Registration Deadline and Ga. Election Protection Hotline Launch

WHEN: Tuesday, September 23, 10:00 AM (EST)

WHERE: State Capitol Building , North Wing

SPEAKERS:

April Pye, Interim Director, Fulton County Registration and Elections

Sarah Shalf, Georgia Election Protection

Rev. Tim McDonald, Sr. Pastor, First Iconium Baptist Church & Founder, African American Ministers Leadership Council

To register to vote:

- Go online to www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/elections print out a voter registration application, sign it and mail it in, or
- Go to any county elections office, public library, college registrar office, public assistance office or military recruitment office and request a voter registration application.

If you're not sure whether you are currently registered in the county where you live, check the **poll locator** database at <http://www.sos.georgia.gov/elections/polllocator/> or via the Secretary of State's Voter Information Hotline at **(888) 265-1115**.

If you are voting in-person, you are required to show **photo ID**. If a voter does not have photo identification, they can obtain a FREE Voter ID card at their County Registrars' office or the Georgia Department of Driver's Services. Anyone with additional questions about Georgia's photo ID requirements can visit <http://www.gaphotoid.com> or call toll free 877-725-9797.

Early voting in person, voting by absentee ballot or advance voting (the week before Election Day) are the best ways to make sure your vote is counted and that you don't have to spend time at long lines at the polls on Election Day.

Absentee/Early/Advanced Voting: Georgia voters no longer need a reason for voting prior to Election Day. Any registered voter who is eligible to vote in an election(s) is welcome to vote prior to Election Day in one of the following three ways.

Absentee voting by mail: voters must complete an application and mail or fax to their county elections office. Ballots are available approximately 45 days prior to regular elections. GENERALLY, BALLOTS MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE ELECTIONS OFFICE.

Early voting in person: For the first time, voters will be able to cast “absentee” ballots in person, without providing a reason. Early voting requires voters to complete an application, provide identification and vote the same day, if ballots are available. Early voting in person is normally conducted at the county elections office.

Advanced voting; is conducted the Monday through Friday of the week immediately preceding Election Day.

THERE IS ABSOLUTLEY NO TYPE OF VOTING ON THE MONDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY.

A list of Early and Advance Voting Locations and Hours in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton and Gwinnett Counties is included at www.electionprotectionga.org.

About Election Protection

Election Protection is the nation’s largest nonpartisan voter protection coalition, led by the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Through its **1-866-OUR-VOTE** Hotline (1-866-687-8683) and dedicated team of legal experts and trained volunteers, Election Protection helps all American voters gain access to the polls and resolve election issues through live, immediate assistance. The coalition has more than 100 partners at the national, state and local level, and is providing live voter protection services now through Election Day for all 50 states. For more information about Election Protection and the 1-866-OUR-VOTE Hotline, please visit: www.866ourvote.org