



Board of Elections and Registrations

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Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration April 1, 2021 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, April 1st. Vice Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Chair Margaret Jenkins excused from meeting. March Board minutes were adopted.

Comments: N/A

New Business:

- **VR Report-** Linda Parker seconded Diane Scrimshire's motion to accept 34 obituary deaths for the month of March. Vote was unanimous to accept report.
- **UGA Research Project-** Diane Scrimshire seconded Linda Parker's motion to not move forward with UGA unless court order from SOS Elections Division requesting participation.

Old Business:

- **Special Election-** Qualifying for School Board Seat District 2 will be April 6-8 9:30am.- 4:00pm., with fees set at \$135.00
- Expense borne by School District. Tech support will be Timothy Brown.
- Early voting at City Service Center will start May 24th. Absentee by mail to begin May 24th.
- **Relocation-** Linda Parker second Diane Scrimshire's motion to accept St. Mark precinct to be moved to Central Baptist Church, 8303 Whitesville Rd.
- **Senate Bill 202-** Educating voters on new process.

Correspondence: N/A

Guest:

- Jane Wilson

No further business Vice-Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Margaret Jenkins
Chairperson

SB202 – As passed

Section 3 – defines Superintendent

Section 4 – Attorney General establish and maintain telephone hotline for voters

Section 5 – Describes how SEB is composed and how chairperson is selected. SOS is ex officio nonvoting member

Section 6 – Process for suspending county or municipal superintendents (only 4 at one time)

Section 7 – Defines performance review board, investigation, and suspension process

Section 8 – State Election Board may only adopt emergency rules or regulations in certain circumstances after appropriate notice

Section 9 – County must budget funds for elections and voter registration

Section 10 – How counties without boards of elections operate

Section 11 – Poll workers can work outside of county of residence with approval

Section 12 – Defines local election official and sets out what officials can request performance review

Section 13 – Process for withdrawal, death or disqualification of nonpartisan candidates

Section 14 – No grant funding

Section 15 – No limit on number of persons a voter can challenge

Section 16 – Sets time for challenges to be filed

Section 17 – List maintenance by SOS

Section 18 – Precinct with more than 2000 registered voters and a wait time longer than an hour much be split

Section 19 – Notices of changes in precinct locations posted 7 days before election and requires signage to be a certain size

Section 20 – Restricts use of movable polling places only in emergencies declared by Governor

Section 20A – Describes form of nonpartisan ballot

Section 20B – Form of ballot in nonpartisan municipal primaries

Section 20C – Requires name and designation of precinct

Section 21 – Related to form of ballot in nonpartisan elections

Section 21A – Precinct name and designation on ballot

Section 21B – Requires precinct name and designation on absentee ballots

Section 22 – 1 ballot marking device for every 250 voters in precinct required in general elections. Flexibility in other elections based on expected turnout, voters that have already voter or other factors.

Section 23 – Security paper (except for UOCAVA)

Section 23A – Ballots printed by BMD required to have name and designation of precinct

Section 24 – Public notice of pre-election testing. Ads not in legal section

Section 25 – Application for absentee ballots no earlier than 78 days or later than 11 days before election. Application must contain Georgia driver's license or identification card number or copy of form of id in 21-2-417. Applications mailed by organizations must have disclaimer prominently displayed.

Section 26 – Additional early voting sites established by registrars. Authorizes drop boxes inside, under constant surveillance, and open only during hours of early voting (Muscooke County – 1)

Section 27 – Sets period for mailing absentee ballots. Changes period of time a voter in hospital can request absentee ballot. Requires Georgia driver's license number or identification card on absentee ballot oath envelope in addition to signature. Space for last four of social security number if no Ga DL or ID. Sets language of oath for voter. Rank choice voting for UOCAVA

Section 28 – Process for returning absentee ballot, wording of oath, information required, and who can return the ballot. Sets time, days and hours of advance voting (Saturdays are mandatory – Sundays optional for counties) (9-5 mandatory with 7 to 7 optional). Sets daily reporting requirements for absentee voting and provisional ballots

Section 29 – Process for validating absentee ballots that are received. Describes cure process. Early opening and scanning of absentee ballots on third Monday before election or primary. Describes process for monitors. Provides for tabulating absentee ballots beginning at 7:00 am on election day

Section 30 – SOS authorized to inspect and audit information regarding absentee ballots

Section 31 – Poll hours extended only by order of a superior court judge

Section 32 – Defines process for poll workers or monitors

Section 33 – Defines prohibitions of giving items to voters within 150' of building where voting is happening or 25' of voter standing in line.

Section 34 – Prohibits out of precinct provisional ballots unless it is after 5:00 pm and voter completes a sworn statement

Section 35 – Validation of provisional ballots

Section 36 – As soon as possible after close of polls, totals of ballots (including provisional) must be reported no later than 10:00 pm on election day.

Section 37 – Canvass and computation cannot be adjourned until complete

Section 38 – Relates to ballots identifying voter, not marked or marked improperly

Section 38A – Name and precinct designation on ballots

Section 38B – Name and precinct designation on ballots

Section 39 – How duplication panel is composed. Requires unique numbers for duplicate ballots that links back to original

Section 40 – Computation and canvassing continues until complete

Section 41 – Computation and canvassing of absentee ballots until complete. Certification Monday following election

Section 42 – Majority vote for winner of election. Any runoff is 28 days from general, special election or primary. Runoff is a continuance

Section 43 – Conduct of special elections and dates

Section 44 – Time for special election

Section 45 – Special election of US senator

Section 46 – Special elections and primaries for vacancies

Section 47 – Protects privacy of ballot

Section 48 – Illegal to see or photograph another ballot

Section 49 – Delay of census data

Section 50 – Related to emergency rules

Section 51 – Ballot images public record

Section 52 – sets effective dates

All parts of new law are effective now except sections 21,23,25,27,28,29...those sections effective July 1, 2021

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