

2022 UPDATE

# MUSCOGEE ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION



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## THE BALLOT?

Midterm election cycle

Congress, Governor, Lt. Governor other state offices

State Senators and State Representatives;  
Nonbinding party questions

Judges, Mayor, Council and School Board  
Representatives and TSPLOST

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT

Muscogee County, Georgia
Precinct: 222-Palmetto
Registration: General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election - May 24, 2022

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- For United States Senate (Vote for One): Gary W. Barks, Josh Clark, Kelvin King, Jonathan "Jack" McCollum, Lathen Swidler, Herschel Justice Walker.
For Attorney General (Vote for One): Chris Carr, John Gordon, Jerrey Mack, Wayne Johnson, Roby Robertson, Chris West, Paul Whitford.
For Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One): Tyler Harper.
For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One): Ben Cowart.
For State Senate District 29 (Vote for One): John King, Patrick Webb.
For State School Superintendent (Vote for One): John D. Benge.
For State House of Representatives - District 137 (Vote for One): Randy Robertson, Justin Redout.

REPUBLICAN PARTY QUESTIONS
1 - The State administration has managed building the border wall and illegal border crossings have dramatically increased. Should securing our border be a national priority?
Yes
No

2 - Education is the largest item on the state budget. Should education dollars follow the student to the school that best fits their needs, whatever it is public, private, magnet, charter, school or homeschool?
Yes
No

3 - Florida has passed a law to stop social media platforms from influencing political campaigns by removing advertisements. Should Georgia pass such a law to protect free speech in political campaigns?
Yes
No

- For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One): Mark Jones, Mark Worley, Bulch Miller, Jason Sawyer.
For Secretary of State (Vote for One): David C. Balle III, Jody Hill, T.J. Hudson, Neal Raffensperger.
For Commissioner of Labor (Vote for One): Karthi Shank, Mike Cook, Bruce Thompson.
For Public Service Commissioner District 2 (To Succeed Tim Echols) (Vote for One): Tim Echols.
For Public Service Commissioner District 3 (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Chuck Eaton, I) (Vote for One): Mike Johnson.

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For Governor (Vote for One): Stacey Abrams.
For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One): Erik E. Alban, Charles Bailey, Tyonea Brooks, Jr, Tony Brown, Rosetta Hall, Jason T. Hayes, Derrick L. Jackson, R. Math, Rosetta Shannon.
For Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One): Wilfred Dubois, NABSA Nunnongy, Fred Bowen.
For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One): Raphael Eyles, Jason Lam, Robinson, Matthew Wilson.
For State School Superintendent (Vote for One): Gerry Hitchens, Jata V. Howard, Jason Murray, II, Blake Thomas Seay.
For Public Service Commissioner District 3 (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Chuck Eaton, I) (Vote for One): Shaka Edwards, Chandra Parry, Ricky Moore.
For United States House of Representatives - District 4 (Vote for One): Sanford Bishop, Joe Sparks.
For State Senate District 29 (Vote for One): Frederick Mackay, Ellen Wight.
For State House of Representatives - District 137 (Vote for One): Dallas O. Rankin.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY QUESTIONS
1 - Should the United States remove subsidies to encourage advancement by lowering of student loan debt?
Yes
No
2 - Should all Georgians have access to paid parental leave following the birth or adoption of a child?
Yes
No
3 - Should every three- and four-year old in Georgia be given the opportunity to attend a high-quality preschool free of charge?
Yes
No

For Secretary of State (Vote for One): Dee Cawthon-Hayler, John Davis, Floyd Griffin, Dee Nguyen, Michael Overton.
For Commissioner of Labor (Vote for One): William "WB" Locke, II, Thomas Dean, Nicole Hale, Lester G. Johnson III, NABSA Nunnongy.
For Public Service Commissioner District 2 (To Succeed Tim Echols) (Vote for One): Patty Dossant, Russell Edwards.

- For Attorney General (Vote for One): Jennifer "Jack" Jordan, Christian Wise Smith.

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**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT**

Muscogee County, Georgia  
 Precinct: 222-Prattwood  
 Nonpartisan General Election - May 24, 2022

<p><b>Instructions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use exact or blue ink to mark the ballot.</li> <li>2. Completely fill in the circle next to the left of the candidate name or choice in all items you wish to vote.</li> <li>3. If voting for a ballot or candidate, completely fill in the oval to the left of the name in specific, then write the name of the vote in candidate in the space provided.</li> </ol> <p><b>If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "spoiler" across the ballot AND along the return envelope.</li> <li>B. Mail or hand the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars. A new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you.</li> </ol> <p><b>If you write in a vote in a contest:</b> Submit the ballot to the poll manager at all early voting sites within your precinct in the precinct to which you are assigned. You will have the privilege to vote a regular ballot.</p> <p><small>Ballot boxes that do not offer an exception always accept other types of votes to vote in an election, including absentee ballots, if a list of those voters is filed with the county registrar and approved by the board of registrars. (2017 O.C.G.A. § 21-2-101, § 21-2-102, § 21-2-103, and § 21-2-104.)</small></p>	<p><b>Warnings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do NOT use red ink or wet tip pen to mark ballot.</li> <li>Do NOT write, underline or draw through choices.</li> <li>Do NOT use white marks or X to mark ballot.</li> <li>Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed.</li> <li>Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.</li> </ul>
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**NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION**

**For Justice  
 Supreme Court of Georgia  
 (To Succeed Verda M. Colvin)  
 (Vote for One)**

- Vanessa Brinson
- Verda M. Colvin (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Justice  
 Supreme Court of Georgia  
 (To Succeed Shawn LaDine)  
 (Vote for One)**

- Shawn Ebon LaDine (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Justice  
 Supreme Court of Georgia  
 (To Succeed Carrie W. Mellick)  
 (Vote for One)**

- Carla McMillan (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Judge  
 Court of Appeals of Georgia  
 (To Succeed Anne Elizabeth Barnes)  
 (Vote for One)**

- Anne Elizabeth Barnes (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Judge  
 Court of Appeals of Georgia  
 (To Succeed Christopher McFadden)  
 (Vote for One)**

- Chris McFadden (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Judge  
 Court of Appeals of Georgia  
 (To Succeed Tina Pipkin)  
 (Vote for One)**

- Tina Pipkin (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Judge of State Court  
 Columbus Muscogee County  
 (To Succeed Andy Prather)  
 (Vote for One)**

- Andy Prather (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Mayor  
 (Vote for One)**

- John Anka
- E.H. "Bibi" Henderson III (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Council At-Large  
 (Vote for One)**

- Doug Redmond
- Carl Spratney
- Judy W. Thomas (Incumbent)
- "Ma" Alyssa Williams
- Vickie Williams-Wiley
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Write in

**For Board of Education  
 At-Large  
 (Vote for One)**

- Rita L. Chambers (Incumbent)
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Write in

**For Board of Education  
 District 8  
 (Vote for One)**

- Mark Cantrell (Incumbent)
- Zebulon Harris
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Write in

**SPECIAL ELECTION**

**River Valley District T-SFLOST  
 (Vote for One)**

Should Muscogee County's transportation system and the transportation network in this region and the state be improved by providing for a 1 percent state district transportation sales and use tax for the purpose of transportation projects and programs for a period of ten years?

- Yes
- No

# WHAT LOCAL CHANGES WILL VOTERS NOTICE?

- All voters will vote for the Mayor, Council At-Large and School Board At-Large.
- Based on registered address, a voter may see: **a** district council race or a district school board race, or **both** council and school board or **no** council and school board race.
- Nonbinding party questions – each political party sends questions for those who vote on that party’s ballot as an opinion poll
- Special Election – TSPLOST – last question on the ballot
- Voters will select either a Democrat, Republican, or Nonpartisan Ballot. In addition to statewide candidates, the party ballots will have the Nonpartisan election and the special election at the bottom. The Nonpartisan ballot only contains Judges, Mayor, Council, School Board, and the TSPLOST election.



# WHERE WILL I VOTE?

- Election Day voting precincts have not changed
- Voters will receive a new precinct card with district information and voting location
- Voter information and sample ballots can be viewed at Georgia's My Voter Page ([www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov))
- Early Voting: May 2 – May 20, 7am to 7pm including weekends.
- Three locations: Columbus Technical College (Patrick Hall), City Services Center, Shirley Winston Recreation Center
- Access at CSC will be from covered entrance between building and parking garage. Exit will be on side of CSC by Parks and Recreation.

# WHEN DO VOTERS REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS?

- Request **NOW**.
- 65 years of age or older or disabled can request one time to receive ballots for each election in the calendar year.
- There is no “automatic list” of absentee voters that carries over from year to year.
- Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail for the May primary: **Friday, May 13**.
- Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail for the November General Election: **October 28**.
- Miss these dates? Vote during the last week of early voting or on Election Day.
- **[SECUREMYABSENTEEBALLOT@SOS.GA.GOV](mailto:SECUREMYABSENTEEBALLOT@SOS.GA.GOV)**

# HOW CAN VOTERS SEND ABSENTEE INFORMATION?

- Applications must be received 11 days before the date of the election.
- Return the application by:
  - **Mail:** Elections, PO Box 1340, Columbus, GA 31902-1340
  - **Email** (as an attachment): [muscogeeelectionsandregistration.gov](mailto:muscogeeelectionsandregistration.gov)
  - **Fax:** 706-653-4394
- Voters can request absentee ballots by:
  - **In-person** at the Elections Office located at the City Services Center
  - If you are issued an absentee ballot and decide to vote early in person, you will be asked to complete a form stating that you have not returned your ballot and you have no intention to return it.
- The last day to return an absentee ballot to the Elections office is 7pm on Election Day. Please do not turn it in at a precinct.



# TIGHTER DEADLINES

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- Last day to request is 11 days before primary or election (May 13)
- First day to mail absentee ballots – April 25
- Absentee period shortened from 49 to 29 days

# ID REQUIRED TO APPLY

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- Voters must provide date of birth AND a Georgia Driver's License or Identification number
- If not available, must provide a copy of an approved ID (passport, military ID card, government employee ID, Georgia voter ID card, tribal ID card or a document that shows name and address (current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing name and address))

# HOW TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT

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- **Mail it** so it is received by 7pm on Election Day (1 Forever stamp or .58 cents)
- **Deliver it** in-person to the Elections Office at the City Services Center
- **Drop it** off at the ballot collection drop box during the hours of early voting
- **Track** the status of your returned ballot at: [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov)

# BALLOT COLLECTION DROP BOX

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- **One** ballot collection drop box will be available for voters.
- The box is located at the **City Services Center** just inside the entrance
- Hours for box are same as for early voting: **May 2 – May 20, 7am to 7pm daily.**
- The box will close on the last day of early voting (**May 20**)
- Absentee ballots will be accepted in the elections office until 7pm on Election Day.



**QUESTIONS?**

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