

# Georgia Senate Special Election



## THE ISSUES



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See <a href="#">Guides.vote</a> for online guides. Top two make runoff if no one wins more than 50%.	Volunteer for Doug Collins <a href="http://dougforgeorgia.com">dougforgeorgia.com</a>	Volunteer for Kelly Loeffler <a href="http://kellyforsenate.com">kellyforsenate.com</a>	Volunteer for Raphael Warnock <a href="http://warnockforgeorgia.com">warnockforgeorgia.com</a>
<b>AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</b> Support Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare?	No. Has <a href="#">“voted more than 50 times to repeal the ACA.”</a> ACA <a href="#">“shattered ... insurance market.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Supports lawsuit to end.</a> Calls <a href="#">Medicare for All insidious attack on liberty.</a>	Yes. Would <a href="#">“protect, improve, and build upon the Affordable Care Act.”</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Is human-caused climate change a top priority?	No. Does not believe it is human-caused. Co-sponsored bills to <a href="#">end EPA renewable fuel program.</a>	No position found. Her company <a href="#">previously lobbied for cap and trade when they’d likely have gotten contracts to administer it.</a>	Yes. It <a href="#">“is not something that is coming, it is here. It is way past time for all of us to get serious.”</a>
<b>COURTS</b> Pick Ruth Bader Ginsburg replacement now, or let November winner choose?	Now. <a href="#">With Trump “nominating a replacement that values human life, generations of unborn children have a chance to live.”</a>	Now. <a href="#">“Our country’s future is at stake and Trump has every right to pick a new justice before the election.”</a>	Wait. <a href="#">“The voices of the people that [Ginsburg] stood up for time and time again ought to be heard before there is a vote.”</a>
<b>COVID-19</b> Support administration’s response to coronavirus pandemic?	Yes. Sees Trump as <a href="#">“pushing to fix the COVID-19 issue but also to get our economy back.”</a> Trump also <a href="#">“saved lives.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“Trump and his administration have taken the threat of COVID-19 seriously from the beginning.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Both Georgia and Trump have stumbled on pandemic response. “We need leadership that believes in science and will act with integrity.”</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> Public funding for private or for-profit schools?	Yes. <a href="#">Voted</a> to reauthorize publicly funded vouchers for private D.C. schools.	Yes. <a href="#">Let states send federal funds for low-income students to both public and private schools.</a>	No position found.
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	Loosen. Co-sponsored <a href="#">Stopping EPA Overreach Act</a> and <a href="#">Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act.</a>	Unclear. Wants to <a href="#">“look at what we’re doing with regard to the economy and the environment collectively.”</a>	Tighten. <a href="#">“Environmental justice is on the ballot.”</a> Nothing is <a href="#">“more important than honoring and protecting the only home we’ve been blessed with.”</a>
<b>GUN RULES</b> Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	No. <a href="#">Co-sponsored</a> bill to allow <a href="#">concealed firearm carry across state lines.</a>	No. <a href="#">“Strong Second Amendment supporter.”</a> Sponsored <a href="#">bill</a> barring national firearm database.	Yes. <a href="#">“The answer to America’s gun violence isn’t to encourage masses of people to carry guns.”</a>
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Expand border walls? Reduce immigration?	Yes. Co-sponsored <a href="#">Build the Wall, Enforce the Law Act</a> and bill to eliminate citizenship if parents aren’t citizens.	Yes. <a href="#">Co-sponsored Asylum Abuse Reduction Act.</a> <a href="#">Undocumented should not get free health care.</a>	No. Immigration is <a href="#">“desperately broken.”</a> Cites Jesus as an <a href="#">“undocumented immigrant.”</a>

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<b>IMPEACHMENT</b> Support calling witnesses and indicting Trump on impeachment charges?	No. <a href="#">“He did nothing wrong. The call did not show anything wrong.”</a> Impeachment was <a href="#">“unsupported by evidence.”</a>	No. <a href="#">“This impeachment sham is an attack on what was a free and fair election.”</a> Advertises her <a href="#">“100% Trump voting record [as] the most conservative senator in America.”</a>	No position found.
<b>LABOR</b> Support “right to work” laws, barring unions from mandating dues?	Yes. <a href="#">Co-sponsored National Right-to-Work Act</a> , establishing right to work on a national basis.	Yes. <a href="#">Co-sponsored National Right-to-Work Act</a> , establishing right to work on a national basis.	<a href="#">No</a> . Supports <a href="#">“pay equity” with “honest wages, protected retirement, and fair overtime compensation.”</a> Endorsed by <a href="#">Georgia AFL-CIO</a> .
<b>LEGAL ABORTION</b> Keep legal or ban?	Ban. <a href="#">“Unapologetically pro-life.”</a> <a href="#">Co-sponsored bill</a> giving <a href="#">legal protections to unborn</a> .	Ban. <a href="#">“Unapologetically pro-life.”</a> Has co-sponsored <a href="#">“four bills to protect the unborn.”</a>	Legal. Supports <a href="#">“a woman’s right to choose ..., a decision between her and her doctor.”</a>
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation?	No. <a href="#">Voted against Equality Act</a> . Argued that <a href="#">the bill would harm children and set back women’s gains</a> .	Not if it interferes with religious faith. <a href="#">“People of faith should be protected.”</a>	Yes. Will <a href="#">“protect members of the LGBTQ+ community from housing, financial, and employment discrimination.”</a>
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Legal or ban?	Mixed. Supports <a href="#">letting states legalize</a> , but <a href="#">opposes federal legalization</a> .	Ban. Is <a href="#">“concerned about the negative effects that legalizing marijuana would have.”</a>	Legal. Wants to <a href="#">decriminalize marijuana</a> .
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Unclear. Voted against <a href="#">raising the minimum wage to \$15 over a seven-year period</a> .	No position found.	Yes. \$7.25 an hour “is not a living wage.” Will <a href="#">“fight to raise the minimum to a livable wage.”</a>
<b>PLANNED PARENTHOOD</b> Allow receiving public funds for non-abortion-related health care?	No. Co-sponsored <a href="#">Defund Planned Parenthood Act</a> and <a href="#">bill banning any entity that provides abortions from receiving paycheck protection loan</a> .	No. Called for <a href="#">investigating Planned Parenthood for receiving taxpayer funds under the Paycheck Protection Program</a> .	Yes. Opposes <a href="#">“all partisan attacks defunding health care providers like Planned Parenthood.”</a>
<b>POLICE/COMMUNITY</b> Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Mostly no. Supports Trump <a href="#">executive order on “safe policing.”</a> Opposes <a href="#">defunding</a> or <a href="#">“wholesale condemnation”</a> of police. <a href="#">Stands “with our men and women in blue!”</a>	No. Co-sponsored resolutions <a href="#">supporting “Back the Blue”</a> and <a href="#">opposing calls to defund</a> . Critics failing <a href="#">“to support law enforcement at a time when they need it most.”</a>	Yes. Wants <a href="#">increased accountability</a> and <a href="#">bias training</a> and a <a href="#">uniform standard for the use of force</a> . Does not support <a href="#">defunding</a> .
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lower interest or forgiveness on student loans?	No. <a href="#">Co-sponsored</a> an education reform bill that <a href="#">“eliminates loan forgiveness for borrowers.”</a>	No position found.	Yes. <a href="#">Work to fully fund Pell Grants and strengthen loan forgiveness programs to ensure graduates can pay their loans</a> .
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support stricter ID requirements and other rules on voting?	Likely yes. Opposes voting rights bill, which <a href="#">“would essentially federalize state and local election laws;”</a> that is <a href="#">“unconstitutional.”</a>	Unclear. Introduced bill <a href="#">to raise penalties for voter fraud and illegal ballot harvesting</a> .	No. Supports <a href="#">restoring oversight provisions of Voting Rights Act, which made voting restrictions harder to enact</a> .

EDITOR’S NOTE: [Matt Lieberman \(D\)](#), [Brian Slowinski \(L\)](#), and [Ed Tarver \(D\)](#) are also running. Due to limited space, we can include only candidates polling 15%, but **do check out their websites**.

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