How to vote in Georgia’s January 5 2021 US Senate Runoff

Here’s how you can vote in Georgia’s January 5 Runoff Election, to help choose both of Georgia’s US Senators and determine control of the US Senate. No Senate candidate got half or more of the vote November 3. So by state law, the top 2 vote-getters in each Senate race face a January 5 runoff.

DATES & DEADLINES

NOW:
Apply for absentee ballots now. You must make a separate absentee ballot request for the runoff, even if you received one for the November election. First ballots will be mailed by November 18, and the elections office must receive them by Election Day.

December 7, 2020 (Mon.):
Last day to register—if you’ll be 18 by Jan. 5 you can register.

December 14, 2020 (Mon.):
In-person early voting begins. [For info on early voting and ballot drop-off sites, check back at garunoff.us, or the GA Secretary of State site.] Early voting will likely end Thursday, Dec. 31.

January 5, 2021 (Tues.):
Runoff election, 7 am to 7 pm.

The Runoffs

Candidates for the regular Senate race:

Jon Ossoff
Democrat

David Perdue
Republican • Incumbent

Nonpartisan candidate guide to the positions of Ossoff and Perdue
To volunteer, visit electjon.com or perduesenate.com

Candidates for the special election to fill Senator Johnny Isakson’s seat:

Kelly Loeffler
Republican • Incumbent

Raphael Warnock
Democrat

Nonpartisan candidate guide to the positions of Loeffler and Warnock
To volunteer, visit kellyforsenate.com or warnockforgeorgia.com

Register, order absentee ballot, check/change registration

Use our Campus Election Engagement Project (CEEP) election portal.
Or register:
• at the Department of Driver Services while securing or renewing a license
• at your county board of registrars’ office
• If you’re a college student, you can obtain the form at your school registrar’s office or from the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

MAKE A PLAN!

Know when, where, and how you will register.
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Georgia’s Voting Rules

Eligibility
To be eligible to vote, you must:

• Be a United States citizen
• Be a legal resident of your county
• Be at least 17 1/2 years of age to register and 18 years of age to vote
• Have not been found mentally incompetent by a judge
• Have completed any felony sentence, including probation or parole, and have paid off related fines with possible first-offender exceptions

ID Requirements for registering
To register, you will need one of the following:

• Your Georgia driver’s license number or state-issued ID card number
• The last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you’re registering by mail and for the first time in Georgia, and you don’t have one of these IDs, or if the numbers you do provide are not verified in a state database, you must submit proof of residence, either with the registration application form or when you vote for the first time. Proofs include a copy of a current and valid photo ID, or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

ID Requirements to vote
You are required to show one of the following forms of photo ID when voting in person, whether on Election Day or in Early Voting:

• Any valid state or federal government issued photo ID, including a free ID Card issued by your county registrar’s office or the Georgia 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, military photo ID, or tribal photo ID

Student IDs from most GA two- and four-year public colleges are acceptable (see list), but not student IDs from private colleges.

For more on voting IDs, see this page. If you do not have acceptable ID, you can vote provisionally. You will then have three days to show an acceptable form of ID to your county registrar.

Absentee/early voting

• In Georgia you can vote absentee without providing a reason.
• If you’ve voted before, you don’t need to provide ID when voting absentee by mail. If you haven’t, you’ll need a copy of one of the IDs listed above.
• You can apply for an absentee ballot online or download and mail an application form.
• You can also vote early in person, bringing ID, starting on December 14, 2020.
• You’ll be able to find your county’s early voting locations, dates and times here, or use this locator that also includes absentee drop box locations.
• Get more info on Georgia voting rules here.

Address to use for registering and voting

Federal election law lets college students register and vote at either their campus address or their permanent home address, which may be in another state. But voters can be registered at only one address. If you won’t physically be in Georgia on January 5, you will need to request an absentee ballot (or vote early).

Key Resources

• Georgia My Voter Page and Georgia Voter Information Guide
• Find your county board of registrars’ office and election office
• Democratic Party of Georgia, Georgia Republican Party
• CEEP’s nonpartisan guides to the Ossoff-Perdue and Loeffler-Warnock races.

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