

## Absentee Voting

**To vote absentee in person you must meet at least one of the following requirements:**

- You will be **out of your precinct** between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on Election Day.
- You are an **election official**.
- You have a **physical disability**.
- You are **over 75** years of age.
- You are a **constant caregiver** to someone who is physically disabled.
- Election Day falls on a **religious holiday** which you observe.
- You are a **public servant** required to be on duty in your precinct from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Election Day.
- You are out of your precinct because you are currently on **active duty with the military**.
- You are a **permanent overseas citizen**. (You will receive only the Federal Offices: President, Vice President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Congressman.)

**Anyone can vote absentee by mail without meeting the above requirements. To do so you must:**

- Fill out the application completely. Be sure you fill out all appropriate fields and sign the application.
- Fax the application to your local Board of Elections and Registration Office.
- Your application will be reviewed and upon approval an absentee ballot will be mailed to your address.
- When you have completed the ballot, it may either be delivered in person or mailed to your local Board of Elections and Registration Office.

## Upcoming Elections

Date	Type	Registration Deadline
Feb. 5, 2008	Presidential Preference Primary/Special Election	Jan. 7, 2008
Jul. 15, 2008	General Primary/Special Election	Jun. 16, 2008
Aug. 5, 2008	Primary Runoff/Special Runoff	Jun. 16, 2008
Sep. 16, 2008	Special Election	Aug. 18, 2008
Nov. 4, 2008	General - Nonpartisan Election/Special Election	Oct. 6, 2008
Dec. 2, 2008	General - Nonpartisan Election Runoff	Oct. 6, 2008

- The last day to register for any election is 30 days prior to that election.
- Any mail-in applications must be postmarked by 30 days prior to that election.
- If you have moved, you must give notification 30 days prior to any election.

## Advance Voting

Advance Voting is Absentee Voting in person, with no reason required. Just go to your designated polling site in your county.

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Voting**

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## Voter Identification Requirements

Georgia law (O.C.G.A § 21-2-417) now requires Georgia residents to show photo identification when voting in person. However, you are not required to include any identification when you vote absentee by mail.

### Acceptable Forms of Identification are:

- Any valid state or federal government issued photo ID
- 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 ID
- Valid U.S. military photo ID
- Valid tribal photo ID

## Registering to Vote

### To register to vote in the state of Georgia, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Georgia and of the county
- At least 18 years of age by election day

### Also, you may not register to vote if you are currently:

- Serving a sentence imposed by the conviction of a felony
- Judicially determined to be mentally incompetent

In Georgia, you do not have to register by political party to vote in the state's regular primaries or general elections.

You may register to vote at any time, but you must be registered by the close of registration prior to an election if you wish to vote on Election Day, i.e., the application must be postmarked by the voter registration deadline.

For more information or to download a Voter Registration Application, visit the Secretary of State's Office at <http://sos.georgia.gov>.

## Did You Know?

If you do not have one of the acceptable forms of ID's, the State of Georgia offers a **FREE** Voter Identification Card from your county registrar's office or the Georgia Department of Driver Services.

### Before being issued a voter identification card, you must provide:

- A photo identity document or approved non-photo identity document that includes full legal name and date of birth
- Documentation showing the voter's date of birth
- Evidence that the applicant is a registered voter
- Documentation showing the applicant's name and residential address

If you have questions or need more information about getting a free Voter Identification Card, contact your county registrar's office or the Secretary of State, Elections Division at:

**Telephone (8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)**  
Atlanta local: (404) 656-2871  
Georgia Toll-Free: (877) 725-9797