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*The vote is precious. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it.*  
*Congressman John Lewis*

**This right to vote is the basic right without which all others are meaningless. It gives people, people as individuals, control over their own destinies.**  
**Lyndon B. Johnson**

**LET'S FIGHT FOR OUR  
RIGHT TO VOTE!!!**





## *PAC Report Agenda*

Georgia Voter Suppression Legislation

FDW Call-to-Action

Local Elections

US Federal Voting Rights Legislation



## *Senate Bill 202*

The Elections Integrity  
Act of 2021

- Contains restrictions and limitations on voter rights reminiscent of Jim Crow era legislation

*Jim Crow laws were state and local laws enacted in the post-Civil War era until 1968 that legalized racial segregation in the southern states and denied African American citizens basic rights, including the right to vote.*

- Adds several new vote-by-mail restrictions including:
  - Application must provide voter ID numbers must now be provided on application (i.e., driver's license, social security, or state identification)





# Senate Bill 202

## The Elections Integrity Act of 2021

- **Repeals** the law permitting Election Boards to mail absentee ballots to ALL eligible voters – registered or not – who apply.

**Application for Georgia Official Absentee Ballot**  
The information provided in this document is made under oath and penalty of law and will be used for official government purposes. When you sign this application, you affirm that you are a citizen of the U.S., currently reside in Georgia and are eligible to vote in Georgia. Giving false information on this application violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.

Please print clearly. Be sure to complete all **required** sections.

**Date of Election**  
**Required** 1 Date of Primary, Election, or Runoff (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_  
The application must be received by your election office\* 11 days before the election.

**Print your name**  
**Required** 2 Your name as it appears on your voter registration.  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of ballot**  
**Required in primary** 3 ☐ Democratic ☐ Republican ☐ Non Partisan (will not have ANY party candidates listed)

**Residential address**  
**Required** 4 The residential or mailing address on your voter registration. If you no longer reside at the address where you are registered to vote, contact your county election office prior to submitting this application.  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ GA Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Temporary ballot mailing address**  
5 This address must be in a different county\*\* than the one where you are registered unless you are physically disabled or detained in jail or other detention facility.  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information**  
**Recommended** 6 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Voter identification**  
**Required** 7 Print carefully. This information will be used to verify your identity.  
Failure to provide accurate information may delay processing your application.  
You must provide your date of birth AND  
• a Georgia Driver's License or Identification Card number  
OR  
• a copy of an acceptable identification from the list in the instructions.

**Voter oath and signature**  
**Required** 8 I, the undersigned, do swear and affirm that I am eligible to vote in Georgia, am a citizen of the U.S. and the facts presented in this application are true. By signing this oath, you are swearing that you are the voter requesting an absentee ballot. Signing this oath on behalf of another voter violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.  
Voter, sign and date here (Required)  
X \_\_\_\_\_ Date (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

If you received this application with your information pre-filled, received multiple or duplicate copies in hard mail, or if an unauthorized person attempts to receive your absentee ballot application, please report this to reportballotfraud.ga.gov.

**Form continues ►**  
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**Print your name**  
**Required** 9 Your name as it appears on your voter registration.  
First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

**Assisting a voter?**  
10 If yes, the assister must complete this section. **Voter assistance is only allowed if the voter is illiterate or physically disabled.**  
By signing as assisting the voter, you are swearing under oath that the voter is entitled to assistance. Assisting a voter who is not eligible for assistance in completing this application violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$100,000 or imprisonment for up to 10 years, or both.  
Assister's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_  
Assister's signature \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

**Requesting a ballot on behalf of a voter?**  
11 If yes, complete this section. The voter must be physically disabled or temporarily residing out of the county\*\* and must still be eligible to vote in the county\*\* where he or she is registered.  
I swear that the facts contained in this application are true and that I am either the mother, father, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law of the age of 18 and acknowledge that making a false statement on this application regarding my relationship to the voter violates Georgia law and is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000, 12 months in jail, or both.  
I swear (or affirm) that the above-named voter is: (check one)  
☐ physically disabled  
☐ temporarily residing out of the county\*\*  
Signature of authorized and eligible requestor \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to voter \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballot request opt-in**  
12 ☐ I opt-in to receive an absentee ballot for the next of the election cycle.  
Optional: If you meet the eligibility criteria, you may opt-in to receive an absentee ballot for the next of the election cycle without making another application.  
☐ I-Disabled: I am physically disabled  
☐ E-Elderly: I am 65 years of age or older  
☐ U-UCIAOK: I am a uniformed service member, spouse or dependent of a uniformed service member, or other US citizen residing overseas. (Complete the information to the right)  
☐ I opt-in to receive an absentee ballot for the next of the election cycle.  
I am eligible for the reason selected below:  
☐ MDC - Military Overseas  
☐ MDT - Military Domestic  
☐ OCT - Overseas Temporary Resident  
☐ OSP - Overseas Permanent Resident (may vote for federal offices only)  
(Optional) By emailing my email, I request that my absentee ballot be transmitted to me electronically.  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Acceptable forms of identification if you do not have a Georgia Driver's License or State Identification Card Number**  
Identification with your photograph:  
• United States military identification card  
• Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, Georgia state government, or Georgia county, municipality, board, authority, or any other entity of the state of Georgia  
• Georgia voter identification card  
• United States Passport  
• Tribal identification card  
Documents that show your name and address:  
• Current utility bill  
• Bank statement  
• Government check  
• Paycheck  
• Other government document

**How to return your absentee ballot application:**  
Absentee ballot applications must be received 11 days before the date of the election. You can return the form by:  
• mail  
• fax  
• email (as an attachment)  
• in person at your elections or registrar's office  
Your County Board of Registrar's Office information can be found online: <http://elections.sos.ga.gov/elections/countyprecincts>  
\*In-state, county, and federal elections, your elections office is your county elections office. In municipal elections, your elections office is your municipal elections office.  
\*\*Do not in municipal elections, municipality.  
No person or entity other than the elector, a relative authorized to request an absentee ballot for such elector, a person signing as assisting an illiterate or physically disabled elector or with or her application, a carrier charged with returning the ballot application, an absentee ballot clerk, a registrar, or a law enforcement officer in the course of an investigation shall handle or return an elector's completed absentee ballot application. Handling a completed absentee ballot application by any person or entity other than as allowed in this paragraph is a misdemeanor.

**For office use only**  
Ballot: ☐ Decl. Corrupt ☐ Received ☐ GA DL ☐ Other ☐ I certify that the above-named voter is eligible ☐ is eligible ☐ is not eligible  
Predict: \_\_\_\_\_ ISS \_\_\_\_\_  
Ballot #: \_\_\_\_\_ Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Voter Reg # \_\_\_\_\_ Registrar signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Rejected \_\_\_\_\_  
Ballot to be: ☐ Mailed electronically ☐ Delivered to voter in hospital by Registrar or Deputy ☐ Voted in office (must opt only)

- Bans most out-of-precinct provisional ballots



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- Bans most out-of-precinct provisional ballots
- Voters have the right to cast a provisional ballot at the polling location where they are (the wrong location) ***in the county where they are registered*** to vote. However, the new law states that the provisional ballot will ***NOT BE COUNTED***. There is an exception. **IF** the voter
  1. decides to vote provisionally,
  2. is voting in the wrong voting precinct,
  3. is voting in the county they are registered,
  4. shows up to vote after 5:00 pm but before regular closing time ON ELECTION DAY, and
  5. signs a very specific sworn statementtheir provisional ballot ***WILL BE COUNTED***.



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- Bans outside placement of drop boxes unless the Governor declares a public emergency
- Relocates drop boxes to the inside of voting locations rendering them ***inaccessible after voting hours.***
- Establishes a minimum of one (1) drop box per county and a max of ***the lesser of:***
  - One (1) drop box per 100,000 active registered voters per county
  - or
  - The number of advance voting locations in the county
- Reduced drop boxes drive utilization of less secure United States Post Office



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- Bans utilization of mobile voting units unless approved by Governor
- Bans the acceptance of private grant money by County Election Boards
- Limits voting resources in non-general elections
- Makes it a crime to
  - 👤 Hand out snacks or water to in line voters
  - 👤 *Accept* snacks or water from a volunteer/group
  - 👤 Allow an *unauthorized* person to watch you mark your absentee ballot at home
  - 👤 Watch someone mark their absentee ballot if you are unauthorized
  - 👤 Handle an absentee ballot if you are not authorized to assist the voter
  - 👤 Photograph any absentee ballot





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## **AUTHORITY SHIFTED TO STATE ELECTIONS BOARD!!**

- Secretary of State removed as chair of Georgia Elections Board. The state legislature has been empowered to appoint a new chair
- Georgia Secretary of State can no longer
  - Vote on GA Elections Board agenda items
  - Appoint members of Performance Review Board
  - Send unrequested vote-by-mail applications
- ***Removes*** judicial oversight of the GA Elections Board
- Grants GA Elections Board the ***power to sanction*** organizations for mailing absentee ballots



## FDW PAC *CALL TO ACTION*

- 🗣️ **STUDY** this information
- 🗣️ **SHARE** this information..with everyone you know!!
- 🗣️ **REGISTER TO VOTE!**
- 🗣️ Get **TRAINED** to register other voters
- 🗣️ **COMMIT** to registering at least 10 Democrats





TAKE ACTION  
VOTE!!

## In order to register to vote in Georgia, you must meet the following five requirements

- Be a United States citizen.
- You have to be a resident of Georgia and live in the county and voting precinct where you will vote.
- You can register to vote when you are 17.5 years old, but you must be 18 years old by Election Day to vote.
- If you have been convicted of a felony you must be "Off Paper" to register. Off Paper means that you've served your sentence, completed probation/parole and paid any fines that are related to your sentence, or have received a pardon for your conviction.
- If you have been declared mentally incompetent by a judge, you cannot register to vote in Georgia.



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## Voting Registration Websites

**[www.MVP.SOS.GA.gov](http://www.MVP.SOS.GA.gov)**

**[www.FayetteCountyGA.gov](http://www.FayetteCountyGA.gov)**

**[www.FayetteVotes.org](http://www.FayetteVotes.org)**

**[www.TurboVote.org](http://www.TurboVote.org)**





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## 2021 Municipal Election Dates

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 08-16-21        | Earliest day to apply for absentee ballot                           |
| <b>10-04-21</b> | <b>Last day to register for General and Runoff Elections</b>        |
| 10-11-21        | Earliest day that county registrars may mail absentee ballots       |
| <b>10-12-21</b> | <b>Early voting begins</b>  |
| 10-22-21        | Last day to submit absentee ballot application for General Election |
| <b>11-02-21</b> | <b>Election Day</b>   |
| 11-19-21        | Last day to submit absentee ballot application for Runoff Election  |



## 2021 Upcoming Local Elections

### Fayetteville (4 yr term – no term limits)

#### City Council Post 3

Incumbent: Victor Scott Stacy

#### City Council Post 4

Incumbent: Rich Hoffman

#### City Council Post 5

Incumbent: Paul Oddo

**Niyah Glover (?)**

### Peachtree City (4 yr terms – 2 term max)

*Candidates - Incumbent (I)*

#### Mayor

Incumbent: Vacant

**Nick Ferrante (D)**

Terry Ernst

Don Haddix

Eric Imker

Kim Learnard

#### City Council Post 3

**Kevin Madden (I) (D)**

Gretchen Caola

#### City Council Post 4

Incumbent: Vacant

**Rick Bryant (?)**

Phil Crane

Frank Destadio

Alan Livsey



*2021  
Upcoming  
Local Elections*

**Tyrone (4 yr terms – no term limits)**

**City Council Post 3**

Incumbent: Billy Campbell

**City Council Post 4**

Incumbent: Gloria Furr

**Danny Dolan (?)**

Taiwo O. Idowu (?)



**2022  
Upcoming  
Local Elections**

Fayette County Board of Commissioners

**District 3 Seat**

*Incumbent: Edward Gibbons*

**District 4 Seat**

*Incumbent: Charles Rousseau (D)*

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## *Federal Legislation*

### **H.R. 1**

#### **For the People Act of 2021**

- Passed US House by a vote of 220-210. Stalled in the US Senate. Will be reintroduced after recess.
- Proposed to end the filibuster
- Expands voter registration
- Would require states to provide secured drop boxes in elections for federal office

### **H.R. 4**

#### **The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**

- Proposed by Congress to restore vital provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA)
- Proposes reinstatement of the VRA preclearance provision
- Would prevent voting rights restrictions
- Would eliminate heightened standard for challenging voter discrimination
- It is anticipated that H.R. 4 will be voted on by the US House this month (August 2021)