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## 2025 ELECTION CALENDAR AND HIGHLIGHTS

While comprehensive, not all events are listed. The purpose of this calendar is to provide information on deadlines for election activities. When the last day for the exercise of any privilege or discharge of any duty fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day to exercise such duty. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-14.

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ELECTION	ELECTION DATE	ADVANCE VOTING DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Special Election	March 18, 2025	February 24 – March 14	2/18/2025
Special Election Runoff	April 15, 2025	As soon as possible, but no later than April 7 – April 11	2/18/2025
Special Primary Public Service Commissioner (PSC) /Special Election	June 17, 2025	May 26 – June 13	5/19/2025
Special Primary Runoff Public Service Commissioner (PSC)/Special Election Runoff	July 15, 2025	As soon as possible, but no later than July 7 – July 11	5/19/2025
Special Election	September 16, 2025	August 25 – September 12	8/18/2025
Special Election Runoff	October 14, 2025	As soon as possible, but no later than October 6 – October 10	8/18/2025
Municipal General /Special Election – Public Service Commissioner (PSC)	November 4, 2025	October 13 – October 31	10/6/2025
Municipal General /Special Election Runoff – Public Service Commissioner (PSC)	December 2, 2025	As soon as possible, but no later than November 24 – November 28	10/6/2025

December 30, 2024	<b><u>FIRST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) if Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
January 1, 2025	<b><u>EARLIEST DAY FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE/PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT</u></b>

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	No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his or her intention of candidacy was filed and published no earlier than January 1 and no later than the Tuesday after the first Monday in September prior to the election for county, state, and federal elections; no later than seven days after the close of the qualifying period for nonpartisan elections in the case of nonpartisan elections for state or county offices; no later than seven days after the close of the municipal qualifying period for municipal elections in the case of a general election; or no later than seven days after the close of the special election qualifying period for a special election by the person to be a write-in candidate or by some other person or group of persons qualified to vote in the subject election, as follows: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)
January 21, 2025	<b><u>BALLOT INFORMATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE</u></b> The last day to submit ballot information for the March 18 <sup>th</sup> Special Election.
February 1, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES</u></b> The last day for the Secretary of State and Election Superintendents to fix and publish 2025 qualifying fees for candidates running for federal, state, and local offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)
February 10, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)
February 16, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b>

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	The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 30 days prior to any special primary or special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)
February 17, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING FOR MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> In an election or run-off election, each candidate shall be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election and run-off election, one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)
February 18, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF</u></b> The last day for a person to register/change address and be eligible to vote in the special election and runoff Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the election for candidates for that office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224, 21-2-501, 21-2-218
February 18, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)
February 21, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT</u></b> At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03  <b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING</u></b> Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08
Prior to	<b><u>DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR OR ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK</u></b>

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February 24, 2025	The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the special election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)
February 24, 2025	<b><u>FIRST DAY TO ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants within three days after the receipt of such ballots and supplies, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
February 24, 2025	<b><u>ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING BEGINS FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
March 1, 2025	<b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
March 2, 2025	<b><u>OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
March 3, 2025	<b><u>EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners .O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)

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March 7, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) if Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
March 8, 2025	<b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
March 10, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT</u></b> At least ten days before a special primary or election, the superintendent shall place on public exhibition, in such place and at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors, a sample ballot to be used in such election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)
March 11, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
March 11, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY</u></b> If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
March 11, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
March 13, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST</u></b>

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	The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
March 14, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b> Last day to begin voting equipment testing for Election Day O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08
March 14, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
March 15, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SEND LETTERS TO DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS</u></b> At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.08
March 18, 2025 ELECTION DAY	<b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 (c)(1)(A); Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403  <b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b> County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490  <b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b> Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421
March 19, 2025	<b><u>PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b> The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)
March 21, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR MARCH PROVISIONAL VOTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b>

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5:00 p.m.	<p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b></p> <p>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)</p>
March 24, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)</p>
March 25, 2025	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b></p> <p>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b);</p>
March 26, 2025 Through March 28, 2025 <i>*Tentative</i>	<p><b><u>CONDUCT RISK LIMITING AUDIT</u></b></p> <p>Local election superintendents shall conduct risk-limiting audit on one federal or state-wide contests randomly selected by the Secretary of State during this period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498(b)(c)</p>
March 26, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST A RECOUNT FOR MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Last day to request a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c). <i>*A county may certify earlier than the legal requirement. Request deadline is within two business days after certification.</i></p>
March 31, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED VOTING FOR THE APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p>

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	In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408
March 31, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS</u></b> A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524
March 31, 2025	<b><u>FIRST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
April 1, 2025 9:00 a.m. through April 3, 2025 12:00 noon	<b><u>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CANDIDATE QUALIFYING PERIOD</u></b> The period during which a candidate may qualify to run for the special primary and special election for Public Service Commission Districts 2 and 3 shall be held on the eleventh week prior to the date of such special election and shall remain open for a period of two and one-half days. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-1.1 (c); 21-2-123(d)(2)



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As soon as possible, but no later than April 4, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b> The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)
As soon as possible, but no later than April 7, 2025	<b><u>ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF</u></b> There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and during the second and third Saturdays. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
As soon as possible	<b><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF</u></b> In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)
April 8, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such

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	election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
April 11, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
April 11, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b> The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)
April 15, 2025 ELECTION DAY	<b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1). Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403  <b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b> County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490  <b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b> Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421
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April 18, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR APRIL RUNOFF PROVISIONAL VOTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b> Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)</p>
April 18, 2025	<p><b><u>BALLOT INFORMATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE</u></b> The last day to submit ballot information for the June 17<sup>th</sup> Special Election.</p>
April 21, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF RESULTS</u></b> Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)</p>
April 22, 2025	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b> As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b);</p>
April 23, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE</u></b> Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to</p>

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	request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)
April 28, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS</u></b> A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524
May 12, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or SPECIAL PRIMARY and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)
May 18, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 30 days prior to any special primary or special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)

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May 19, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING FOR JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> In an election or run-off election, each candidate shall be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election and run-off election, one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)
May 19, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY AND RUNOFF</u></b> The last day for a person to register/change address and be eligible to vote in the special election and runoff. Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the election for candidates for that office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224, 21-2-501, 21-2-218
May 19, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)
May 21, 2025	<b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b> As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b)
May 23, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT</u></b>

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	<p>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03</p>
May 23, 2025	<p><b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b></p> <p>The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)</p>
Prior to May 26, 2025	<p><b><u>DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR OR ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK</u></b></p> <p>The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the special election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)</p>
May 26, 2025	<p><b><u>FIRST DAY TO ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b></p> <p>The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants within three days after the receipt of such ballots and supplies, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)</p>
May 26, 2025	<p><b><u>ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING BEGINS FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b></p> <p>There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>
May 31, 2025	<p><b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b></p> <p>Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>

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June 1, 2025	<b><u>OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
June 2, 2025	<b><u>EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners .O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)
June 6, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) of Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
June 7, 2025	<b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
June 7, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT</u></b> At least ten days before a special primary or election, the superintendent shall place on public exhibition, in such place and at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors, a sample ballot to be used in

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	such election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)
June 10, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
June 10, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY</u></b> If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
June 10, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
June 12, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST</u></b> The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
June 14, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SEND LETTERS TO DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS</u></b> At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03
June 14, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b> The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of



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	political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)
June 13, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
June 17, 2025 ELECTION DAY	<b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403  <b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b> County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490  <b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b> Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421
June 18, 2025 9:00 a.m.	<b><u>PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b> The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)
June 20, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PROVISIONAL VOTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)

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	<b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b> Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)
June 23, 2025 5:00 p.m.	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)
June 24, 2025	<b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b> As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b);
June 25, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST A RECOUNT FOR JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY</u></b> Last day to request a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c). <i>*A county may certify earlier than the legal requirement. Request deadline is within two business days after certification.</i>
June 26, 2025, to June 28, 2025 <i>*Tentative</i>	<b><u>CONDUCT RISK LIMITING AUDIT</u></b> Local election superintendents shall conduct risk-limiting audit on one federal or state-wide contests randomly selected by the Secretary of State during this period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498(b)(c)
June 30, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED VOTING FOR THE JULY 15<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such

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	election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408
June 30, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS</u></b> A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524
June 30, 2025	<b><u>FIRST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) if Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
As soon as possible, but no later than July, 5, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR JULY 15<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF</u></b> The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)

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As soon as possible, but no later than July 7, 2025	<p><b><u>ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE JULY 15<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and during the second and third Saturdays. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>
As soon as possible	<p><b><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE JULY 15<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)</p>
July 8, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR JULY 15<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)</p>
July 11, 2025	<p><b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>
July 15, 2025 ELECTION DAY	<p><b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1). Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403</p> <p><b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b></p> <p>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b></p> <p>Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421</p>

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July 16, 2025	<p><b><u>PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b></p> <p>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)</p>
July 18, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR JULY RUNOFF PROVISIONAL VOTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b></p> <p>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)</p>
July 18, 2025	<p><b><u>BALLOT INFORMATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE</u></b></p> <p>The last day to submit ballot information for the September 16<sup>th</sup> Special Election.</p>
July 21, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF JULY 15<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL PRIMARY RUNOFF RESULTS</u></b></p> <p>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)</p>
July 21, 2025	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b></p> <p>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b);</p>

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July 23, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE</u></b></p> <p>Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)</p>
July 25, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS</u></b></p> <p>A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524</p>
August 11, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)</p>

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August 14, 2025	<b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b> As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b)
August 17, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 30 days prior to any special primary or special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)
August 18, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING FOR SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> In an election or run-off election, each candidate shall be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election and run-off election, one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)
August 18, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION AND RUNOFF</u></b> The last day for a person to register/change address and be eligible to vote in the special election and runoff Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the election for candidates for that office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224, 21-2-501, 21-2-218
August 18, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)

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August 18, 2025	<p><b><u>FIRST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) if Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)</p>
August 18, 8:30 a.m. through August 22, 4:30 p.m.	<p><b><u>MUNICIPAL QUALIFYING PERIOD</u></b></p> <p>Each candidate for municipal office or a designee shall file a notice of candidacy in the office of the municipal superintendent of such candidate's municipality during the municipality's qualifying period. Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the third Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special election, the municipal qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election. 21-2-132 (d)(4)</p>
August 22, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT</u></b></p> <p>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03</p>
August 22, 2025	<p><b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b></p> <p>The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)</p>



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Prior to August 25, 2025	<b><u>DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR OR ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK</u></b> The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the special election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)
August 25, 2025	<b><u>FIRST DAY TO ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants within three days after the receipt of such ballots and supplies, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
August 25, 2025	<b><u>ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING BEGINS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
August 30, 2025	<b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
August 31, 2025	<b><u>OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

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September 1, 2025	<b><u>EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners .O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)
September 5, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) if Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
September 6, 2025	<b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
September 6, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT</u></b> At least ten days before a special primary or election, the superintendent shall place on public exhibition, in such place and at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors, a sample ballot to be used in such election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)
September 9, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the

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	computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
September 9, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY</u></b> If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
September 9, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
September 11, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST</u></b> The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
September 12, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
September 13, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SEND LETTERS TO DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS</u></b> At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

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September 13, 2025	<p><b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b></p> <p>The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)</p>
September 16, 2025 ELECTION DAY	<p><b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403</p> <p><b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b></p> <p>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b></p> <p>Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421</p>
September 17, 2025 9:00 a.m.	<p><b><u>PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b></p> <p>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)</p>
September 19, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER PROVISIONAL VOTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b></p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p>

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	<p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b></p> <p>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)</p>
September 22, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)</p>
September 22, 2025	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b></p> <p>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b);</p>
September 24, 2025, to September 26, 2025 <i>*Tentative</i>	<p><b><u>CONDUCT RISK LIMITING AUDIT</u></b></p> <p>Local election superintendents shall conduct risk-limiting audit on one federal or state-wide contests randomly selected by the Secretary of State during this period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498(b)(c)</p>
September 24, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST A RECOUNT FOR SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Last day to request a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c). <i>*A county may certify earlier than the legal requirement. Request deadline is within two business days after certification.</i></p>
September 30, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b></p>

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	<p>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)</p>
As soon as possible, but no later than October 3, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)</p>
October 4, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR PUBLISHING PUBLIC NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Public notice of such elections shall be published by the governing authority of the municipality in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least 30 days prior to the elections. In addition, the municipality shall immediately transmit a copy of such notice to the Secretary of State. 21-2-9(c)</p>
October 5, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b></p>

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	The bounds of a precinct shall not be altered during the period of 30 days prior to any special primary or special election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c) Public notice of Municipal General Election shall publish in a newspaper of gen circ in municipality at least 30 days.
October 6, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> The last day for a person to register/change address and be eligible to vote in the special election and runoff Only the electors who were duly registered to vote and not subsequently deemed disqualified to vote in the election for candidates for that office shall be entitled to vote therein. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224, 21-2-501, 21-2-218
October 6, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)
As soon as possible, but no later than October 6	<b><u>ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF</u></b> There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and during the second and third Saturdays. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
October 7, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> In an election or run-off election, each candidate shall be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for such election and run-off election, one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of Code Section 21-2-380. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)
October 7, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED VOTING FOR THE OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408

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October 7, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
October 8, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS</u></b> A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524
As soon as possible	<b><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> RUNOFF</u></b> In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)
October 10, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
October 10, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO SUPERINTENDENT</u></b> At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03
October 10, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b> The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of



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	political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)
Prior to October 14, 2025	<b><u>DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO REGISTRAR OR ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK</u></b> The superintendent shall, before the dates specified in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) prepare, obtain, and deliver an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the special election. Envelopes and other supplies as required by this article may be ordered by the superintendent, the board of registrars, or the absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)
October 14, 2025	<b><u>FIRST DAY TO ISSUE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> The board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants within three days after the receipt of such ballots and supplies, but no earlier than 22 days prior to the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
October 14, 2025	<b><u>ADVANCED IN PERSON VOTING BEGINS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence on the fourth Monday immediately prior to each primary or election and as soon as possible prior to a runoff and shall end on the Friday immediately prior to such primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
October 14, 2025 ELECTION DAY	<b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1) Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403  <b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b> County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490  <b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b> Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421

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October 15, 2025 9:00 a.m.	<b><u>PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b> The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)
October 17, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER RUNOFF PROVISIONAL VOTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)  <b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b> Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)
October 18, 2025	<b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
October 19, 2025	<b><u>OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> Voting may be conducted if the board of registrars so chooses on the second and third Sunday, or both the second and third Sundays prior to a primary or election during hours determined by the registrar or absentee ballot clerk, but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
October 20, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF RESULTS</u></b> Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)

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October 20, 2025	<p><b><u>EARLY PROCESSING BEGINS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to subparagraph (a)(1)(B) of this Code section, remove the contents of such outer envelope, or to open the inner envelope marked 'Official Absentee Ballot' and scan the absentee ballot using one or more ballot scanners .O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(2)(A)</p>
October 24, 2025	<p><b><u>LAST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE APPLICATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Except as otherwise provided in Code Section 21-2-219 or for advance voting described in subsection (d) if Code Section 21-2-385, not earlier than 78 days or less than 11 days prior to the date of the primary or election, or runoff of either, in which the elector desires to vote, any absentee elector may make, either by mail, facsimile transmission, by electronic transmission, or in person in the registrar's or absentee ballot clerk's office, an application for an official ballot of the elector's precinct to be voted at such primary, election, or runoff.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)</p>
October 22, 2025	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b></p> <p>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b)</p>
October 25, 2025	<p><b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Voting shall be conducted on the second and third Saturdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. but no longer than 7:00 A.M. through 7:00 P.M. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>

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October 25, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SAMPLE BALLOT</u></b> At least ten days before a special primary or election, the superintendent shall place on public exhibition, in such place and at such times as the superintendent shall deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the electors, a sample ballot to be used in such election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)
October 28, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492
October 28, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY</u></b> If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)
October 28, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)
October 30, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTOR'S LIST</u></b> The official list of electors eligible to vote in any primary or election shall be prepared and completed at least five calendar days prior to the date the list is to be used for such primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(f)
November 1, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SEND LETTERS TO DESIGNATED POLL WATCHERS</u></b> At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03

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October 31, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY TO COMMENCE LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b> The last day for the superintendent to test each direct recording electronic unit and memory card to confirm that the direct recording electronic units and the memory cards are in proper working order is the third day preceding the election. Representatives of political parties and bodies, media and the public shall be permitted to observe the tests. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.6(c); SEB Rule 183-1-12(.03)
October 31, 2025	<b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
November 4, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE</u></b> Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)
November 4, 2025 ELECTION DAY	<b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-9(c) <del>OBJ</del> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 <del>OBJ</del> Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403  <b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b> County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490  <b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b> Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421

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November 5, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS</u></b></p> <p>A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524</p>
November 5, 2025 9:00 a.m.	<p><b><u>PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b></p> <p>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)</p>
November 7, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER PROVISIONAL VOTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b></p> <p>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)</p>
November 10, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)</p>
November 11, 2025	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b></p> <p>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the</p>

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	precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b)
November 12, 2025 to November 14, 2025 <i>*Tentative</i>	<b><u>CONDUCT RISK LIMITING AUDIT</u></b> Local election superintendents shall conduct risk-limiting audit on one federal or state-wide contests randomly selected by the Secretary of State during this period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498(b)(c)
November 12, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST A RECOUNT FOR NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION</u></b> Last day to request a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c). <i>*A county may certify earlier than the legal requirement. Request deadline is within two business days after certification.</i>
November 15, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS</u></b> A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524
November 17, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCED VOTING FOR THE DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b> In an election or run-off election, candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408
As soon as possible, but no later than November 21, 2025	<b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b> The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in

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	<p>the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. Any new advance voting locations added after that deadline shall be published in the same manner as soon as possible. The board of registrars shall not remove any advance voting location after the notice of such location is published, except in the case of an emergency or unavoidable event that renders a location unavailable for use.</p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)</p>
As soon as possible, but no later than November 24, 2025	<p><b><u>ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>There shall be a period of advance voting that shall commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff from any general primary or election but no later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. Advance voting shall be conducted during normal business hours on weekdays during such period and during the second and third Saturdays. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>
As soon as possible	<p><b><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>In the case of special elections, the board of registrars shall mail or issue official absentee ballots to all eligible applicants as soon as possible prior to any runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)</p>
November 25, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Candidates running in a nonpartisan election shall be entitled to designate one poll watcher in each precinct, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)</p>
November 26, 2025	<p><b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>
December 2, 2025 ELECTION DAY	<p><b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b></p> <p>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1). Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403</p> <p><b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b></p>



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	<p>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b> Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421</p>
December 3, 2025 9:00 a.m.	<p><b><u>PROVISIONAL BALLOT FORMS DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b> The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)</p>
December 5, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF PROVISIONAL VOTERS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b> O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b> Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)</p>
December 8, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF SPECIAL ELECTION/MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION ELECTION RUNOFF RESULTS</u></b> Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)</p>

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December 10, 2025	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b></p> <p>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report. County reconciliation deadline: SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) 21-2-421(b);</p>
December 10, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR RECOUNT REQUEST BY CANDIDATE</u></b></p> <p>Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected to an office in an election or is eligible for a runoff election and the number of votes received by any other candidate not declared so elected or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast for such office, the losing candidate with the number of votes within this margin shall have the right to request a recount of votes if made in writing and within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)</p>
December 13, 2025	<p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS</u></b></p> <p>A petition to contest the result of a primary shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court having jurisdiction within five days after the certification of election returns by the election official having responsibility for taking such action or within five days after certification of the returns following a recount. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-524</p>
January 7, 2026	<p><b><u>COUNTIES TO BEGIN RECONCILIATION OF BALLOTS CAST/VOTER CREDIT</u></b></p> <p>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report</p>

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