

# KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

## GEORGIA

### ✓ YOUR RIGHTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW:

- All voters have the right not to be discriminated against on the basis of race, national origin, or disability.
- All voters have the right to vote free of intimidation.
- All voters who need assistance by reason of disability or inability to read and write in the language of the ballot may choose someone to assist them to vote, as long as the person is not an agent/representative of the voter's employer or union.

### ✓ YOUR RIGHTS WHEN YOU CHECK-IN TO VOTE

- Any voter challenge MUST be in writing, and must specify the distinct grounds of the challenge
- Challenges CANNOT be filed with a poll manger or any poll worker -- they MUST be filed with the board of registrars
- Challengers MUST be registered voters in the same county or municipality as you

### ✓ CHALLENGERS CANNOT SINGLE OUT GROUPS OF PEOPLE FOR CHALLENGES, SUCH AS ONLY CHALLENGING RESIDENCE OF STUDENTS.

- ✓ AFTER A CHALLENGE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO: Receive notice and a copy of the challenge within 10 business days of the challenge being filed.

### For challenges to your right to be a registered voter and stay on the voter list:

- You have a right to a hearing within 10 business days of the notice being sent to you.
- The registrars must notify you about the date, time and location of the challenge hearing at least 3 days before it is scheduled to take place.
- The burden is on the challenger to prove someone is not qualified to stay on the voter list.

### If you have been challenged for not meeting the qualifications to cast your vote:

- Georgia law requires the board of registrars to "immediately" consider whether there is probable cause for the challenge. If not, the challenge must be dismissed.
- If the challenge moves forward, the board of registrars must provide an opportunity to appear before them and respond to your challenge at your polling place, if you vote in person before the registrars hold a hearing on a challenge to your vote.
- If it is practical, the registrars must conduct a hearing before the polls close. If the registrars deny the challenge and determine you may vote, you may immediately cast a regular ballot, even if polling hours ended before the hearing was complete.
- If the registrars decide it is not practical to hold or finish a hearing before polls close, you have the right to cast a challenged ballot.
- The registrars must conduct or finish a hearing before election results are certified. Your ballot will be counted if the registrars determine you meet the legal qualifications to vote.

If your registration has been challenged because the challenger believes you are not a U.S. citizen, you have a right to present documentation of citizenship at the polls and cast a regular ballot.

If the registrars agree with the challenge, you have a right to appeal their decision to the Superior Court up to 10 days after the registrars decide the challenge.



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## ✓ Q&A: YOUR RIGHTS INSIDE THE POLLING PLACE

### 1. Who can I speak to if I am having any issues or problems with a poll worker?

Talk to the poll manager. If that does not resolve the issue, call Election Protection.

### 2. I notice some poll watchers are taking photographs inside the polling place. Is that allowed?

No, poll watchers may not take photographs or videos of voters. This is an example of voter intimidation.

### 3. Who gets to decide who is inside the polling place?

It's the poll manager's job to enforce Georgia law as to who may be in a polling place during voting.

### 4. Who can I talk to if someone is trying to get in the way of me completing my ballot?

The voter should speak to the poll manager. If that does not resolve the issue, call Election Protection.

### 6. What are my rights if I need help voting?

Voters are entitled to assistance if they have a disability affecting their ability to read or mark their ballot, or if they cannot read English. If you require assistance voting, you may receive help from anyone of your choice except your employer, your employer's agent, an agent of your union, a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, or the relative of a candidate on the ballot (unless you are related to the candidate or the candidate's relative).

**ELECTION PROTECTION** 

If you have questions or are experiencing problems voting, call the Election Protection Hotline and speak with a volunteer to get help.

**CALL IN ENGLISH:  
866-OUR-VOTE**

**CALL IN SPANISH:  
888-VE-Y-VOTA**

**CALL IN ASIAN LANGUAGES:  
888-API-VOTE**

**CALL IN ARABIC:  
844-YALLA-US**

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