



Timeline of Important Dates for Georgia's 2022 November Election & Potential December Runoff

Voting by Mail

- [**Saturday, September 24**](#) - Counties must complete sending mail ballots to military and overseas (UOCAVA) voters with accepted applications. The earliest such ballots can be sent is **Tuesday, September 20**.
- [**Monday, October 10**](#) - Counties must begin sending mail ballots to voters (other than military and overseas voters) with accepted applications.
- [**As ballots are received**](#) - Voter information on ballot envelopes is verified. Voters whose ballot envelopes have been flagged as defective are notified and given an opportunity to cure the defect.
- [**Friday, October 28**](#) - Deadline for voters to request a mail ballot. Applications must be received by the appropriate board of registrars or absentee voting clerk by this date to be accepted.
- [**Tuesday, November 8**](#) - **Election Day** - Absentee ballots must be received by the close of polls at 7 p.m.
- [**Monday, November 14**](#) - Deadline for voters to cure rejected absentee ballots.¹

In-Person Voting (Early/"Advance" & Election Day)

- [**Tuesday, October 11**](#) - Voter registration deadline. All online and in-person applications must be completed and returned, and all mail applications *postmarked*, by this date.
- [**Friday, October 14**](#) - Deadline for receipt of mailed registration applications with illegible or missing postmarks.
- [**Monday, October 17**](#) - In-person early ("advanced") voting begins in all counties
- [**Friday, November 4**](#) - Last day of the in-person early voting period. End times will

¹ "Curing" is the process by which a voter: 1) receives notice from election officials of a discrepancy on the mail ballot carrier envelope; and 2) has an opportunity to correct the issue and have the ballot counted. In Georgia, a voter may have an opportunity to cure a carrier envelope if the voter failed to sign the ballot envelope or provide an ID number.

vary by county between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

- **Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day.**
 - **7 a.m.** - Polling locations open.
 - **5 p.m.** - Voters may begin casting provisional ballots at an incorrect precinct within their county if they complete a sworn statement attesting to their inability to get to the proper precinct to vote by the close of polls.
 - **7 p.m.** - Polling locations close in municipalities with populations under 300,000. All voters still in line must be allowed to vote. Voters returning mail ballots to their clerk's office must do so by this time.
 - **8 p.m.** - Polling locations close in cities with populations over 300,000.
- **Saturday, November 11** - Deadline for verification of provisional ballots.

Counting, Canvassing, & Certification

- **Monday, October 24** - Absentee ballots can be run through scanners beginning at 8 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day.**
 - **7 a.m.** - Tabulation of absentee ballots can begin at the discretion of the county election superintendent with notice to the Secretary of State
 - **7 p.m.** - Tabulation and counting begins at precincts or at a central tabulating center.
- **Wednesday, November 9** - Failure by a county superintendent to report returns of verified absentee ballots by 5 p.m. is grounds for the convening of an independent performance review
- **Tuesday, November 15** - County supervisors must certify results by 5 p.m. and transfer returns to the Secretary of State.
- **Thursday, November 17** - Statewide risk limiting audit begins
- **Saturday, November 22** - Statewide risk limiting audit must be completed
- **Friday, November 25** - The secretary of State must certify results by 5 p.m.
- **"Immediately" thereafter** - The governor must "immediately issue certificates of election and commissions under the seal of the state" when the secretary of state completes the tabulation and presents certified results.

Recounts & Election Contests

- **Tuesday, November 29 (or two business days after certification)** - Deadline for a candidate to request a recount of a race. Certified results must have been within .5%.
- **Wednesday, November 30 (or five days after certification)** - Deadline for a candidate or voter to contest results
- **5-10 days after defendant receives notice of a contest** - Defendant must respond to alleged complaint
- **Within 20 days of filing of the contest** - Judge must set time and place for hearing
- **Within 10 days of a final determination** - Deadline to appeal judge's decision

December 6, 2022, Timeline for Potential Runoff

- **Tuesday, October 11** - Registration deadline for non-federal races
- **Monday, November 7** - Registration deadline for federal races
- **Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving**
- **Friday, November 25** - *Deadline for certification of November 8 general election results*
- **Friday, November 25** - Absentee application deadline
- **"As soon as possible"** - Counties must begin mailing absentee ballots
- **Monday, November 28** - Counties must begin offering in-person early voting.
- **Friday, December 2** - Last day of early voting.
- **Tuesday, December 6 - Election Day**
- **Friday, December 23** - Certification deadline