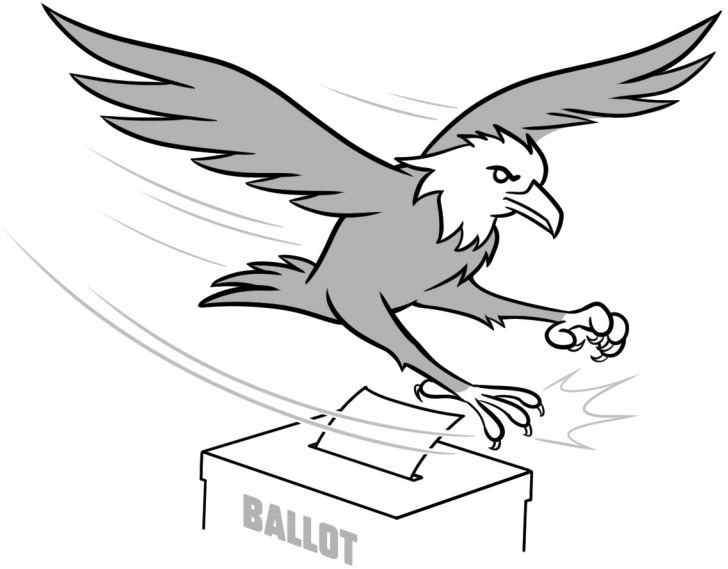
Voting in Your Local Elections



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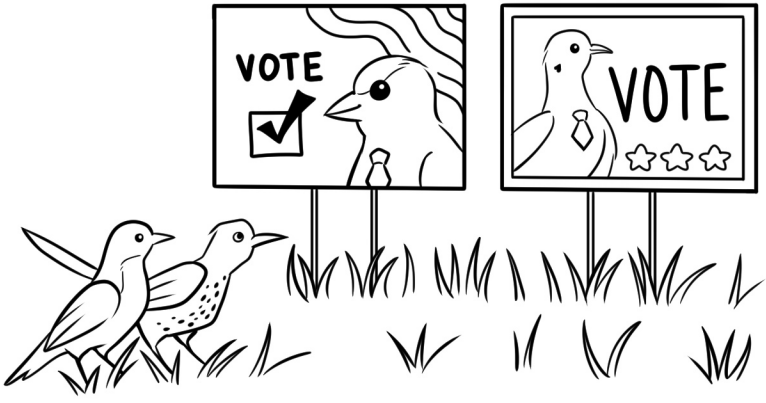
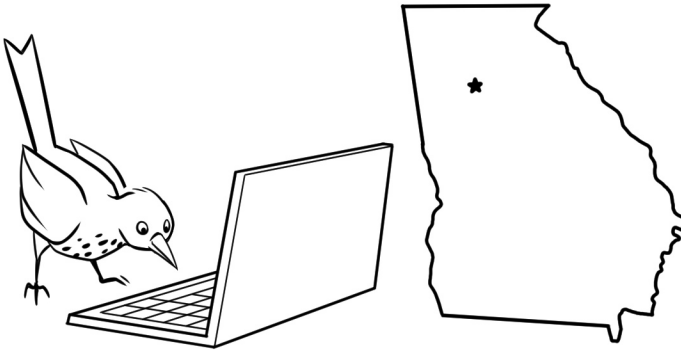


As Americans, it's our **civic duty** to vote!

You know of our quadrennial presidential election, and just as important are the many state and local elections in between. With smaller voter pools, your singular vote has tremendous impact. These elections ultimately decide on policy that affects your daily life, so best **not** to sleep on them!



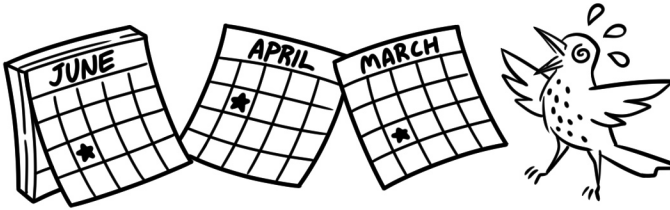
In Georgia you must register to vote before you can cast a ballot. You may apply or check your current registration at MyVoterPage:

HTTPS://MVP.SOS.GA.GOV/S/

To register you'll need to be:

- A United States citizen
- A legal resident of your county
- At least 17.5 years old
- Not serving a Felony sentence
- Not found mentally incompetent by a judge

When can I go vote?



All the time. There's governor every four years, state house and state senate every two years, countless county commissioners and judges, primaries... special elections... With so many offices, you'd be hard pressed to go a year without an election!

While the Secretary of State does keep an election schedule online, I recommend signing up for reminders at:

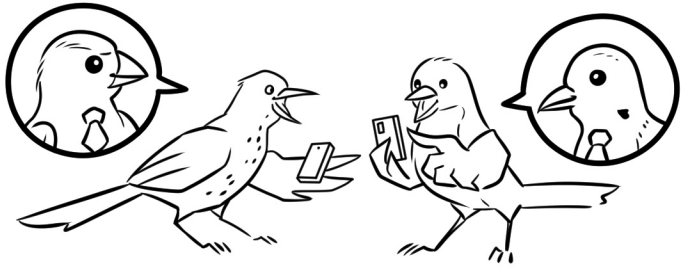
HTTPS://TURBOVOTE.ORG/

They're a nonpartisan nonprofit that empowers Americans to vote! And those reminders give me time to...

Research Candidates!

Voting should be an **informed** decision!

Start with your sample ballot on MyVoterPage to find your candidates. From there search for their campaign websites to get a first impression of their goals and experience. Keep an eye on local news for town halls, interviews, or debates. If they're incumbents, you can sign up for their newsletters to learn if their current work aligns with your values.



Try breaking up the research amongst friends or neighbors and share what you've learned.

Many hands make light work!

FORM A PLAN TO VOTE!

Absentee ballots are an option for those who like to vote by mail.

You can ask for an absentee ballot at the link:

SECUREMYABSENTEEBALLOT.SOS.GA.GOV/S

Request and return your absentee ballots **early** to make sure your vote is received before polls close!

Early voting opens up times for those who'd like to vote in-person.

By law, early voting begins on the 4th Monday before Election Day.

Typically, early voting will be open M-F and some Sats from 9-4 PM, but hours may vary. Check MyVoterPage for early voting poll locations and schedules!

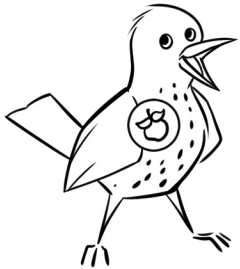
Of course, you may also vote on

ELECTION DAY

Election Day will always be a Tuesday with polls open 7 AM to 7 PM. You can find your assigned polling location on MyVoterPage.

If you need, the New Georgia Project offers safe and free rides to the polls. Call their hotline in advance at 1-800-874-1541.

Thank you for your civic duty!



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