

WHITFIELD COUNTY

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA NOVEMBER 6, 2018

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil.

Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.

If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [OCGA 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

<p><b>For Governor</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BRIAN KEMP Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> STACEY ABRAMS Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TED METZ Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For Commissioner of Insurance</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JIM BECK Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JANICE LAWS Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DONNIE FOSTER Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For Public Service Commissioner</b> (To Succeed Tricia Pridemore) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TRICIA PRIDEMORE (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAWN A. RANDOLPH Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHN TURPISH Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For County Commissioner District 3</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ROGER B. CROSSEN (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p> <p><b>PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</b></p>
<p><b>For Lieutenant Governor</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GEOFF DUNCAN Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SARAH RIGGS AMICO Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For State School Superintendent</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RICHARD WOODS (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> OTHA E. THORNTON, JR. Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For U.S. Representative in 116<sup>th</sup> Congress From the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Georgia</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TOM GRAVES (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> STEVEN LAMAR FOSTER Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p align="center">- 1 -</p> <p><b>Creates the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and parks.</b></p> <p>House Resolution No. 238 Resolution Act No. 414 Ga. L. 2018, p. 1138 "Without increasing the current state sales tax rate, shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to conserve lands that protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitats, and state and local parks; and to provide opportunities for our children and families to play and enjoy the outdoors, by dedicating, subject to full public disclosure, up to 80 percent of the existing sales tax collected by sporting goods stores to such purposes without increasing the current state sales tax rate?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p><b>For Secretary of State</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BRAD RAFFENSPERGER Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHN BARROW Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SMYTHE DUVAL Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For Commissioner of Labor</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MARK BUTLER (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RICHARD KEATLEY Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For State Senator From 54<sup>th</sup> District</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHUCK PAYNE (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MICHAEL S. MORGAN Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For State Representative in the General Assembly From 4<sup>th</sup> District</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> KASEY CARPENTER (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>
<p><b>For Attorney General</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHRIS CARR (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHARLIE BAILEY Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For Public Service Commissioner</b> (To Succeed Chuck Eaton) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHUCK EATON (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> LINDY MILLER Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RYAN GRAHAM Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For State Representative in the General Assembly From 4<sup>th</sup> District</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> KASEY CARPENTER (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>	<p><b>For County Commissioner District 1</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BARRY W. ROBBINS (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>
<p><b>For Commissioner of Agriculture</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GARY BLACK (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> FRED SWANN Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>			

TURN BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING

**- 2 -**

**Creates a state-wide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and promote predictable judicial outcomes.**

House Resolution No. 993  
Resolution Act No. 410  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1130  
"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create a state-wide business court, authorize superior court business court divisions, and allow for the appointment process for state-wide business court judges in order to lower costs, improve the efficiency of all courts, and promote predictability of judicial outcomes in certain complex business disputes for the benefit of all citizens of this state?"

YES  
 NO

**- 5 -**

**Authorizes fair allocation of sales tax proceeds to county and city school districts.**

Senate Resolution No. 95  
Resolution Act No. 278  
Ga. L. 2017, p. 857  
"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize a referendum for a sales and use tax for education by a county school district or an independent school district or districts within the county having a majority of the students enrolled within the county and to provide that the proceeds are distributed on a per student basis among all the school systems unless an agreement is reached among such school systems for a different distribution?"

YES  
 NO

**SPECIAL ELECTION**

**Act Regarding Election by District of Whitfield County Governing Authority**  
(Vote for One)

Shall the Act be approved which changes the governing authority of Whitfield County from a five-member board of commissioners elected at large to a five-member board of commissioners with a chairperson elected at large by the voters of the entire county and four commissioners elected by the voters of their respective commissioner districts?

YES  
 NO

**- 3 -**

**Encourages the conservation, sustainability, and longevity of Georgia's working forests through tax subclassification and grants.**

House Resolution No. 51  
Resolution Act No. 297  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1127  
"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to revise provisions related to the subclassification for tax purposes of and the prescribed methodology for establishing the value of forest land conservation use property and related assistance grants, to provide that assistance grants related to forest land conservation use property may be increased by general law for a five-year period and that up to 5 percent of assistance grants may be deducted and retained by the state revenue commissioner to provide for certain state administrative costs, and to provide for the subclassification of qualified timberland property for ad valorem taxation purposes?"

YES  
 NO

**PROPOSED STATEWIDE REFERENDA**

**- A -**

**Provides for a homestead exemption for residents of certain municipal corporations.**

House Bill No. 820  
Act No. 346  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 235  
"Do you approve a new homestead exemption in a municipal corporation that is located in more than one county, that levies a sales tax for the purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, and that has within its boundaries an independent school system, from ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and the adjusted base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by 2.6 percent?"

YES  
 NO

**Sunday Alcohol Sales**  
(Vote for One)

"Shall the governing authority of the City of Dalton be authorized to permit and regulate Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink for 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.?"

YES  
 NO

**- 4 -**

**Provides rights for victims of crime in the judicial process.**

Senate Resolution No. 146  
Resolution Act No. 467  
Ga. L. 2018, p. 1139  
"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide certain rights to victims against whom a crime has allegedly been perpetrated and allow victims to assert such rights?"

YES  
 NO

**- B -**

**Provides a tax exemption for certain homes for the mentally disabled.**

House Bill No. 196  
Act No. 25  
Ga. L. 2017, p. 55  
"Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem taxes on nonprofit homes for the mentally disabled if they include business corporations in the ownership structure for financing purposes?"

YES  
 NO