

# HOW TO VOTE in the Georgia Primaries



Elections matter because politicians create laws that help or hurt our families and communities. Regardless of our citizenship status or whether we are eligible to vote, election season is an important time for us to speak up and get involved in the political process.

An important part of this process, primaries are when we choose the candidates we want to vote for later in the general election. Georgia has an open primary. Any registered voter, whether registered with a political party or not, can take part. Voters participate in one party's primary. For example, if you vote in the Democratic primary, you cannot vote in the Republican primary.

**For the May 19 primary, all Georgia voters will receive absentee ballot request forms to request to vote by mail. Voters must choose which party's primary to vote in, then sign and return the form to receive a ballot.**

	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE	ELECTION DATE	WHO'S ON THE BALLOT?
<b>PRESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL PRIMARY</b>	April 20, 2020	May 19, 2020	U.S. presidential nominee by party, U.S. Senate, U.S. House, Georgia Senate, Georgia House, Georgia Supreme Court, <b>Georgia Public Service Commission</b> , Georgia Court of Appeals, Local city and county offices
<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	October 5, 2020	November 3, 2020	All offices listed above

## WHAT IF I CAN'T VOTE?

In Georgia you must be 18 years old and a U.S. citizen to vote. If you have a past felony conviction, you must complete the sentence and any parole, supervision and court ordered probation, as well as pay all fines associated with the charges, before you can re-register to vote. In addition to voting, there are many ways that we can make a difference!

- Encourage and educate voters.
- Share this guide with neighbors, friends and family.
- Write letters to local newspaper and public officials about the issues that matter to you.

**Georgia's five Public Service Commissioners regulate phone, electric and natural gas services, including the rates and fees companies charge and the energy sources.**

Visit [www.GoVoteGA.org](http://www.GoVoteGA.org) for information on upcoming events and how to volunteer.