

MACON – BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE 2016



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VOTER REGISTRATION – As of January 2016 Macon-Bibb County has 95,061 Registered Voters

WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

Voter Registration forms are available at:

**Board of Elections Main Office
(Elections & Voter Registration)**

2445 Pio Nono Avenue

Macon, Georgia 31206

Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Phone: (478) 621 - 6622

Fax: (478) 784 - 9774

City Hall

700 Poplar Street

Macon, GA 31201

Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

All Public Libraries

Department Family & Children Services

Driver's License Bureau

The State of GA Website My Voter Page: <http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/>



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VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration is permanent if you:

- Notify the Board of Elections of a change of address within Bibb County.
- Notify the Board of Elections if you change your name.
- (NOTE: Upon registration in Bibb County, previous registration will be cancelled.)

Registration Deadlines

- Voter registration cutoff is always thirty (30) days before date of primaries or general elections.
- Date varies for special elections.

Qualifications for Registering and Voting

- A citizen of the United States.
- At least 18 years of age on date of election; 17 ½ at registration.
- A resident of Georgia (Bibb County). No standard length of residency is required.
- No felony conviction – unless rights have been restored.

Mentally sound.

(NOTE: False information on a registration is a felony.)

WARNING: Any person who registers to vote knowing that such person does not possess the qualifications required by law, who registers under any name other than such person's own name, or who knowingly gives false information in registering shall be guilty of a felony.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-561

WHERE DO I GO VOTE?

Most calls on Election day are from voters that don't know where they go to vote on Election Day.



A voter can contact the Board of Elections office to find out where they go to vote on Election Day.

A voter can log on to the Georgia Secretary of State's My voter page to locate their polling location.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

VOTER ID REFERENCE SHEET

- Voters who cast their votes in person must show one of (6) six forms of photo identification.
- Photo ID rules **ONLY APPLY** to **IN-PERSON** voting by absentee, advance voting or at the polling place on Election Day.
- If the voter votes **BY MAIL**, they **DO NOT** need to supply a ID.



LIST OF ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID'S

1. A current or expired Georgia driver's license (or Department of Driver Services identification card);
2. A valid United States military photo identification card;
3. A valid photo identification card issued by any branch, department agency, or entity of the United States, Georgia, or any other state authorized by law to issue personal identification, including the FREE Georgia Voter Identification Card;
4. A valid employee photo identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States, Georgia, or any county, municipality, board, authority of other entity of Georgia;
5. A valid United States passport; or
6. A valid tribal photo identification card.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION CONTINUED

- Any elector who registered for the first time in Georgia by mail, and did not provide identification at the time of registering may provide one of the six (6) items of photo identification listed above, or for the electors first time voting, may provide one of the following forms of identification: copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of elector.
- **IF ELECTOR CANNOT PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED ID'S THEY MAY VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. 21-2-220 and 21-2-417.**

If the voter does not have a Georgia driver's license, or other qualified ID, they can obtain either a FREE Georgia "voter" Identification Card from the Department of Driver Services or a FREE Georgia Voter Identification Card at their county registrar's office. Just contact the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections located at 2445 Pio Nono Ave. Macon, GA 31206. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

For more information call 478-621-6622 or go to www.GaPhotoID.com.

In order to get a FREE Georgia Voter Identification Card, a voter will need to provide any of the following documents: **(DOCUMENTS CAN BE NO OLDER THAN 60 DAYS)**

- A photo identity document, or a non-photo identity document (must include voter's full legal name and date of birth); and
- Documentation showing the voter's date of birth; and
- Evidence that voter is registered to vote in Georgia; and
- Documentation showing the voter's name and address of principal residence.
- The voter may use the same document to satisfy more than one of the above requirements. For additional information, please visit the Secretary of State's web page at www.sos.state.ga.us

Voter Registration | Frequently Asked Questions

Questions and Answers:

Who can register to vote in the state of Georgia?

To register to vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you wish to vote.
- At least 17 1/2 years of age to register and 18 to vote.

You may NOT register to vote if you are currently:

- Serving any sentence imposed by the conviction of a felony.
- Judicially determined to be mentally incompetent.

Do I have to register by political party in Georgia?

No, Georgia does not register voters by political party.

Do I have to re-register if I move?

Yes. Voters are required to notify the Board of Registrar's office of their county of residence whenever they move. If you move within 30 days of an election, you may vote in your old precinct for that election.

When is the latest I can register for the next election?

You must register no later than the 5th Monday prior to the next election. Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked by this deadline.

Do I have to re-register for each election?

No, you only need to register once. If you have not voted in three years, please contact your county Board of Registrar's office.

Where do I vote?

After your county receives your voter registration form, you will receive a precinct card in the mail which will state the location of your polling place and your local, state, and federal districts. If you do not receive your precinct card within 30 days, contact the Board of Registrar's office in your county or check the Secretary of State MVP at: <http://sos.georgia.gov/mvp>

**GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE ELECTIONS DIVISION
2016 ELECTION CALENDAR / GENERAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS**

ELECTION TYPE	ELECTION DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	EARLY / ADVANCED VOTING	SATURDAY VOTING	DEADLINE FOR MAILING ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY	TUESDAY MAR 1, 2016	MONDAY FEB 1, 2016	MONDAY FEB 8 – FRIDAY FEB 26, 2016	FEB 20, 2016	FRIDAY FEB 26, 2016
GENERAL PRIMARY / NONPARTISAN	TUESDAY MAY 24, 2016	TUESDAY APR 26, 2016	MONDAY MAY 2 – FRIDAY MAY 20, 2016	MAY 14, 2016	FRIDAY MAY 20, 2016
GENERAL PRIMARY / NONPARTISAN RUNOFF	TUESDAY JUL 26, 2016	TUESDAY APR 26, 2016	TUESDAY JUL 5 – FRIDAY JUL 22, 2016	NOT REQUIRED	FRIDAY JUL 22, 2016
GENERAL / SPECIAL	TUESDAY NOV 8, 2016	TUESDAY OCT 11, 2016	MONDAY OCT 17 – FRIDAY NOV 4, 2016	OCT 29, 2016	FRIDAY NOV 4, 2016
GENERAL RUNOFF (STATE & LOCAL RACES)	TUESDAY DEC 6, 2016	TUESDAY OCT 11, 2016	AS SOON AS PRACTICAL	NOT REQUIRED	FRIDAY DEC 2, 2016
GENERAL RUNOFF (FEDERAL RACES)	TUESDAY JAN 10, 2017	TUESDAY OCT 11, 2016	MONDAY DEC 19, 2016 FRIDAY JAN 6, 2017	NOT REQUIRED	FRIDAY JAN 6, 2017

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING DATES MONDAY MARCH 7 – FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2016

<u>PARTISAN ELECTED OFFICE:</u>	<u>SALARY:</u>	<u>3% FEE:</u>
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	\$77,344.56	\$2,320.33
SHERIFF	\$83,695.91	\$2,510.87
SOLICITOR-GENERAL	\$124,134.40	\$3,724.03
TAX COMMISSIONER	\$77,344.56	\$2,320.33
<u>NONPARTISAN ELECTED OFFICE:</u>	<u>SALARY:</u>	<u>3% FEE:</u>
MAYOR	\$100,000.00	\$3,000.00
COMMISSIONERS DIST. 1 – 9	\$15,000.00	\$ 450.00
JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT	\$77,344.56	\$2,320.33
CORONER	\$73,507.20	\$2,205.21
BOARD OF EDUCATION DIST. 1 – 6	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 216.00
WATER AUTHORITY DIST. 2 & 3	\$10,800.00	\$ 324.00

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SUPERVISOR – CONTACT: GA WATER & SOIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION @706-552-4470
(OCMULGEE RIVER DISTRICT)

2/12/2016

Vote by Mail Before Election Day

Any voter can request a mail-in ballot. No excuse is needed. [Simply fill out the application](#) to request an official mail-in ballot. Then, mail or drop off the application to your county registrar's office. We urge you to request your mail-in ballot and get it back to your county registrar's office as soon as possible. Mail-in ballots must be received by your county registrar no later than close of the polls on Election Day.

A voter who has a disability or cannot read and write may get help when filling out the mail-in ballot application and the official absentee/advance ballot. No matter how the ballot arrives, a voter with a physical disability may get help marking his or her ballot. The person helping the voter must sign an oath that is either printed on the mail-in ballot envelope or on the application for mail-in ballot, whichever is applicable.

Early and Advance Voting

Georgia gives you the chance to vote in person before Election Day without having to provide a reason. Early/Advance voting is easy and convenient. It allows you to vote on a day and time that is convenient for you. [Contact your county voter registration office](#) for early/advance voting site locations and hours.

ALL VOTERS THAT WISH TO VOTE BY MAIL
FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 1, 2016
A SEPARATE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR THAT RACE MUST BE COMPLETED

IF YOU ARE **DISABLED, ELDERLY (65 or Older)** AND YOU WISH TO VOTE BY MAIL FOR ALL OTHER ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN **2016**, PLEASE COMPLETE (1) ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION WITH THE FOLLOWING 2016 - 2017 ELECTION DATES WRITTEN IN:
03/01; 05/24; 07/26; 11/08; 12/06/2016 & 01/10/2017 **OR YOU MAY WRITE: ALL ELECTIONS**
IN THE DATE OF ELECTION AREA AT THE TOP OF THE APPLICATION

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS CAN BE RECEIVED 180 DAYS PRIOR TO AN ELECTION AND THE BALLOTS ARE MAILED 45 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION. ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUNOFF ELECTIONS ARE MAILED AS SOON AS PRACTICAL

If you do not meet any of the (3) three categories above, you must submit an Absentee Ballot Application request for “each” election (including runoffs). If you have any additional questions, please contact the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections at 478-621-6622. Office hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.– 5:30 p.m.

**VOTERS WILL NEED TO CHOOSE A PARTY (DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN)
IF NO PARTY IS SELECTED, PLEASE WRITE NP FOR A NONPARTISAN BALLOT**

**MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION TO
MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

P O BOX 6297

MACON, GEORGIA 31208-6297

OR FAX TO: (478) 784-9774 OR EMAIL: ABSENTEE@MACONBIBB.US

To get a Sample Ballot and/or Absentee Ballot Application online please visit Website below:

<http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov>

****You may also access the Absentee Ballot Application at the <http://www.sos.georgia.gov> website****

Click on the Elections Tab at the top of the page; Click Voter info; and then

Click Application for Official Absentee / Advance Ballot

Voter Education and voting units for demonstration purposes

Board of Elections is available for voter education and voting units can be signed out for demonstration before the election cycle begins. This has to be scheduled around the availability of the staff's schedule and prior to early voting and election day.

You may contact the Elections Officer for further information
Thomas Gillon 478-621-6622

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MY VOTER PAGE

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Welcome to MVP



vote for *success*
with the Secretary of State Elections Division

Use the MVP Log In to check your:

- Voter registration status
- Mail-In application and ballot status
- Poll location
- Early voting locations
- Elected Officials
- Registration information on file with the county office
- Sample ballot for the upcoming election
- Provisional Ballot status

Not Registered to Vote?

Register

Key Election Dates

MVP Login:

Your Name and County

First Initial:*

Last Name:*

County:* ▼

Date of Birth:*

(mm/dd/yyyy)

Submit

Clear