

Voting by Absentee Ballot in Georgia

- 1) **Check your voter status** to make sure you are listed as “active.” You can do this by visiting the My Voter Page on the Georgia Secretary of State’s website:
www.mvp.sos.ga.gov

Enter your information in the right-hand box and click the “submit” button. This will take you to your voter page. If you get a message that reads “Your registration information was not located,” that means you are not registered to vote, and need to do so by October 5. (To register online, return to www.mvp.sos.ga.gov. In the left-hand box, hit the tab, “REGISTER” and follow instructions from there.)

If you are registered, but your status is listed as NOT active, or if you have any other problems confirming your registration, please call the Voter Protection Hotline at **888-730-5816**.

- 2) **Request an absentee ballot.** You can do so online at www.ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov. You will need to have your GA Driver’s license number or another official (Georgia) state-issued ID number handy. The first round of absentee ballots will be mailed out mid-September.

- 3) **Fill out your absentee ballot and MAKE SURE TO SIGN IT.** Because ballots can be rejected if they are not filled out correctly, it’s a good idea to have someone check over your ballot after you fill it out. The folks at the Voter Protection Hotline (**888-730-5816**) will be happy to confirm you have filled it out correctly—just give them a call. You then have options for how to submit your ballot:

- i) Return it by mail ten days in advance of election (use 2 stamps just to be safe)
- ii) Drop it off in a ballot box or take it directly to your county registrar. Most voting experts encourage using ballot boxes. Your ballot is guaranteed to be picked up as long as it is dropped off by 7 pm on Tuesday, November 3, but it’s best to drop it off as early as possible. Ballot boxes should be available around the time early voting begins on October 12. Go here for a list of ballot box locations in each county: www.georgiademocrat.org/voting-information-and-resources/find-my-countys-ballot-drop-boxes/

If you have any trouble along the way, or any questions about how to fill out the ballot, please reach out to the Voter Protection Hotline at **888-730-5816**. If you receive an absentee ballot, but decide you want to vote in person, just bring the absentee ballot with you to the polls, and give it to your poll worker. They will destroy it for you, and you can vote in person.