

**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT**

Heard County, Georgia  
Precinct:  
Special Election - March 12, 2024



**To Vote:**

1. Use Black or Blue Ink to mark the ballot.
2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the left of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote.
3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the oval to the left of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the Write-In candidate in the space provided.

**Warning**

- Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot.
- Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices.
- Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot.
- Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed.
- Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.

**If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:**

- A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write **"Spoiled"** across the ballot AND across the return envelope.
- B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

**If you decide to vote in-person:** Surrender the ballot to the poll manager at 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." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]*

**Special Election**

**SPLOST Renewal for Continuation of Sales and Use Tax and Bond Election**  
(Vote for One)

"Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Heard County for a period of time not to exceed Six (6) Years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$ 28,800,000 for the purpose of:

- (1) Funding Administrative Facilities, Equipment, and Vehicles; Fire-EMS Facilities, Vehicles and Equipment; Parks and Recreation Equipment, Facilities, and Vehicles; Roads and Bridges Equipment, Vehicles, Resurfacing, Improvements, Facility Renovations/Additions; Sheriff's Department Equipment, Facilities, and Vehicles; Water Authority; Economic Development for HEARD COUNTY; and,
- (2) Funding Administrative Equipment, Facilities, and Vehicles; Public Safety Equipment, Facilities and Vehicles; Parks and Recreation Equipment, Facilities, and Vehicles; Public Works Vehicles, Equipment, Roads, and sidewalks; Water Authority System Improvements; Economic Development for the CITY OF FRANKLIN; and,
- (3) Funding Public Safety Equipment, Facilities, and Vehicles; Parks and Recreation Equipment, Facilities, and Vehicles; Roads and Streets Vehicles, Equipment, Roads, and Facilities; Administrative Facilities City Hall/Library for the TOWN OF CENTRALHATCHEE; and,
- (4) Funding Administrative Buildings, Vehicles, and Equipment; Public Safety Equipment and Vehicles; Parks and Recreation Equipment, Facilities, and Vehicles; Roads and Bridges Equipment, Vehicles, Resurfacing, Improvements, Facility Renovations/Additions; Water System Improvements; Economic Development for the CITY OF EPHEBUS?

If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Heard County in the principal amount of \$ 10,000,000 for the above purposes."

- Yes
- No