


OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT

Heard County, Georgia

Republican General Primary and Nonpartisan General Election - May 19, 2026

	To Vote:	Warning
	1. Use Black or Blue Ink to mark the ballot.	Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot.
	2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the right of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote.	Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices.
	3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the oval to the right of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the Write-In candidate in the space provided.	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)]

<p>For United States Senate (Vote for One)</p> <p>Earl L. "Buddy" Carter <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Mike Collins <input type="radio"/></p> <p>John F. Coyne III <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Derek Dooley <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Jonathan "Jon" McColum <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>For State School Superintendent (Vote for One)</p> <p>Nelva Lee <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Fred "Bubba" Longgear <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Mesha Mainor <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Randell E. Trammell <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Richard Woods (I) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>State Republican Party Questions</p> <p>- 1 -</p> <p>Should Georgia enact the strongest election integrity measures possible, which may include hand marked paper ballots, fines for counties that refuse to maintain current voter rolls, and restrictions on no-excuse absentee voting to restore trust in elections?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>- 2 -</p> <p>Should Georgia prohibit judges from releasing criminal defendants accused of murder and other felonies without posting secure bail?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>- 3 -</p> <p>Should Georgia extend the death penalty to include sexual crimes against children?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>- 4 -</p> <p>Should the United States Constitution be amended to limit the number of Supreme Court Justices to a maximum of nine to prevent partisan court packing schemes?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>- 5 -</p> <p>Should Georgia require public school systems to make all instructional materials and library content publicly accessible online for parental review?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="radio"/></p> <p>- 6 -</p> <p>Do you support making Georgia energy-independent by prioritizing American oil/gas production, reducing regulations, and delivering lower energy costs for families?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yes <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">No <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>For Governor (Vote for One)</p> <p>Chris Carr <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Clark Dean <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Rick Jackson <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Burt Jones <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Gregg Kirkpatrick <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Brad Raffensperger <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Tom Williams <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Ken Yasger <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>For Commissioner of Labor (Vote for One)</p> <p>Bárbara Rivera Holmes (I) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>For Public Service Commissioner District 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Fitz Johnson <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Brandon Martin <input type="radio"/></p> <p>For Public Service Commissioner District 5 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Bobby Mehan <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Carolyn Tatum Roddy <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Josh Tolbert <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)</p> <p>David Clark <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Greg Dolezal <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Steve Gooch <input type="radio"/></p> <p>John F. Kennedy <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Brenda Lynn Nelson-Porter <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Takosha Swan <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Blake Tillery <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>For United States House of Representatives - District 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Brian Jack (I) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>For State Senate District 6 (Vote for One)</p> <p>Matt Brass (I) <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>For Secretary of State (Vote for One)</p> <p>Tim Fleming <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vernon Jones <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Kelvin King <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Ted Metz <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Gabriel "Gabe" Sterling <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>For State House of Representatives - District 72 (Vote for One)</p> <p>David Huddleston (I) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>For District Attorney West Georgia Judicial Circuit (Vote for One)</p> <p>Sarah Stimac Japour (I) <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>For Attorney General (Vote for One)</p> <p>Bill Cowsert <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Brian Strickland <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Your</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District Commissioner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Race Here (If applicable)</p>	
<p>For Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One)</p> <p>Tyler Harper (I) <input type="radio"/></p>		
<p>For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One)</p> <p>John King (I) <input type="radio"/></p>		

Abbreviation Definition: (I) = Incumbent

Turn Ballot Over To Continue Voting

- 7 -
 Do you support banning cellphone use in Georgia public schools to improve student focus, safety, and discipline?
 Yes
 No

**For Judge - Superior Court
 West Georgia Judicial Circuit**
 (To Succeed Dustin W. Hightower) (Vote for One)
 Dustin W. Hightower (I)
 Write-in:

- 8 -
 Should Georgia enact laws punishing state and local law enforcement who refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in the deportation of illegal aliens charged with serious crimes?
 Yes
 No

Your District School Board
 Race Here (If applicable)

Special Election

One Percent TSPLOST
 (Vote for One)

Nonpartisan General Election

Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Heard County for a period of time of six (6) years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$36,000,000 (thirty-six million dollars) for the purpose of funding transportation projects such as Roads and bridges – paving, striping, maintenance, and all other associated improvements; Road department maintenance, equipment, and vehicles; Pedestrian upgrades and all other associated improvements for Heard County, the City of Franklin, the Town of Centralhatchee, and the City of Ephesus? 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 (ten million dollars) for the above purposes.
 Yes
 No

**For Justice
 Supreme Court of Georgia**
 (To Succeed Charlie Bethel) (Vote for One)
 Charles "Charlie" Bethel (I)
 Miracle Rankin
 Write-in:

**For Justice
 Supreme Court of Georgia**
 (To Succeed Benjamin Land) (Vote for One)
 Ben Land (I)
 Write-in:

**For Justice
 Supreme Court of Georgia**
 (To Succeed Sarah Hawkins Warren) (Vote for One)
 Jen Auer Jordan
 Sarah Hawkins Warren (I)
 Write-in:

**For Judge
 Court of Appeals of Georgia**
 (To Succeed Trenton "Trent" Brown, III) (Vote for One)
 Trenton "Trent" Brown (I)
 Will Wooten
 Write-in:

**For Judge
 Court of Appeals of Georgia**
 (To Succeed Sara Doyle) (Vote for One)
 Sara Doyle (I)
 Write-in:

**For Judge
 Court of Appeals of Georgia**
 (To Succeed Elizabeth Dallas Gobeil) (Vote for One)
 Fatima Harris Felton
 Elizabeth D. Gobeil (I)
 Write-in:

**For Judge
 Court of Appeals of Georgia**
 (To Succeed David Todd Markle) (Vote for One)
 David Todd Markle (I)
 Write-in:

**For Judge
 Court of Appeals of Georgia**
 (To Succeed J. Wade Padgett) (Vote for One)
 J. Wade Padgett (I)
 Write-in:

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