

Georgia

Provisional Voting Survey

Provisional Ballots Cast: 12,895
Provisional Ballots Counted: 3,976
Percent Counted: 30.8%
Percent of Vote: 0.12%

DESIGN

1. Who designs the provisional ballot, the state or county?

The state designs the provisional ballot.

2. Is the entity responsible for designing the provisional ballot designated by statute or rule?

The state is designated by statute and administrative rule.

3. Does Georgia have a provisional ballot that also serves as a voter registration application?

No, Georgia does not have a combined provisional ballot/voter registration application form.

4. Is Georgia's provisional ballot visually distinguishable from a regular ballot?

Yes, regular ballots are cast on electronic voting machines, while provisional ballots are cast on paper.

AVAILABILITY AND STANDARDS

1. Are there a required number of provisional ballots at polling places?

The state does not require a number of provisional ballots at each polling place; state law designates individual counties and townships as responsible for determining the number of provisional ballots at each polling place.

2. What do poll workers do if the polling place runs out of provisional ballots?

If a polling place runs out of ballots, the precinct workers should contact the local election office.

3. Are provisional ballots tracked from distribution to polling sites through counting?

Ballots are individually tracked through ticket stubs.

COUNTING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

1. Who determines whether or not a provisional ballot is valid?

County officials on the Board of Registrars determine whether or not the provisional ballot is valid.

2. What is the time frame for counting provisional ballots?

According to state law, counties have 48 hours to determine the eligibility of provisional ballots.

3. What is the process for determining the eligibility of a provisional ballot?

County officials research records. If the voter is found on rolls, then the ballot is counted. If a voter registration application is found, then officials will add the voter to the rolls. Officials also look at DMV records for a pending application. Voters are also added if a correction was made within 30 days.

4. Who can observe the process?

Any member of the public can observe the process.

5. Is a provisional ballot counted if it is cast in the wrong precinct?

A provisional ballot cast in the wrong precinct but the correct county would be counted for the races in which the voter is eligible to vote. Ballots cast in the incorrect county are not counted.

6. What information must voters provide on the provisional ballot?

The voter must sign an affidavit, indicate where and when the provisional ballot was completed, as well as provides the same information that is requested on a voter registration application.

7. May a voter remedy a provisional ballot that may be rejected?

No, there is not an opportunity to remedy a provisional ballot after it has been cast.

8. What can voters do if they failed to bring ID to the polls?

First time voters who registered by mail who fail to bring identification can bring their ID to the election office within 48 hours or return to the polling place on Election Day to show their ID.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

- 1. What is the state's Free Notification System to inform voters whether their provisional ballot was counted?**

Individually counties administer the notification systems. Voters are notified of whom to contact to determine whether their ballot was counted.

- 2. Who administers the Free Notification System?**

The counties administer the notification system.

- 3. What is the timeline for posting information to the Free Notification System?**

There is no timeline for notification.