

MERIWETHER COUNTY

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT

**OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil.

Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.

If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of 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." [OCGA 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

<p>For Governor (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BRIAN KEMP Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> STACEY ABRAMS Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TED METZ Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JIM BECK Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> JANICE LAWS Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DONNIE FOSTER Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For U.S. Representative in 116th Congress From the 3rd Congressional District of Georgia (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DREW FERGUSON (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> CHUCK ENDERLIN Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p align="center">PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</p>
<p>For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GEOFF DUNCAN Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> SARAH RIGGS AMICO Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For State School Superintendent (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RICHARD WOODS (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHA E. THORNTON, JR. Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For State Senator From 29th District (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RANDY ROBERTSON Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> VALERIE HASKINS Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p align="center">- 1 -</p> <p>Creates the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, and parks.</p> <p>House Resolution No. 238 Resolution Act No. 414 Ga. L. 2018, p. 1138 "Without increasing the current state sales tax rate, shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund to conserve lands that protect drinking water sources and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; to protect and conserve forests, fish, wildlife habitats, and state and local parks; and to provide opportunities for our children and families to play and enjoy the outdoors, by dedicating, subject to full public disclosure, up to 80 percent of the existing sales tax collected by sporting goods stores to such purposes without increasing the current state sales tax rate?"</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>For Secretary of State (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BRAD RAFFENSPERGER Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> JOHN BARROW Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SMYTHE DUVAL Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For Commissioner of Labor (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MARK BUTLER (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> RICHARD KEATLEY Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For State Representative in the General Assembly From 137th District (Vote for One)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> DEBBIE G. BUCKNER (Incumbent) Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p align="center">- 2 -</p> <p>Creates a state-wide business court to lower costs, enhance efficiency, and promote predictable judicial outcomes.</p> <p>House Resolution No. 993 Resolution Act No. 410 Ga. L. 2018, p. 1130 "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create a state-wide business court, authorize superior court business court divisions, and allow for the appointment process for state-wide business court judges in order to lower costs, improve the efficiency of all courts, and promote predictability of judicial outcomes in certain complex business disputes for the benefit of all citizens of this state?"</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>For Attorney General (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHRIS CARR (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> CHARLIE BAILEY Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Chuck Eaton) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHUCK EATON (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> LINDY MILLER Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RYAN GRAHAM Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>Special Election For District Attorney of the Coweta Judicial Circuit (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> HERB CRANFORD (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p align="center">TURN BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING</p>
<p>For Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GARY BLACK (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> FRED SWANN Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For Public Service Commissioner (To Succeed Tricia Pridemore) (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TRICIA PRIDEMORE (Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> DAWN A. RANDOLPH Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHN TURPISH Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	<p>For Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RYAN SCOTT JOHNSON (Incumbent)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> _____ Write-in</p>	

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<p>Encourages the conservation, sustainability, and longevity of Georgia's working forests through tax subclassification and grants.</p> <p>House Resolution No. 51 Resolution Act No. 297 Ga. L. 2018, p. 1127 "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to revise provisions related to the subclassification for tax purposes of and the prescribed methodology for establishing the value of forest land conservation use property and related assistance grants, to provide that assistance grants related to forest land conservation use property may be increased by general law for a five-year period and that up to 5 percent of assistance grants may be deducted and retained by the state revenue commissioner to provide for certain state administrative costs, and to provide for the subclassification of qualified timberland property for ad valorem taxation purposes?"</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>- A -</p> <p>Provides for a homestead exemption for residents of certain municipal corporations.</p> <p>House Bill No. 820 Act No. 346 Ga. L. 2018, p. 235 "Do you approve a new homestead exemption in a municipal corporation that is located in more than one county, that levies a sales tax for the purposes of a metropolitan area system of public transportation, and that has within its boundaries an independent school system, from ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and the adjusted base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by 2.6 percent?"</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>Continuation of Meriwether County Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax (Vote for One)</p> <p>Shall a one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Meriwether County for a period of time of twenty-four calendar quarters (6 years) and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$10,000,000 for the following purposes, pursuant to an Intergovernmental Contract, dated July 11, 2018, among the Meriwether County, Georgia, the City of Greenville, the City of Gay, the City of Lone Oak, the City of Luthersville, the City of Manchester, the City of Warm Springs, and the City of Woodbury, which qualified municipalities comprise more than 50% of the municipal population of the special district: (A) funding the following capital outlay projects for Meriwether County: (1) Roads and Transportation, (2) Public Safety Vehicles and Equipment, (3) Sheriff's Office Vehicles and Equipment, (4) Public Works Vehicles and Equipment, (5) Recreation, (6) Water System Expansion, (7) I.T., (8) Building Renovations, and (9) Records Management; (B) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Greenville: (1) Downtown Streetscape, (2) Sidewalk Repair and Expansion, (3) Renovation of Facilities for Youth, Senior, and Recreation Programs, (4) Street and Transportation Improvements, (5) Public Safety Vehicles and Equipment, and (6) Public Works Vehicles and Equipment; (C) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Gay: (1) Water System Upgrades, Software, and Equipment, (2) Building Renovations, Expansion, and Equipment, and (3) Paving and Parking Improvements; (D) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Lone Oak: (1) Water System Improvements, (2) Water Line Expansion, (3) Street and Transportation Improvements, and (4) Recreation; (E) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Luthersville: (1) Downtown Repairs/Renovations, (2) City Hall Repairs/Renovations, (3) Water System Repairs/Upgrades, (4) Street Repairs/Paving, (5) City Park Repairs/Renovations, (6) Public Safety Improvements, and (7) Upgrade Recreational Facilities; (F) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Manchester: (1) Water and Sewer Infrastructure, (2) Building and Grounds and Renovations (All Departments), (3) Streets and Sidewalks, (4) Equipment (All Departments), (5) Recreation, and (6) I.T.; (G) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Warm Springs: (1) Streetscape and Sidewalk Improvements, (2) Walking Trails, (3) Water and Sewer Line Improvements, and (4) Streets and Transportation; (H) funding the following capital outlay projects for the City of Woodbury: (1) Building Renovations and Additions, (2) Public Safety Vehicles and Equipment, (3) Recreation, (4) Public Works Equipment, (5) I.T., (6) Water and Sewer Improvements, (7) Redevelopment Plan and Implementation, and (8) Streets and Transportation.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>- 4 -</p> <p>Provides rights for victims of crime in the judicial process.</p> <p>Senate Resolution No. 146 Resolution Act No. 467 Ga. L. 2018, p. 1139 "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide certain rights to victims against whom a crime has allegedly been perpetrated and allow victims to assert such rights?"</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>- B -</p> <p>Provides a tax exemption for certain homes for the mentally disabled.</p> <p>House Bill No. 196 Act No. 25 Ga. L. 2017, p. 55 "Shall the Act be approved which provides an exemption from ad valorem taxes on nonprofit homes for the mentally disabled if they include business corporations in the ownership structure for financing purposes?"</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	
<p>- 5 -</p> <p>Authorizes fair allocation of sales tax proceeds to county and city school districts.</p> <p>Senate Resolution No. 95 Resolution Act No. 278 Ga. L. 2017, p. 857 "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize a referendum for a sales and use tax for education by a county school district or an independent school district or districts within the county having a majority of the students enrolled within the county and to provide that the proceeds are distributed on a per student basis among all the school systems unless an agreement is reached among such school systems for a different distribution?"</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>		