

Elections and Voter Registration Calendar

2012 Election Event Dates

Presidential Preference Primary/Special Election (to fill vacancies and propose questions)	February 6, 2012	March 6, 2012
Special Election Runoff	February 6, 2012	April 3, 2012
General Primary/Non-Partisan/ Special Election (to fill vacancies and propose questions)	July 2, 2012	July 31, 2012
General Primary Runoff/Non-Partisan Runoff/Special Election Runoff	July 2, 2012	August 21, 2012
Special Election (to fill vacancies)	August 20, 2012	September 18, 2012
Special Election Runoff	August 20, 2012	October 16, 2012
General Election/Special Election (to fill vacancies and propose questions)	October 8, 2012	November 6, 2012
General Election Runoff/Special Election Runoff	October 8, 2012	December 4, 2012

Key Dates:

January 1, 2012	Earliest day to file and publish a notice of intention to be a write-in candidate in the General Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-133 (a)
January 21, 2012	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the March Presidential Preference Primary/Special Election §21-2-384 (a)
February 1, 2012	Last day to fix and publish qualifying fees for offices to be filled during the 2012 Election Cycle. §21-2-131 (a)(1)(A)
February 6, 2012	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special Election and March Special Election Runoff. O.C.G.A. §21-2-224 (a)
February 13, 2012	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
February 25, 2012	Mandatory Saturday Voting for the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special Election §21-2-385 (d)(1)
May 23, 2012	Earliest day for a Political Party Candidate to file a Declaration of Candidacy to have his or her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-153 (c)(1)
9:00 A.M.	Earliest day for a Non-Partisan Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his or her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-132, 21—2-172, 21-2-187
May 25, 2012	Last day for a Political Party Candidate to file a Declaration of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-153 (c)(1)
12:00 Noon	Last day for a Non-Partisan Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-132, 21—2-172, 21-2-187
June 1, 2012	Last day to file affidavit stating the notice of intention to be a Non-Partisan Write-In Candidate has been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-133 (b)

June 16, 2012	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/July Special Election §21-2-384 (a)
July 2, 2012	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the General Primary/Non-Partisan/July Special Election and Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-224 (a)
July 9, 2012	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
July 21, 2012	Mandatory Saturday Voting for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/July Special Election §21-2-385 (d)(1)
July 30, 2012 9:00 A.M.	Earliest day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132; 21-2-187
August 3, 2012 12:00 Noon	Last day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132;21-2-187
August 6, 2012 12:00 Noon	Last day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file their Nomination Petition to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132
August 20, 2012	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the September Special Election /September Special Election Runoff. O.C.G.A. §21-2-224 (a)
August 27, 2012	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the September Special Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
September 4, 2012	Last day to file affidavit stating the notice of intention to be a write-in candidate has been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-133 (b)
September 21, 2012	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the General Election/November Special Election O.C.G.A. §21-2-384 (a)
October 8, 2012	Last day a person may register and be eligible to vote in the General Election/November Special Election /Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-224(a)
October 15, 2012	Advanced (In-Person) Voting begins for the General Election/November Special Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
October 27, 2012	Mandatory Saturday Voting for the General Election/November Special Election §21-2-385 (d)(1)