



2025 All Voting Pro-Voter Agenda: Georgia

Our Vision for the Future of Voting in the Peach State

All Voting is Local Georgia

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Introduction

In recent years, Georgia’s voting landscape has been shaped by conspiracy theories and politically motivated reforms that have made it harder to vote and administer elections. Yet despite these obstacles, Georgia voters have remained resilient—showing up, speaking out, and continuing to make their voices heard.

All Voting Georgia is committed to building a stronger, more accessible democracy by championing the voting options people want and the commonsense reforms that election officials need to run safe and efficient elections.

Since our country’s founding, the structure of our democracy has been intentionally designed—and actively maintained—to exclude people from participating fully, especially people of color and other marginalized communities. At All Voting is Local, our North Star is a democracy that brings people in, rather than one built on the notion that people should be kept out—bold by design, because we aim to transform the systems that govern our democracy to include everyone. This commitment to building an inclusive, accessible, and equitable democracy drives both our long-term vision and our day-to-day work.

That’s why we’ve launched All Voting is Local’s National and State Pro-Voter Agendas—a long-term affirmative vision for voting that calls on state and local election officials to use the broad authority they already have to expand access to the ballot. The Pro-Voter Agenda was created as a tool to be implemented by those decision-makers while centering Black, Brown, Native American, and other historically marginalized communities.

Our agenda outlines actionable solutions to ensure the following:

- Every American can get on the rolls and stay on the rolls.

- Every American can vote when, where, and how it works for them—in under 30 minutes.
- Partisan interference in vote counting and certification is stopped.

The path forward requires vigilance and action. We must resist anti-voter laws, support election officials (and push back on them when necessary), and advocate for policies that make it easier—not harder—for every voter to participate in our democracy. The stakes couldn't be higher. The fight for voting rights is not a relic of the past—it's a fight for our future.

The power of American democracy lies in the hands of the people—and the officials who are responsible for ensuring the voice of the people is heard through free and fair elections. As All Voting continues advocating for policies that expand access to the ballot, this agenda will serve to clearly and accurately define our positions and our priorities—across our eight states and across the country.

—Hannah Fried, Executive Director, All Voting is Local (Spring 2025)

Who We Are

All Voting is Local (“All Voting”) is a nonpartisan organization that fights on the ground in eight states for free and fair elections. In a moment of unprecedented threat to our democracy, All Voting advocates state and local officials for policies and practices that ensure the American people choose their leaders, not the other way around.

All Voting works year-round with our partners to prevent partisan interference in our elections, advance fair and inclusive rules on voter registration, and remove barriers that make it more difficult for people to vote—particularly for Black, Brown, Native American, and other historically marginalized communities. As a multistate organization with a national presence and resources, we build connections between state and national advocacy groups so that local voices and perspectives inform the national conversation around voter access.

All Voting is Local is on the ground in Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. During the 2024 cycle, All Voting programs expanded access for over 13 million voters.

Voter Registration Practices & Policies

Every American can get on the rolls & stay on the rolls

Automatic Voter Registration (AVR)

All Voting Georgia believes in easy and accessible voter registration by mail, online, or in person, through all federal, state, and local government agencies, including the Department of Driver Services (DDS). Eligible voters should be automatically included in the state's registration rolls whenever they conduct a qualified transaction, known as "front-end" AVR, at a federal, state, or local government office unless they affirmatively request to opt out. This provides a quick and easy way to register voters proactively.

All Voting Georgia also supports "back-end" AVR, where government agencies share information that voters transact in their respective systems with state election officials through secure and encrypted means. This allows a voter's registration to be updated in near real time. The voter does not need to confirm the change at the time of the transaction. Instead, a notification is sent that allows them to confirm the changes.

Same-Day Voter Registration

All Voting Georgia believes that voters should be able to update their registration information and/or register to vote at any time, while allowing the option to vote in person at the polls during early voting or on election day.

Responsible List Maintenance

All Voting Georgia supports responsible voter list maintenance done well in advance of an election and in alignment with the requirements of the National Voter

Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). Responsible list maintenance requires that jurisdictions take into account all relevant information that indicates that a voter's eligibility has changed and notify voters of those changes before any actions are taken to cancel them from the voter roll or place them in a challenged status. Illegitimate software systems, such as EagleAI, used in the state increase the risk of removing lawful voters at an unacceptably high rate. EagleAI poses a threat to voters and election officials, as it invites mass challenges from election deniers who aim to sow distrust in our elections.

Appropriate list maintenance not only helps elections run more efficiently but also ensures voters get accurate information about voting, such as where to vote and who is on their ballot. It can also help insulate [voters from challenges to their eligibility by a third party](#).

Safeguards Against Voter Challenges

In Georgia, voter challenges have surged since the passage of Senate Bill 202, which permits individuals to file an unlimited number of challenges to voter eligibility. These challenges, often targeting voters of color, students, and unhoused voters in our state's largest counties, have raised concerns about voter suppression and also the administrative and cost burden to county election offices.

Recent laws, such as Senate Bill 189, have made it even easier to challenge registrations, prompting legal pushback and public scrutiny over their impact on access to the ballot. All Voting GA supports safeguards against voter challenges, ensuring that voters are not erroneously removed or put into challenged status.

Voting Methods, Opportunities, & Policies

Every American can vote when, where, & how it works for them—in under 30 minutes

Expanded Language Access

All Voting Georgia believes every voter should have equitable access to the polls, regardless of the language they speak. Consistent with the Voting Rights Act, if a jurisdiction reaches a threshold of 5% or 10,000 people speaking a covered primary language other than English, election officials are required to provide voter education and translation of the voting process without delay.

We believe that individuals with both limited English proficiency and/or the inability to read or write should also receive additional levels of support, separate from expanded language access, through accessibility provisions that allow for several levels of assistance not currently provided uniformly throughout the voting process. Speaking a language other than English or not having proficiency in English should not be a barrier to voting. Support should be provided or accessible for voters where there is a need for language assistance.

Use of Paper Record

All Voting Georgia believes that a paper record of each ballot ensures the most reliable and replicable election results. All Voting is Local supports the availability of ballot marking devices or other tools so that all voters, regardless of physical ability, can cast their ballots privately and independently. All polling locations that use electronic voting machines should be required to have a supply of backup paper ballots, amounting to 15% of voters in each precinct, in case of a technological issue with their machines.

Expanded Access for Voters With Disabilities

All Voting Georgia supports ample and accessible opportunities for everyone to register and vote, regardless of physical ability. The assistance provided for

in-person registration options and the designated voting and/or registering locations must comply with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Voting Rights Act, and other federal laws have provided important protections for accessible voting and can be strengthened and built upon with policies, including but not limited to these:

- Online registration and election websites should meet accessibility standards to help voters with disabilities find the information they need to register.
- Voting sites should be pretested for potential barriers that may affect voters with disabilities.
- Increased training for poll workers on voting with a disability should be provided to ensure that voters with disabilities are permitted to have privacy while voting and bring an authorized person to assist them in the voting process.
- Barriers to voting by mail should be reduced by allowing caretakers, family members, or other individuals to assist with and return ballots on behalf of voters.
- Voting locations should offer curbside voting and include adequate equipment and support for voters with disabilities. Administrators should, at a minimum, comply with federal law, which requires at least one accessible machine at each polling place.

Early Voting

All Voting Georgia believes that early, in-person voting should run for no less than the existing 17 days before a general election day, including weekends and before- and after-work hours, to ensure voters have ample opportunity to participate in our democracy without sacrificing their other responsibilities, such as jobs and childcare. Voters should have multiple options for voting early in person across their communities—such as at locations near workplaces, recreation centers, educational institutions, and places of worship—to ensure their vote can be cast conveniently. Georgia is a leader in early voting, and we are committed to ensuring that this method of voting is protected.

Voting by Mail

All Voting Georgia believes all voters should be able to vote in a manner that is safe and accessible for them, including voting by mail. A robust vote-by-mail program will include the following:

- Voters should be allowed to return completed ballots through accessible and secure methods. This may include returning their ballot in person to election officials, at a drop box or voting location, by mail, or through delivery by a family member, household member, or other third party.
- Voters should be allowed to request an absentee ballot by mail with ease. Requests for absentee ballots should not require an excuse, and there should be no requirements for a witness, notary, or other secondary proof of signature to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot.
- Election offices should be required to mail a vote-by-mail ballot within two days of receipt of the ballot request.
- A vote-by-mail policy should include ample opportunity to amend any errors on a ballot (i.e., to “cure” the ballot).
- Voters should be able to track their ballot through an election office-provided service such as BallotTrax.
- Voters should have the ability to “cancel” their unused mail ballot if they choose to vote in person (early or on election day) instead.
- Election offices should provide pre-paid postage for ballots.
- Election offices should accept and count ballots that are postmarked by election day, rather than requiring ballots to be received by election day.

Equitable Voting Access for Justice-Impacted Voters

All Voting Georgia believes all current or formerly incarcerated individuals should retain their right to register and vote. While jailed or incarcerated, voters should have access to accurate and up-to-date information on upcoming elections, voter registration processes, methods for obtaining a ballot, and access to voting.

All Voting believes all eligible citizens should remain enfranchised voters regardless of whether they are or have been incarcerated. Formerly incarcerated individuals should not lose their voter registration status or ability to vote due to a criminal conviction.

Accessible and Well-Resourced Voting Locations

All Voting Georgia believes all voters should be able to easily access and cast a ballot in person at an early voting site, an election day polling location, or a vote center that combines multiple precincts. Election offices should establish standards to ensure they have adequate and accessible voting locations, parking, signage, provisional ballots, machines, and poll workers to administer their elections smoothly and support voters, including those with disabilities. This will require continued assessment. Additionally:

- Voters should be able to cast their ballot within 30 minutes of arriving at their voting location.
- In cities with mass transit, voting locations should be accessible by bus, streetcar, or MARTA whenever possible.
- Voting locations should be accessible to all voters and free of impediments that may make it difficult for them to access the ballot.

Expanded Voter Identification Options

All Voting Georgia supports states' using a variety of different methods to verify a voter's identity at the time of registration and/or voting, and the elimination of a photo ID requirement altogether, requiring only Help America Vote Act-style documentation at the time of registration. Under HAVA, applicants are required to either provide a valid driver's license number or, for applicants who do not have a valid driver's license number, the last four digits of their Social Security number. A total of 36 states, including Georgia, have laws that require or request voters to show some form of identification at the polls. The remaining 14 states and Washington, D.C., employ alternative methods to verify voter identities. Most frequently, other identifying information provided at the polling place, such as address verification, is checked against information on file. If ID is required, All Voting supports only those expanded ID options that include forms of non-photo ID, such as a bank statement, utility bill, or lease.

Protections for Voters

All Voting Georgia believes all voters should feel comfortable when casting a ballot via whatever method they choose and be able to do so free from intimidation. Federal regulations, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1965, protect against intimidation. States can enforce and strengthen these regulations to ensure that all voters feel safe, whether they are putting their ballot in a drop box or going to a voting site. Election offices should enforce and strengthen regulations that protect voters from intimidation by poll watchers, state and local law enforcement, or anti-democracy groups.

Voters should also be protected from unwarranted challenges to their eligibility. If removed from the rolls, they should be given ample notice and sufficient time to reregister ahead of any upcoming elections. The influx of citizen-led mass voter challenges is part of a widespread effort to undermine confidence in elections. These challenges are being used to bog down local election offices with a high volume of erroneous challenges to voters' eligibility, diverting resources and valuable time from election officials.

Election Official and Election Worker Protections

All Voting Georgia believes that since we entrust election officials to uphold our democratic systems, in turn, they should be able to trust that they can do so safely and without fear, intimidation, or threats of violence. In recent years, election officials, staff, and poll workers have been subjected to threats, accusations of crime, and leaked private information (doxing) at historically high rates. As a result, some states have enacted legislation specifically to protect election officials, staff, and poll workers, and we support those efforts.

Vote Count & Post-Vote Procedures

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Notice & Opportunity to Cure

When it comes to the opportunity for voters to cure a ballot, we support the following:

- Election officials' being required to contact voters by phone, text, email, and mail within two days of identifying any errors on their ballot.
- Election offices' clearly specifying the documentation required to correct errors on ballots and the deadline for submitting it, to avoid delays in certification.

Certification as a Ministerial Duty

Certification—the written statement attesting that the tabulation and canvassing of the election is complete—must be completed in accordance with the process and timelines set out in federal and state law. The powers of state officials in the certification process must be clearly defined and limited, and those responsible for certifying federal elections should not be allowed to rely on any information other than the election returns themselves.

The job of a state official reviewing election returns for certification is to make sure the math is correct and nothing more. A state official who fails to abide by their duty should be subject to immediate removal and other penalties as applicable under state law.

Conclusion

All Voting is Local believes that the policies laid out in this Pro-Voter Agenda are a powerful step toward a thriving democracy that enfranchises voters in local, state, and federal elections. These measures—from automatic voter registration to expanded language access to additional ways to vote in person—foster inclusivity, accessibility, and representation, empowering citizens to actively participate in our electoral processes for a more equitable

American democracy. We believe that these policies go beyond just the 2026 and 2028 elections and that there is still more work to be done for our country to truly achieve a democracy that works for us all. Our Pro-Voter Agenda can advance a better future for millions of voters and move our democracy forward.