

Questions May 7, 2014 – Voting continued, Part 3

Q. What is the Board of Elections and who appoints them?

A. The Board of Elections was created in 2001 by Georgia Legislature HB 798. The legislation requires that 2 appointments be made from each of the two major parties as determined by votes received in a presidential election. The County Commissioner also has one appointment. Board members serve staggered terms.

The Board of Elections is responsible for preparing all election materials, including the certification of qualified individuals, ballot preparation and the actual conduction of elections and certification of results.

Q. How many precincts does Union County have?

A. Union County has 11 Voting Precincts:

Ivy Log, Dooly, Gum Log, Blairsville, Pat Colwell, Track Rock, Union, Coosa, Suches, Owl Town and Choestoe. The Choestoe precinct (previously at the fire station) is now located in the Historic Choestoe Schoolhouse located at 1034 Collins Road.

Q. Can I still register to vote in the May 20th Primary Election?

A. No, it is now too late to register to vote for the May 20th Election however, you can still register to vote for the November election. I encourage everyone who is eligible to register to vote to do so. If you are unsure about who is running for which office you can view a sample ballot at the Registrar's Office.

Q. Who can vote in Georgia?

A. Only registered voters can vote in Georgia. Register today! You can register to vote if you meet all of the following qualifications:

- You're a U.S. citizen
- You're a resident of Georgia and of the county in which you wish to vote
- You'll be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- You're not serving a sentence for a felony conviction
- You haven't been declared by a court to be "mentally incompetent."

Q. What are the accepted forms of ID?

A. Georgia law requires all voters to show some form of photo identification before receiving a ballot. Accepted forms of ID include:

- A Georgia driver's license, even if expired, or a Georgia voter ID card
- A valid state or federal government-issued ID card, including an ID card from a public university, college, or technical school in Georgia (with photo)
- A valid U.S. military ID card (with photo)

- A valid employee ID card (with photo) issued by any division of the federal government or the government of Georgia
- A valid tribal ID card (with photo)
- A valid U.S. passport

If you don't have any of these approved forms of ID, the state will provide you a free voter ID card. Contact the county registrar's office (706-439-6016) for more information.

Q. Once I have registered, where do I vote?

A. After your voter registration form is received, you will receive a precinct card in the mail, which will state the location of your polling place and your local, State, and Federal districts. If you do not receive your precinct card within 30 days, contact the Registrar's office (706-439-6016).

On Election Day registered voters may only vote at their specific polling location.

Q. When are the polls open?

A. On Election Day (May 20), polls are open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. However, any voter who is waiting in line to vote at 7:00PM will be allowed to vote.

Remember that you can vote early at the Registrar's Office located in the Courthouse at 65 Courthouse Street from now until Friday, May 16, 2014

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