

How Your Vote Is Secured in Georgia

The state of Georgia has proven processes and systems in place to help secure your vote and ensure the integrity of our elections and their outcomes. Here are some commonly asked questions about who runs our state elections and how your vote is secured.

Who is in charge of ensuring our elections are secure?

The <u>elections division</u> of the Georgia secretary of state's office organizes and oversees all election activity, including voter registration and municipal, state, county, and federal elections. The Office of the Secretary of State works closely with county election offices to make sure that policies are followed and elections take place around your county according to established laws and rules.

Are Georgia's voting machines secure?

The voting machines that Georgians use to complete their ballots are not connected to the internet. This limits cybersecurity risks and protects machines from computer hackers. Additional security is provided through encryption, multifactor authentication, and role-based access controls. The machines also print a paper ballot, which is auditable. Having an "auditable" paper ballot ensures that, if election officials need to conduct an audit or recount, they can confirm that your ballot is valid.

For more detailed information about Georgia's voting machines and how our paper-ballot system is secured, reach out to the <u>elections division</u> of the Georgia secretary of state's office.

How do we make sure that election results are correct?

Georgia runs audits after the elections to help ensure everything is operating as it should and that all votes are counted accurately. This helps election officials make sure that ballots are tabulated (counted) correctly and that the outcome of the election is also correct.

Who investigates suspected election and voter fraud?

The Georgia secretary of state's office investigates allegations of election and voter fraud. To learn more, contact the Georgia secretary of state's office online or by phone at 404-656-2881.

Who do I call if I have a question about voting?

If you have any questions about the election process or encounter any issues while voting, you can contact your <u>county registrar</u> or call the Georgia secretary of state's office at 404-656-2871.

