



OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

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TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Blake Evans, Elections Division Director

RE: Certification Target for General Election and Advance Voting for December 6th Runoff.

The Secretary of State's Office is targeting Monday, November 21st for state certification of the November 8th General Election. While this target date is subject to change if delays come up during the statutorily required audit or if issues arise during normal pre-certification processes, I am sharing it with you to assist with preparation for the December 6th Runoff.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-385(d)(1)(B), Advance Voting for the December 6th general election runoff must begin as soon as possible prior to the runoff and no later than Monday, November 28th.

Advance Voting must be held Monday, November 28th through Friday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the option of extending those hours by beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending no later than 7:00 p.m. Advance Voting may be held on Sunday, November 27th. Advance Voting may also be held prior to Thanksgiving if you are able to complete all required preparations and notifications by then.

Pursuant to OCGA 21-2-385(d)(1), Advance Voting cannot occur on Thursday, November 24th (Thanksgiving Day), Friday, November 25th (Observance of State Holiday 1), or Saturday, November 26th. Advanced Voting on Saturday, November 26th is prohibited by OCGA 21-2-385(d)(1), which states that if the second Saturday before the runoff follows a Thursday or Friday that is a state holiday, voting on that Saturday is not allowed.

In determining when it is possible for you to begin Advance Voting for the runoff, remember that dates, times, and locations for Advance Voting must be published no later than seven days prior to beginning early voting on your county election's website (or, if you don't have a website, in a paper of general circulation and in a prominent location in the county). OCGA 21-2-385(d)(3). SEB Regulations also require that you "shall endeavor not to remove or alter any advance voting locations after they are published, unless there are emergency or unforeseen circumstances that make such a change necessary." SEB Rule 183-1-14-.02(2).

On or before the third day prior to beginning Advance Voting, you must also commence Logic & Accuracy testing of equipment to be used in the runoff. OCGA 21-2-379.25(c), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08(1)(b). Public notice of the date, time, and location of L&A testing must be published on your website and in a paper of general circulation five days prior to the commencement of L&A testing. OCGA 21-2-379.25(c), SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08(1)(c).