

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION OFFICIALS



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GAVREO Calls on State Elections Board to Pause Future Rule Changes Ahead of Presidential Election

[Georgia, August 21, 2024] – With less than 77 days until the Presidential Election, the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials (GAVREO) is urging the State Election Board (SEB) to halt the implementation of additional SEB election rules that would go into effect for the upcoming election. GAVREO members are gravely concerned that dramatic changes at this stage will disrupt the preparation and training processes already in motion for poll workers, absentee voting, advance voting and Election Day preparation.

Given the proximity of the election, introducing new rules at this stage would create unnecessary confusion among both the public and the dedicated poll workers and election officials who are critical to ensuring a smooth and efficient voting process.

"We are already in the midst of extensive training preparation for our poll workers and preparing for one of the biggest and most scrutinized elections in years," said W. Travis Doss, Jr., President of GAVREO. "Any last-minute changes to the rules risk undermining the public's trust in the electoral process and place undue pressure on the individuals responsible for managing the polls and administering the election. This could ultimately lead to errors or delays in voting, which is the last thing anyone wants."

In a time when maintaining public confidence in elections is more important than ever, making changes so close to Election Day only serves to heighten concerns and fears among voters. GAVREO believes that maintaining stability in the rules governing the elections process is essential for ensuring a fair and orderly process.

"We urge the State Election Board to seriously consider the impact of further rule changes and to prioritize the integrity and smooth operation of the upcoming election. Our poll workers, election administrators and voters deserve clarity and consistency in the rules that will guide this critical process," added Mr. Doss.

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About GAVREO

****The Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials (GAVREO) was established in 2019 and was constituted from the merging of the Voter Registrars Association of Georgia (VRAG) and the Georgia Election Officials Association (GEOA). Members consist of Active Election Superintendents, Election Supervisors/Directors, the County Board of Registrars, Deputy Registrars, County Election Board Members, Combined County Voter Registration and Election Board Members, and other full-time and part-time voter registration and elections staff and currently has over 500 members statewide. Many of our members have over 30 years of experience in elections administration. ****