# FULTON COUNTY REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS





**ELECTION BUDGET REVIEW** 

## **ELECTION BUDGET INSIGHT**

#### **EVENTS IMPACTED THE 2020-2021 ELECTION CYCLE**

- A new, resource intensive voting system purchased by the State of Georgia.
- An increase in absentee by mail voting of more than 500% due to the COVID pandemic.
- Two unbudgeted elections (September and December).
- A rare federal runoff election (January 2021).
- Increase in early voting by more than 30% from August January.
- A full hand audit of November's ballots.
- A machine recount of November's ballots.
- A 25% increase in Election Day polling locations.
- Rental payments to Georgia World Congress Center.
- Added security and technicians to all polling locations for early voting and Election Day.
- A COVID outbreak of 26 staff members leading up to the November election.

# **ELECTION COST COMPARISON**

#### **PAST ELECTION COST**

2008 Election Cycle \$11,154,783	2008 EV Sites 2008 ED Sites	_
2012 Election Cycle	2012 EV Sites	-6
\$6,122,022	2012 ED Sites	-259
2016 Election Cycle	2016 EV Sites	- 24
\$9,948,103	2016 ED Sites	- 203
2020 Election Cycle \$38,300,000	2020 EV Sites 2020 ED Sites	
2021Election Cycle	2021 EV Sites	- 34
\$6,100,000	2021 ED Sites	- 255

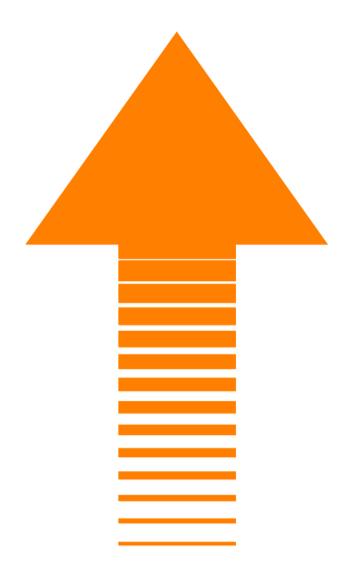
Forsyth, Gwinnett, Spaulding, Athens-Clarke, Rockdale, Clayton and Muscogee counties confirmed that they saw similar increases in their 2020 budgets versus previous years as we saw in Fulton.

### PROJECTED FUTURE ELECTION COST

2021 Municipal Election	2021 Muni EV Sites	- 24
\$7,265,375.18	2021 Muni ED Sites	- 271
2021 Municipal Election Runoff (TBD-\$2.46 per registered voter)	2021 MRO EV Sites 2021 MRO ED Sites	- 24 - 271
2022 Primary Election	2022 Prim EV Sites	- 24
\$7,300,000	2022 Prim ED Sites	- 271
2022 Primary Election Runoff	2020 PRO EV Sites	- 24
\$7,300,000	2020 PRO ED Sites	- 271
2022 General Election	2022 Gen EV Sites	- 42
\$11,515,181.91	2022 Gen ED Sites	- 271
2022 General Election Runoff	2022 GRO EV Sites	- 24
\$ 10,000,000	2022 GRO ED Sites	- 271

**TOTAL \$?** 

# **ELECTION COST INCREASES**



#### REASONS FOR ELECTION COST INCREASE

- ➤ Increase in early voting sites
- ➤ Increase in the number of Election Day precincts
- ➤ Additional staffing needs
- Additional equipment needs for early voting sites and Election Day sites
- > Increased voter turnout

#### UNKNOWN FACTORS THAT COULD IMPACT COSTS

- ➤ Change in absentee voting habits
- > Changes in absentee regulations could drive more citizens to early voting
- > Requests from elderly and disabled citizens
- Voter turnout
- Impact of Senate Bill 202

# QUESTION AND ANSWER

