

# FULTON COUNTY REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS



**FULTON  
COUNTY**

## ELECTIONS 2020-2021 | REVIEW

### 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 -6 2008 ED Sites -264
2012 Election Cycle \$6,122,022	2012 EV Sites -6 2012 ED Sites -259
2016 Election Cycle \$9,948,103	2016 EV Sites - 24 2016 ED Sites - 203
2020 Election Cycle \$38,300,000	2020 EV Sites - 34 2020 ED Sites - 255
2021 Election Cycle \$6,100,000	2021 EV Sites - 34 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 \$7,164,081	2021 Muni EV Sites - 24 2021 Muni ED Sites - 271
2021 Municipal Election Runoff (TBD-\$2.46 per registered voter)	2021 MRO EV Sites - 24 2021 MRO ED Sites - 271
2022 Primary Election \$9,437,722	2022 Prim EV Sites - 24 2022 Prim ED Sites - 271
2022 Primary Election Runoff \$6,532,402	2020 PRO EV Sites - 24 2020 PRO ED Sites - 271
2022 General Election \$11,529,068	2022 Gen EV Sites - 42 2022 Gen ED Sites - 271
2022 General Election Runoff \$ 6,447,058	2022 GRO EV Sites - 24 2022 GRO ED Sites - 271

# ELECTION COST INCREASES



## REASONS FOR ELECTION COST INCREASES

- 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

## WHERE ARE WE NOW?



### OUR FOCUS: A SUCCESSFUL ELECTION DAY

- Implementation of Post-Election Assessment Recommendations
- Developed detailed project plans
- Expanding early voting sites
- Expanding locations and opportunities for citizens to obtain a Voter ID
- Retooling poll worker training
- Developing a robust Voter Education Outreach and Communications Plan
- Updating Standard Operating Procedures to comply with SB 202
- Conducting weekly internal work group meetings
- Upcoming: Monthly Reporting to the BRE (beginning May, 2021)

# ON THE HORIZON-MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS UPDATE

- Municipal Elections Dates:  
11/2/2021  
11/30/2021 (Runoff)
- Revised municipal elections budgets to municipalities-sent 3/15/2021
- 28 Early Voting sites to be approved by the BRE
- Early voting hours to be approved by the BRE
- 255 Election Day precincts-plan to increase to 271 precincts
- Staff will report on 6/6/2021

## ABSENTEE BALLOT CHANGES

- Absentee ballot applications can be received 78 days prior to the election
- First mailing of absentee ballots is 45 days prior to the election
- Last day to mail absentee ballots is 11 days prior to the election
- Drop box locations decreased
  - 8 absentee ballot drop boxes
  - Additional drop boxes to be removed by August, 2021
- Staff will report 8/4/2021

## VOTER EDUCATION PLAN

- Work with External Affairs on messaging to voters
- Begin voter education outreach in June
- Voter Education will include:
  - Absentee ballot deadlines
  - Voter ID submission requirements
  - Absentee ballot drop box locations
  - Provisional voting changes
- Mobile voting units repurpose plan
  - Provide voter identification
  - Provide voter demonstrations
  - Provide copies of absentee applications

# SB 202 AND THE VOTER ROLLS



## SB 202 VOTER ROLL UPDATES/REQUIREMENTS

- No limit on the number of people whose voting qualifications one person could challenge.
- Within 10 business days after a challenge is filed with the Board of Registrars, must set the date, time, and place of a hearing and notify the challenger and the challenged.
- Sanctions will be issued by the State Elections Board for failure to comply with changes or with existing law on voter challenges.
- SOS is required to participate in an out-of-state residency database.
- SOS is required to cross-check database for list maintenance.

## FULTON COUNTY VOTER ROLL MAINTENANCE

- Non-Citizens-maintained daily
- Vitals-maintained weekly
- Mentally Incompetent-handled immediately
- Transfers In/Out of County-maintained daily
- Confirmation Process (State Function)
- Registration Verification Process-maintained daily
- Voter Registration Card/Applications-maintained daily
- Challenged Voters
- Felons-maintained monthly
- Municipal Voter Verification (each jurisdiction verifies voter rolls)

# QUESTION AND ANSWER

