Banks Co. – Nov 3, 2026 – General Election

Oct 13th - Oct 30th - Early voting (Schedule attached)

Oct 23rd – Absentee Ballots *due in county elections office* (unless Sr. full year Opt-in)

Nov 3rd – General Election, 7am-7pm at your *home precinct*

Runoff, if needed, Dec 1st (Early voting starts Nov. 23rd)

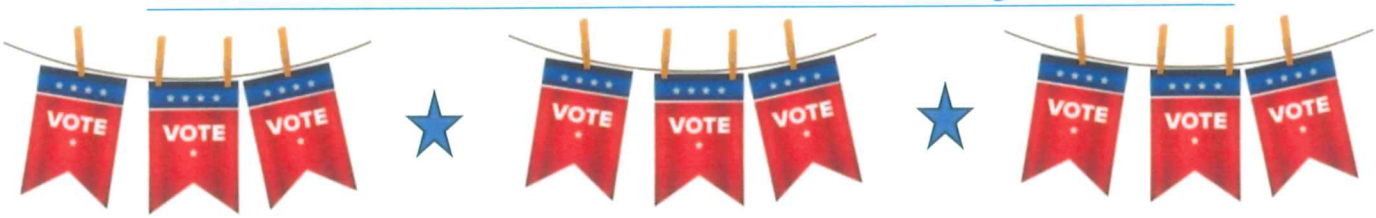
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226 Candler Street
Homer, GA 30547 706-677-6260

Early / Advance Voting Places and Hours

See attached flyer

Consolidated sample ballot follows. To get a *customized sample ballot for your precinct*, just google: "GA SOS MVP"

BANKS COUNTY ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION



NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, October 5, 2026

EARLY VOTING:

• Tuesday, October 13 - Friday, October 16	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
• Saturday, October 17	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
• Monday, October 19 - Friday, October 23	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
• Saturday, October 24	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
• Monday, October 26 - Friday, October 30	8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Early Voting Location: BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE
226 CANDLER ST., HOMER, GA 30547
706-677-6260

ELECTION DAY VOTING: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

- Election Day Voting location: Banks County Recreation Department
  607 Thompson St.
  Homer, GA
  7:00 am – 7:00 pm

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

- Absentee Ballot Applications Accepted: August 17 – October 23
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS Mail out date: Monday, October 5, 2026
- DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT: Friday, October 23

HOW TO APPLY:

- **In-Person**: M-F from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Elections office located at 226 Candler Street, Homer
- **Online**: Visit https://securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov and complete the application via the portal
- **Mail**: Request an application by calling our office at 706-677-6260 or by email gbanister@co.banks.ga.us We can mail you an application to be filled out and returned to our office.

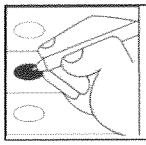
SAMPLE BALLOTS: can be found at https://mvp.sos.ga.gov when they become available and at https://www.bankscountyga.org/voter-registration/page/sample-ballots



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OFFICIAL ABSENTEE / PROVISIONAL / EMERGENCY BALLOT

Banks County, Georgia
Precinct: 001-Anderson, 004-Anderson, 015-Anderson, 018-Anderson
General and Special Election - November 03, 2026



To Vote:
1. Use Black or Blue Ink to mark the ballot.
2. Completely fill in the empty oval to the right of the candidate name or choice in all races you wish to vote.
3. If voting for a Write-In candidate, completely fill in the oval to the right of the Write-In selection, then write the name of the Write-In candidate in the space provided.

Warning
Do NOT use red ink or felt tip pen to mark ballot.
Do NOT circle, underline or mark through choices.
Do NOT use check marks or X to mark ballot.
Do NOT mark more choices per race than allowed.
Do NOT sign, cut, tear or damage the ballot.

If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection:

A. Do not attempt to mark through the selection or attempt to erase. Write "**Spoiled**" across **the ballot AND across the return envelope.**
B. Mail or return the spoiled ballot and envelope to your county board of registrars; a new official absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

If you decide to vote in-person: Surrender the ballot to the poll manager at an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [O.C.G.A. 21-2-284(e), 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

For United States Senate (Vote for One)
- Mike Collins Republican
- Jon Ossoff (I) Democrat
- Write-in:

For Governor (Vote for One)
- Rick Jackson Republican
- Keisha Lance Bottoms Democrat
- Write-in:

For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)
- Greg Dolezal Republican
- Josh McLaurin Democrat
- Write-in:

For Secretary of State (Vote for One)
- Tim Fleming Republican
- Penny Brown Reynolds Democrat
- Write-in:

For Attorney General (Vote for One)
- Brian Strickland Republican
- Tanya Miller Democrat
- Write-in:

For Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote for One)
- Tyler Harper (I) Republican
- Katherine E. Juhan-Arnold Democrat
- Write-in:

For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One)
- John King (I) Republican
- Keisha Sean Waites Democrat
- Write-in:

For State School Superintendent (Vote for One)
- Richard Woods (I) Republican
- Lydia Powell Democrat
- Write-in:

For Commissioner of Labor (Vote for One)
- Bárbara Rivera Holmes (I) Republican
- Nikki Porcher Democrat
- Write-in:

For Public Service Commissioner District 3 (Vote for One)
- Fitz Johnson Republican
- Peter Hubbard (I) Democrat
- Write-in:

For Public Service Commissioner District 5 (Vote for One)
- Josh Tolbert Republican
- Shelia Edwards Democrat
- Write-in:

For United States House of Representatives - District 9 (Vote for One)
- Andrew Clyde (I) Republican
- Caitlyn Gegen Democrat
- Write-in:

For State Senate District 50 (Vote for One)
- Bo Hatchett (I) Republican
- Dave Cooper Democrat
- Write-in:

For State House of Representatives - District 32 (Vote for One)
- Chris Erwin (I) Republican
- Rebecca Sims Democrat
- Write-in:

For County Commission District 1 (Vote for One)
- Danny Maxwell (I) Republican
- Write-in:

For County Commission District 3 (Vote for One)
- Chris Ausburn (I) Republican
- Write-in:

For County Board of Education Post 3 (Vote for One)
- Kevin Williamson Republican
- Write-in:

For County Board of Education Post 5 (Vote for One)
- Eli Cooper (I) Republican
- Write-in:

Abbreviation Definition: (I) = Incumbent

Turn Ballot Over To Continue Voting

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Proposed Constitutional Amendments

- 1 -

Increases the maximum qualifying acreage for assessment and taxation as bona fide conservation use property.

House Resolution 32
Ga. L. 2025, p. 1081

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia, for the purpose of protecting family farmland, be amended so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres?"

Yes ○
No ○

- 2 -

Provides for the nonpartisan election of all probate court judges.

House Resolution 251
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1110

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require that all probate court judges be elected in nonpartisan elections?"

Yes ○
No ○

- 3 -

Authorizes creation of Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund for 9-1-1 systems expansion, maintenance, and operation.

House Resolution 1243
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1109

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate certain existing revenues, including revenues reallocated by law, to a nonlapsing fund to be used exclusively for the expansion, maintenance, and operation of emergency 9-1-1 systems in this state?"

Yes ○
No ○

Special Election

Continuation of 1% Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
(Vote for One)

Shall a one percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax be continued in the special district of Banks County for a period of time not to exceed five years immediately upon the termination of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax now in effect and for the raising of an estimated amount of $24,000,000 to fund the following capital outlay projects within Banks County: (i) Banks County: sheriff and jail improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $2,000,000; technology improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $500,000; county building improvements, at an estimated cost of $3,300,000; county vehicle fleet additions and replacements at an estimated cost of $200,000; public utilities improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $3,100,000; park and recreation improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $2,500,000; county roads and bridges improvements and equipment, including, but not limited to, gateway signage, streetscape, and pedestrian-oriented public-space improvements in the Banks Crossing area, at an estimated cost of $3,400,000; and fire, emergency medical services, and emergency 911 improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $4,000,000; (ii) Town of Alto: water system improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $292,520; public safety improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $122,100; and acquisition of a water utility truck, at an estimated cost of $53,380; (iii) City of Baldwin: water and wastewater system improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $696,960; and street improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $174,000; (iv) Town of Gillsville: street improvements and equipment, including, but not limited to, tree removal, at an estimated cost of $62,400; and city building improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $62,400; (v) Town of Homer: fire and public safety improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $672,960; water and sewer improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $504,720; street and parking improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $252,360; and building and grounds improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $252,360; (vi) City of Lula: recreation improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $50,000; street improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $181,400; and water system improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $181,400; and (vii) City of Maysville: street improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $275,000; water system improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $618,750; building and grounds improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $137,500; public safety improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $137,500; and parks and recreation improvements and equipment, at an estimated cost of $206,250?

Yes ○
No ○

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Nov 3, 2026 Georgia Statewide **"Proposed Constitutional Amendments"** (Enlarged)

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○ **Yes**
○ **No**

Georgia voters will be asked to authorize a 911 modernization fund, increase a property tax exemption for farmers and make probate judges nonpartisan.

By Sophia Eppley Aug 10, 2026 Atlanta-Journal Constitution Politics

Georgia voters won't just decide who holds office this November. They'll also weigh in on three proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund

This amendment would allow the state Legislature to create the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund. The fund would modernize the state's 911 services to keep up with today's technology, like allowing callers to send text messages, pictures and videos to emergency dispatchers.

Georgia's current 911 infrastructure has remained largely unchanged since its inception in 1968, according to the Georgia Emergency Communications Agency. Technology has significantly evolved since then, with 80% of 911 calls nationwide coming from wireless mobile devices rather than landlines tied to specific addresses.

Approval of this amendment would not immediately change the 911 fee Georgians pay on their phone bill. Future laws will decide how the fund will be managed and what money will be deposited into it. The current 911 cellphone fee is $1.50.

A "yes" vote allows the state Legislature to create and dedicate revenue to the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund.

A "no" vote opposes the state Legislature creating and dedicating revenue to the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund.

Clarification

This story has been updated to clarify that passage of the Next Generation 9-1-1 amendment would not trigger an automatic increase in the 911 fee on Georgians' phone bills.

Property tax amendment [Conservation Use Property]

This amendment would allow owners of large farms and timberland to receive a property tax break for up to 4,000 acres of land instead of the current 2,000-acre limit.

A single landowner can currently enroll a maximum of 2,000 acres to receive special property tax assessment under Georgia's Conservation Use Valuation Assessment program.

Land that qualifies under CUVA — including farming, timber production or conservation land — is currently taxed at 40% of its current use value instead of its full value. This amendment would allow more acres — 4,000 instead of 2,000 — to become eligible for that property tax break.

Supporters say the amendment will help keep family farms in business and streamline efficiency and transparency. Sen. Sam Watson, R-Moultrie, who sponsored the resolution in the state Senate, argued that the amendment is necessary to update conservation use laws that have remained largely unchanged since the 1980s when agriculture was significantly different.

There are some reservations that approving the amendment could cost local government and schools property tax revenue or that it could expand to give corporate farms an unneeded tax break.

A "yes" vote approves increasing the maximum amount of land that a single owner can enroll in CUVA from 2,000 to 4,000 acres.

A "no" vote opposes increasing the maximum amount of land that a single owner can enroll in CUVA to 4,000 acres. The existing limit of 2,000 acres would stay in place.

Nonpartisan probate judges

This amendment would require that probate judges be elected on a nonpartisan basis. Probate judges are the last judicial office in the state where candidates still run with a party label.

Probate judges administer wills and estates, appoint guardians and conservators, and issue marriage and weapons carry licenses. Some handle traffic offenses and hear misdemeanor cases.

If the amendment passes, Georgia's judiciary will be fully nonpartisan.

Supporters argue that partisanship breaks the judicial code of conduct and that removing those political labels will ensure impartiality and public trust. State Rep. Kimberly New, R-Villa Rica, sponsored the resolution in the state House and said judges should serve the law, not a political party. This amendment will protect the integrity of Georgia's courts, she said.

A "yes" vote will require that all probate judges be elected on a nonpartisan basis.

A "no" vote opposes requiring that all probate judges be elected on a nonpartisan basis. Probate judges would continue to be elected partisan.



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JON OSSOFF (DEMOCRAT)		MIKE COLLINS (REPUBLICAN)
NO[1]	Extend the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act of 2017	YES[6]
NO[2]	SAVE Act: Allow Only US Citizens to Vote	YES[7]
YES[3]	Abortion on Demand	NO[8]
YES[4]	Boys Competing in Girls' Sports	NO[9]
NO[1]	Expand School Choice	YES[6]
NO[1]	Permanently Securing the Border- HR 1 provision	YES[6]
YES[5]	Limit Aid to Israel (SJ Res. 111 by Bernie Sanders)	NO[10]
NO[1]	Defund Planned Parenthood	YES[6]

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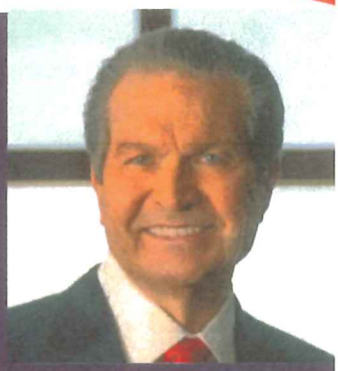
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KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS (DEMOCRAT)		RICK JACKSON (REPUBLICAN)
NO[1]	Reduce State Income and Property Taxes	YES[5]
YES[2]	Abortion on Demand	NO[6]
YES[3]	Boys Competing in Girls' Sports	NO[5]
YES[4]	DEI Initiatives in State Government	NO[5]
UNCLEAR[2]	Parental Rights in Education	YES[5]
NO[1]	Support Trump Immigration Policies	YES[5]
NO[2]	Photo Voter ID	YES[7]

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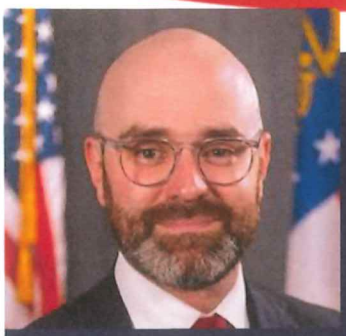
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JOSH MCLAURIN (DEMOCRAT)		GREG DOLEZAL (REPUBLICAN)
NO[1,9]	Reduce State Income and Property Taxes	YES[8,9]
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Attorney General



BRIAN STRICKLAND
(REPUBLICAN)

NO[1]	**Make Sheriffs Enforce Federal Immigration Law**	**YES**[2]
YES[3]	**Boys Competing in Girls' Sports**	**NO**[4]
YES[5]	**Abortion on Demand**	**NO**[6]

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