Effingham 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)

Effingham Elections 284 GA Highway 119 S
Springfield, GA 31329 912-754-8030

Early / Advance Voting Place and Hours

Location: Elections Office - 284 GA Highway 119 S - Springfield

Early Voting Dates: (all dates are from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Tuesday, October 13th through Saturday, October 17th

Monday, October 19th through Saturday, October 24th

Monday, October 26th through Friday, October 30th

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT:

1. SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales & Use Tax)

Voters desiring to vote for the reimposition of the SPLOST shall do so by voting "YES" and voters desiring to vote against the reimposition of the SPLOST shall do so by voting "NO", as to the question propounded as follows:

" ( ) YES

( ) NO

1% SPLOST ELECTION

Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be reimposed in the special district of Effingham County for a period of time not to exceed six years and for the raising of an estimated amount of $200,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding (1) public buildings capital outlay projects, recreation capital outlay projects, roads, streets, and bridges capital outlay projects, vehicles and equipment capital outlay projects, drainage capital outlay projects, and technology capital outlay projects for Effingham County; (2) water and sewer capital outlay projects, streets and lanes capital outlay projects, public safety capital outlay projects, city building capital outlay projects, and recreation capital outlay projects for the City of Guyton; (3) water and sewer capital outlay projects, fire capital outlay projects, police capital outlay projects, streets and drainage capital outlay projects, recreation capital outlay projects, and public buildings capital outlay projects for the City of Rincon; and (4) water and sewer capital outlay projects, parks and recreation capital outlay projects, public safety capital outlay projects, streets and drainage capital outlay projects and city buildings capital outlay projects for the City of Springfield?

If reimposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Effingham County, Georgia in the principal amount of $100,000,000.00 for the purposes of funding all or a portion of any of the Projects described above and capitalized interest on such debt."

2. Local Homeowner's Incentive Adjustment Program

"Shall a local homeowner's incentive adjustment program be established for Effingham County pursuant to House Bill 439 and Chapter 89A of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, for the purpose of reducing the tax burden upon qualified homesteads

within Effingham County?"

( ) YES

( ) NO

3. City of Springfield's Referendum

The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

( ) YES "Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Springfield, Georgia,

( ) NO to exercise all redevelopment powers allowed under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

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

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

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Increases the maximum qualifiying 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**

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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**

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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**

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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U.S. SENATE

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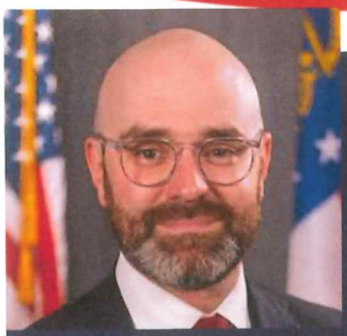
KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS (DEMOCRAT)		RICK JACKSON (REPUBLICAN)
NO[1]	Reduce State Income and Property Taxes	YES[5]
YES[2]	Abortion on Demand	NO[6]
YES[3]	Boys Competing in Girls' Sports	NO[5]
YES[4]	DEI Initiatives in State Government	NO[5]
UNCLEAR[2]	Parental Rights in Education	YES[5]
NO[1]	Support Trump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

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JOSH MCLAURIN (DEMOCRAT)		GREG DOLEZAL (REPUBLICAN)
NO[1,9]	Reduce State Income and Property Taxes	YES[8,9]
YES[2]	Abortion on Demand	NO[8]
YES[3]	Boys Competing in Girls' Sports	NO[8]
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GEORGIA
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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