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Senate Information Office	(404) 656-5040

State Government Agencies	
Children and Youth Coordinating Council	
http://www.cycc.state.ga.us	(404) 508-6574
Commission for a New Georgia	
http://www.newgeorgia.org	(404) 463-7485
Commission on Equal Opportunity	
http://www.gceo.state.ga.us	1-800-473-OPEN
Community Affairs	
http://www.dca.state.ga.us	1-800-359-4663
Consumer Affairs	
http://consumer.georgia.gov	(404) 651-8600 1-800-869-1123 (Toll Free)
Corrections	
http://www.dcor.state.ga.us	(404) 656-9772
Driver Services	
http://www.dds.ga.gov	(678) 413-8400 1-866-754-3687
Elections	
http://www.sos.state.ga.us	(404) 656-2871
Ethics Commission	
http://ethics.georgia.gov	(404) 463-1980
Family and Children Services	
http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov	(404) 651-9361
Homeland Security	
http://www.ohs.state.ga.us	1-800-TRY-GEMA
Human Resources	
http://dhr.georgia.gov	(404) 651-6316
Natural Resources	
http://www.gadnr.org	(404) 656-3500
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http://www.pap.state.ga.us	(404) 656-5651

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http://www.dtae.org	(404) 679-1600
Transportation	
http://www.dot.state.ga.us	(404) 656-5267
Veterans Service	
http://sdvs.georgia.gov	(404) 656-2305
Workers' Compensation	
http://sbwc.georgia.gov	(404) 656-2048

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2007-2008 ELECTION DATES

Election Type	Registration Deadline	Election Date
Special Election	May 21, 2007	June 19, 2007
Special Election	Aug. 20, 2007	Sept. 18, 2007
General Election/ Special Election	Oct. 9, 2007	Nov. 6, 2007
General Election Runoff	Oct. 9, 2007	Dec. 4, 2007
Presidential Preference Primary	No more than 30 days prior	Feb. 5, 2008
General Primary	June 16, 2008	July 15, 2008
Primary Runoff	June 16, 2008	Aug. 5, 2008
Special Election	Aug. 18, 2008	Sept. 16, 2008
General Election	Oct. 6, 2008	Nov. 4, 2008
General Election Runoff	Oct. 6, 2008	Dec. 2, 2008

REGISTER TO VOTE

How To Register

- Download a mail-in registration form from the Secretary of State's website or visit www.lwvga.org.
- A registration form can also be obtained at your local county board of registrars' office, public library, driver's license location or public assistance office.

Qualifications

To register to vote in Georgia, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Georgia and your county
- At least 17.5 years of age to register and 18 years of age by Election Day

You may not register if you are currently:

- Serving any sentence imposed by the conviction of a felony
- Judicially determined to be mentally incompetent

To locate your polling place, find out if you are currently registered, or for any other questions regarding voting, contact the League of Women Voters of Georgia at (678) 547-0755 or www.lwvga.org.



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Know the issues, join the conversation and make a difference.

What Does the League of Women Voters Do?

www.lwvga.org - Citizen Resource Website

- * Weekly update from the State Capitol
- * Links to find your elected officials
- * Register to vote, election dates and information on absentee and advance voting

Educate Voters in Georgia

- * Nonpartisan publications including: [A Guide to Georgia Government](#), "Citizen's Handbook", local government directories, "Under the Gold Dome," and various Voter Guides and ballot analyses
- * Public forums and debates across Georgia

Educate the Next Generation

- * Host high school and college interns
- * Speak to student groups

Full-time Lobbyist at the State Capitol Advocates for:

- * Fair, secure and accessible elections in Georgia
- * Government accountability including ethics reform and tax-payer protection
- * Environmental preservation, judicial independence, equitable funding for education, and fair treatment of women and children

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Join Us!

- * We are fueled by members and need your voice! Join online at www.lwvga.org or call (678) 547-0755

Make a donation!

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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan non-profit organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. We work to increase understanding of public policy issues that impact families and communities in Georgia and influence public policy through education and advocacy.