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2009-2010 CITIZEN'S HANDBOOK

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What Does the League of Women Voters Do?

www.lwvga.org– A Citizen Resource Website

- * Weekly update from the State Capitol
- * Links to 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

What You Can Do To Support the League:

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!

- * All contributions directly support our activities to educate and mobilize citizens to take an active role in the decisions that shape our communities
- * Contributions can be made online at www.lwvga.org or by calling **(678) 547-0755**

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.



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2009-2010 ELECTION DATES

Election Type	Registration Deadline	Election Date
Special Election	Aug. 17, 2009	Sept. 15, 2009
General Election	Oct. 5, 2009	Nov. 3, 2009
General Election	Oct. 5, 2009	Dec. 1, 2009
Special Election	Feb 16, 2010	March 16, 2010
General Primary Election	Jun 21, 2010	July 20, 2010
Special Elections	Aug. 23, 2010	September 21, 2010
General Election	Oct. 4, 2010	November 2, 2010

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

Need to:

Locate your polling place?
Find out if you are currently registered?
Answer other voting questions?

Contact LWVGA at www.lwvga.org or 678.547.0755

State Government Agencies (continued)

Regents (University System)
<http://www.usg.edu> (404) 656-2202

Revenue
<http://www.etax.dor.ga.gov> 1-877-602-8477

Technical and Adult Education
<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

State Courts

Georgia Supreme Court
<http://www.gasupreme.us> (404) 656-3470

Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears

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Georgia Court of Appeals
<http://www.gaappeals.us> (404) 656-3450

Georgia Public Service Commission

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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) 656-5600

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 (404) 651-8600
<http://consumer.georgia.gov> 1-800-869-1123 (Toll Free)

Corrections
<http://www.dcor.state.ga.us> (404) 656-9772

Driver Services (678) 413-8400
<http://www.dds.ga.gov> 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

Pardons and Paroles
<http://www.pap.state.ga.us> (404) 656-5651