

Vulnerable GA6 Election Triggers Paper Ballot Lawsuit

ATLANTA GA – “An alarming series of recent events...” caused plaintiffs to [sue for paper ballots](#) to **improve security and accuracy** for the upcoming 6th District election plaintiff Donna Curling said in an exclusive communication to VoterGA. “We became concerned about the hack of the KSU voter registration data base, software glitches in the poll books directing voters to wrong polling places, the theft of the electronic poll books, the April 18th Fulton County results upload problems, and the KSU report on security deficiencies.” She concluded, “...taken together it seems most unwise to assume the voting system is safe for use.”

Secretary of State (SOS) Brian Kemp stated the system is “rock solid” and has **not responded to these public concerns**. On March 15, twenty computer experts [offered assistance](#) in moving Georgia to verifiable voting and recommended paper ballots but they received no response. One of their concerns was a March 1 voter database breach at Kennesaw State University’s (KSU) Center for Elections Systems (CES). The FBI investigated the breach after KSU found voter data including social security numbers were transmitted out of the university. A [KSU study](#) indicated that CES operated without adequate attention to basic security issues. A VoterGA Open Records Request found that **the SOS office had no communications on the breach with KSU or the FBI whatsoever!**

On April 18th Election Night Fulton County accidentally inserted a memory card from a Roswell City Council runoff into the live election results for the 6th District Special Election and the voting system did not produce a clear error message. A [VoterGA study](#) revealed that the system **had two critical security flaws** allowing the error to occur and another involving poll books misdirecting voters to the wrong precinct. **Sec. Kemp [blamed](#) Fulton County for a human error.**

On May 10, ten Georgia citizens cited 12 security concerns and state law [to ask](#) Sec. Kemp to re-examine Georgia’s voting equipment [[O.C.G.A. § 21-2-279.2](#)] Despite the importance of the GA6 election, they and their [advisor](#) Dr. Duncan Buell a Computer Science Professor at South Carolina University, **received no response.**

The plaintiffs filed late but attempted to have an emergency hearing prior to the start of May 30th early voting however, the court adhered to a 5 day notice rule [[O.C.G.A. 9-10-2](#)] and set a hearing for **Wednesday June 7th at 10am with Judge Kimberly Adams**. The plaintiffs face an uphill battle in Fulton County Superior Court, which [upheld](#) Georgia’s statewide unverifiable voting once before in 2008.