

Handel's Fake Ossoff Claim Reversed By SOS Facts

ATLANTA GA – Karen Handel stated during both debates with 6th District (GA6) opponent Jon Ossoff that Georgians are seeing a **fake** Ossoff who may differ from a **real** Ossoff in Washington due to much out of state money that has been donated to his campaign. She may or may not be correct but one thing is provably true: Former Secretary of State (SOS) Handel has her own issue of being **fake** vs. **real**.

Fake Handel:

As a 2006 SOS candidate, Karen Handel produced a [Basics report](#) that stated:

- *“The electronic voting machines currently used in Georgia’s elections are **already obsolete** and cannot feasibly be retrofitted with a Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) device”*
- *“Voters should have the ability to review their ballot both electronically and manually on paper, with the opportunity to correct their ballot, before it is officially cast.”*

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- *As Secretary of State I will establish a commission that includes both county and state elections officials to make recommendations regarding new purchases of electronic voting machines.*
- *“Procedures must be established for audits of elections to verify that the electronic vote totals are accurate.”*
- *“The paper audit trail should be the determining factor in discrepancies in the vote and should be the ballot of record.”*

Real Handel:

But after elected SOS, Handel never established a commission and made no improvements to the [worst rated voting system](#) in America. On Sept. 28, 2009 **she reversed her position**, telling a Gwinnett Co. news service that **“Georgia has the most secure elections in the nation...”** By then, the machines were known to have accepted over 3,000 test votes into live election results in two counties. [\(See Appendix\)](#)

Her reversal eventually became clear by following the money. Ethics Commission records show that **Handel received over [\\$25,000 in donations](#) from family members and partners of the voting machine vendor lobbyist**, Massey Bowers LLC. Handel hired Massey Bowers partner, Rob Simms, as Assistant Secretary of State and he became a **key fund raiser** in her 2010 gubernatorial campaign.

Handel's reversal is a primary reason why Georgians still vote on unverifiable voting equipment today. Will the real Karen Handel please stand up?