How to Safely Vote by Mail on Real Verifiable Paper Ballots

ATLANTA GA – Georgia's new Ballot Marking Device (BMD) voting system accumulates votes hidden in **unverifiable bar codes**. Recounts will **rescan those encrypted bar codes** and the **vast majority of races will not be audited**. Even if a race was audited, only a small percentage of summary sheets will be verified.

For these reasons and more **VoterGA urges all Georgians vote by mail to ensure their vote is actually counted correctly as cast.** Any registered voter can get a mail-in ballot application for an election by **calling or emailing their county registrars**. Voters can also get an application from the Secretary of State web site:

- [Mail-in Ballot Application](#)

Once the application is completed it can be scanned and returned to most counties via Email. Voters can also identify where to mail the application by getting the county election office address from the Secretary of State web site:

- [County Registrars](#)

Contact information for the major metro counties is included in the table below:

Metro county office addresses:

Cobb County Chief Registrar 736 Whitlock Ave NW Suite 400 Marietta, GA 30064-4663 absentee@cobbcounty.org 770 528-2581	DeKalb County Election Supervisor Memorial Drive Complex 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300 Decatur, GA 30032-1239 absenteeballot@dekalbcountyga.gov 404 298-4020	Fulton County Voting Registrar 130 Peachtree Street, SW Suite 2186 F Atlanta, GA 30303-3460 elections.absentee@fultoncountyga.gov 404 612-7020	Gwinnett County Election Supervisor 75 Langley Drive 455 Grayson Highway, Suite 200 Lawrenceville, GA 30046 Absentee@gwinnettcounty.com 678 226 7210

You will receive a real, full ballot from the county, not a barely legible selection summary. Once you have completed it, you can mail or deliver your ballot to a county office or annex. You **cannot** turn in your mail-in ballot to your precinct on Election Day but if you forget to mail or deliver it, you can bring it with you, have them spoil it, and vote electronically there. You also **cannot** turn in other people's mail-in ballots unless they checked the disabled box on their application.

You can also confirm that your ballot was received and counted as follows:

- Go to the [My Voter Page](#) at the Secretary of State web site;
- Submit your last name, first initial, county and birth date in the login box;
- Click on the Absentee Ballot Status link in the lower left hand box;

For more information refer to the independent [Georgia Voter Guide](#).