



STATE ELECTION INTEGRITY SCORECARD

GEORGIA

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possible points

The America First Policy Institute's (AFPI) Center for Election Integrity (CEI) has analyzed the extent to which each state has implemented five key election integrity policies. Each policy proposal is designed to ensure transparency, accountability, and security in elections and to increase Americans' confidence in their outcomes. The five tested and proven policies are to: 1) Require photo ID for in-person voting; 2) Require voter ID for mail ballot voting; 3) Ban Ranked Choice Voting; 4) Require all ballots to be received by Election Day; and 5) Ban ballot harvesting. Though CEI has also identified several other critical election integrity measures that would help make it easy to vote but hard to cheat, this scorecard focuses on these five policies when assessing how well a state is implementing efforts needed to protect legal votes and legal voters.

Require all ballots to be received by Election Day.

Georgia requires all ballots to be received by election officials by Election Day. This protects against questions, concerns, and actual issues regarding late ballots being counted.

Require photo ID for in-person voting.

Georgia requires a government-issued photo ID to vote in person. This policy ensures the person voting is who they claim to be and can be verified by election officials as a legitimate voter.

Require voter ID for mail ballot voting.

Georgia requires voters who vote by mail to include voter ID with their mail-in ballots, specifically the last four digits of their social security number, their driver's license number, or their voter ID card number. This measure helps secure elections with an added layer of voter verification.

Ban ballot harvesting. Georgia does not have any guardrails on how many ballots can be returned by an individual on behalf of voters. This behavior constitutes ballot harvesting, which pollutes the integrity of elections. Any state that has no guardrails against mass collection and turning in others' ballots is documented to cause problems and erode voters' trust. Georgia currently falls into this category.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

Has Georgia...

...prohibited non-government funding in elections administration?

✓ **Yes!**

...banned non-citizens from voting?

No

...refused membership in ERIC?

No

...prohibited same-day registration?

✓ **Yes!**

Ban Ranked Choice Voting. Georgia has not proactively banned Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). This system of voting has been documented to cause delays in counting ballots, has a track record of failure in elections, and creates a scenario in which every vote is not equal. Banning Ranked Choice Voting will proactively solve these problems.