

# 2016 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

1. Election: GENERAL PRIMARY & CITY OF CARNESVILLE SPECIAL ELECTION
2. Date Election called: SET BY LAW
3. Election to be: MAY 24, 2016
4. Time polls are open: 7am to 7pm
5. Closing date for registration for this election: CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 26, 2016
6. Candidate (s), Issue(s) to be voted on:
  - US Senator & Congressman; State Senators, Representative & Public Service Commissioners; County Board Of Education (Posts 1&2), Commissioners (Post 1, 2 & Chairman), Clerk Of Superior Court, Sheriff, Tax Commissioner, Coroner, Probate Judge & Magistrate Judge; Supreme Court Justices, Judges Of Court Of Appeals, Superior Court Judges & State Court Judges.
  - CITY OF CARNESVILLE: SALES OF ALCOHOL BY THE DRINK
7. Active registered voters involved: 9,845 ACTIVE VOTERS;  
12,544 ELIGIBLE (as of April 2016)
8. Area of County or City involved in this election: COUNTY-WIDE
9. Number of precincts involved in the election: 7
10. Number of election workers for this election:  
APPROXIMATELY 40
11. The first Unofficial Precinct Returns are usually available at approximately 8:00pm on Election Night , with updates and the Final Unofficial Returns at approximately 11pm. Results will be available on the Franklin County Website:  
<http://franklincountyga.gov/elections-registrations/>

Election Day polls are open from 7am – 7pm. Sample ballots are available for viewing at the precincts and available on the county’s website.

Election Day Voting Locations – to confirm voter registration and where to vote, voters may contact:

- Franklin County Board of Elections Office at (706) 384-4390
- Secretary of State’s Website:  
<http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

## 12. INFORMATION FOR VOTING BY ABSENTEE

BALLOT: Eligible voters have (2) ways to cast ballots prior to Election Day: Absentee by Mail and Advance (Early) Voting

## **ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL**

Eligible voters desiring to vote by mail may do so WITHOUT PROVIDING A REASON OR IDENTIFICATION. However, voters who registered for the first time in Georgia by mail and did not provide identification, will be required to provide at the time of voting, one of the six acceptable forms of PHOTO ID listed on page 3 or a copy of current utility bill, blank statement, government check, paycheck or other governmental document that shows the name and address of the voter. **Those voters not having the proper form of identification will be offered a Provisional Ballot.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE 45  
DAYS PRIOR TO A FEDERAL ELECTION.  
BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MAIL  
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

Voters may request an Absentee Ballot by mail beginning 180 days prior to any election. However, the last day an Absentee Ballot can be mailed is  
Friday, May 20, 2016.

## **WHAT TO INCLUDE IN THE BY-MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST**

Voters may mail or fax a written request for an Absentee Ballot. The written request should include:

- Name and address as registered to vote
- Date of birth
- Election name and date (i.e. General Primary – May 26, 2016 )
- Address where ballot is to be mailed
- Daytime contact or phone number
- Voter's signature

## **WHERE TO SEND THE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST**

The Absentee Ballot request should be sent to:

Franklin County Board of Elections Office  
211 Athens Street  
Carnesville, GA 30521  
Or can be faxed to 706-384-3506

Voters may also contact our office to have an Absentee Ballot Application mailed or faxed to them.

The Absentee Ballot must be returned to the Elections Office no later than 7pm on Election Day at:

Voters may cast a BALLOT in person as indicated below:  
**Early Voting** will begin on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 8 a.m.  
Office Hours: M-F from 8 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday Voting: May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm

Location for Advance Voting In-Person (Early Voting)

Franklin County Board of Elections Office  
211 Athens Street  
Carnesville, GA 30521

## **ACCEPTABLE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING**

Acceptable forms of **Photo Identification** are:

1. A Georgia Driver's License (even if expired or suspended);
2. Valid State or Federal Government photo ID;
3. Valid US Passport with photo;
4. Valid Government Employee photo ID (City, County, State or US Government)
5. Valid US Military photo ID
6. Tribal photo ID

**A voter who does not have any of the above photo IDs may obtain a Voter Identification Card at NO COST upon providing that they are a Georgia voter, from the Franklin County Board of Elections and Registrations Office or the Department of Driver Services.**

Anyone with additional questions about Georgia's photo ID requirements may visit [www.GAPhotoID.com](http://www.GAPhotoID.com) or call toll free (877) 725-9797. Information may also be obtained from the Franklin County Board of Elections and Registrations Office at (706) 384-4390

**13. OBSERVATION OF COUNT:** On Election Night, the public may observe the tabulation of votes at the Franklin County Board of Elections and Registrations Office located at 211 Athens Street, Carnesville, Georgia 30521; Phone: (706) 384-4390

Note: All results on Election Night are UNOFFICIAL and include Absentee Ballots, but do not include Provisional Ballots. Absentee Ballots are counted on Election Day. Provisional Ballots are counted no later than 5:00pm on the Friday after the Election. Unofficial Vote Totals are subject to change during the reconciliation process.

#### 14. DISSEMINATION AND VIEW OF ELECTION RESULTS...

BY PHONE: Election results on Election Night can be obtained by phone (706) 384-4390 until 11pm. Due to the volume of calls on Election Night, election results provided by phone are limited to a maximum of 3 races or questions per caller.

IN PERSON: On Election Night, the public may observe the tabulation of votes at the Elections Office. Election results will be displayed until all votes are tallied with the exception of Provisional Votes which are tabulated the Friday after the Election.

INTERNET: Results are posted on the County's Website at <http://franklincountyga.gov/elections-registrations/> or the Secretary of State's Website at <http://www.sos.ga.gov/elections/electionresults/>

Times indicated on this sheet when results are expected and completed are given only as a guide and should only be used as such (they should not be interpreted as facts). Election results could be in much earlier or later as conditions warrant. All Election results are **UNOFFICIAL** until certified by the Franklin County Board of Elections and Registrars. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

15. COPIES OF ELECTION SUMMARIES AND STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST: An Unofficial Summary of Election Results will be released throughout the count process in Franklin County Board of Elections Office (with exception to Provisional Ballots). Unofficial Precinct Returns Statement of Votes Cast (SOVC) will be available by 11am the day after the election at the same location and on our website at <http://franklincountyga.gov/elections-registrations/>

### VOTER'S CHECKLIST – *Things to Do before Election Day*

1. Confirm you are registered to vote several weeks before the date of the election. Update your registration information, such as address and name.
2. Know how and when to apply for an Absentee Ballot if you are unable to vote in person at your polling place on Election Day or during the Advance Voting period.
3. Know the voter identification requirements before you attempt to vote.
4. Know which polling place you are assigned to and how to get there.
5. Familiarize yourself with the voting device used. Learn how the device is accessible to voters with disabilities.
6. Learn who can assist in voting and who can receive assistance.
7. Know what time the polls open and close.
8. Obtain a Sample Ballot from the Elections Office to become acquainted with candidates and issues on the ballot.
9. Consider becoming a poll worker.