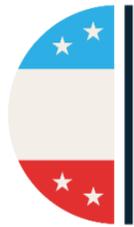


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HELP AMERICA VOTE NATIONAL POLL WORKER RECRUITMENT DAY

Raffensperger Partners with U.S. Election Assistance Commission to Recruit Poll Workers

(ATLANTA) – Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger announced today that his office is partnering with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission in helping the Georgia counties that run elections to find the poll workers they’ll need for the November General Election.

“This partnership demonstrates our joint commitment to assisting counties to have the personnel needed for short lines, accurate results and fair elections,” Raffensperger said. “Local election officials here and across the country are facing a poll worker shortage, and I’m determined to help them.”

Raffensperger joined the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in announcing the designation of September 1st, 2020 as National Poll Worker Recruitment Day to encourage more people to sign up to become election workers.

“Poll workers are the unsung heroes of the democratic process, and right now we’re facing a critical shortage of these dedicated volunteers,” said EAC Chairman Ben Hovland. “Recruiting poll workers is a challenge for many election officials across the country and the COVID-19 pandemic has made this need even more critical. We encourage Americans, who are able and willing to serve, to sign up to help America vote and work the polls on Election Day.”

While their specific duties and compensation vary depending on location, most jurisdictions task election workers with setting up and preparing the polling location, welcoming voters, verifying voter registrations, and issuing ballots. Poll workers also help ensure voters understand the voting process by demonstrating how to use voting equipment and explaining voting procedures. Election staff and volunteers are overseen by local election authorities, which also provides training in advance of Election Day.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, America is facing a critical shortage of poll workers. Most poll workers have traditionally been over the age of 61, making them especially vulnerable to complications if they contract COVID-19. This has resulted in a critical need for poll workers who are willing and able to assist with the administration of in-person voting.

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More about poll working and National Poll Worker Recruitment Day is available at HelpAmericaVote.gov. Anyone interested in becoming a poll worker can sign up at <https://securevotega.com/pollworker-signup/>.

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Georgia is recognized as a national leader in elections. It was the first state in the country to implement the trifecta of automatic voter registration, at least 16 days of early voting (which has been called the “gold standard”), and no-excuse absentee voting. Georgia continues to set records for voter turnout and election participation, seeing the largest increase in average turnout of any state in the 2018 midterm election and record primary turnout in 2020, with over 1.1 million absentee-by-mail voters and over 1.2 million in-person voters utilizing Georgia’s new, secure, paper ballot voting system.

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). It is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with ensuring secure, accurate and accessible elections by developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration. EAC also accredits testing laboratories and certifies voting systems, as well as administers the use of HAVA funds. For more information, visit www.eac.gov.

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