

## GEORGIA ELECTION INTEGRITY ACTION UPDATE

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As they say, “Houston, we have a problem”! Issues regarding election integrity in Georgia are in the news lately, but are not reported nearly well enough. As many already believe, the main-stream media (MSM) often fails to serve its readership with the information it deserves. Lately, excellent data and research regarding the integrity and security of Georgia voting systems has been forthcoming, but this data is not well publicized. Here, we present a brief overview of important current developments, and offer the reader resources to further explore the remarkable work being done in this critically important area. After becoming more informed, it will be apparent that changing our current electronic voting systems is imperative, and that hand-counting of ballots, a transformation already occurring in many Georgia locales, is the most reasonable and feasible solution at this point in time.

A video presentation of irrefutable voting system irregularities, and unexplained reported outcomes that contradict parallel data, is available at [www.GaBallots.com](http://www.GaBallots.com), with a written summary at <https://gaballots.com/documents>.

This work reflects research that delved deeply into every aspect of the voting system in recent elections, finding major discrepancies such as voting outcomes reported to the media and comparison to numbers found on SOS websites at various critical timepoints, many of which contradict the feasibility of the final certified outcomes.

When audits or hand counts were subsequently requested via Open Record Requests to explore these discrepancies, major violations of record-keeping, even destruction of ballot images were discovered. Requests for documents required to be available by law were met with outright refusal from SOS officials to provide the required retained documents, claiming many were simply not available. These denials are in stark contrast to promises made to the public by then SOS Kemp in regard to the electronic voting systems (Dominion, D-Suite) he was planning to buy with Georgia taxpayer money.

Components of the electronic voting system, such as tabulator tapes, were not signed or appeared duplicated. Images and scans of votes cast on election day (November 3, 2020) were missing, memory cards were wiped and re-used, authentication files were missing, recounts did not match original ballot counts, and a Risk-Limiting Audit could not be properly performed, with 59.9% of audit batch reports not matching actual image counts. The latter findings were corroborated by the Governor’s office.

On election day itself, November 3, 2020, as of 5PM, Fulton County election officials reported only a total of about 14,750 votes cast, yet 59,143 votes were certified for election day results by the SOS. This difference of about 44,393 votes on election day, supposedly occurring between 5PM and 7PM when polls close is difficult to explain, and highly improbable in real-world situations. None of these results can be clarified without actual examination and verification with the actual paper ballots. In short, Fulton County could not recreate or substantiate the voting outcome that was certified in the 2020 election.

Other irregularities occurred. For example, Logic and Accuracy (L&A) testing should have been performed 2 weeks before early voting was to begin. However, the L&A process in Fulton County was not completed until October 31, 2020, which was *after* early voting had already ended!

A recently unsealed document, the Halderman Report, thoroughly addresses serious flaws in its 96-page analysis of Georgia's voting system, including vulnerability to malware. The report also concluded that the equipment essentially could not be "fixed" as it currently stands. The redacted version is available at <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23846675-halderman-report>. Although the SOS offered a rebuttal document, the MITRE report (<https://sos.ga.gov/news/raffensperger-update-mitre-report>), this document was flawed and hypothetical in nature, and was subsequently refuted by 29 experts, noting that access to the Dominion voting equipment had not been provided and thus actual security testing was not performed.

A final point of concern is an extremely important one, and is mentioned in the Halderman Report – the QR codes on the voting ballot itself. Georgia law requires that a person's vote and choice be clearly visible and identifiable by the voter. However, the QR code, which is what the voting machines actually reads, cannot be read or interpreted by the voter, violating this essential component of voting integrity laws in Georgia.

Lawsuits have been filed to address these irregularities and the official denials to provide access to voting verification materials. Court filings such as *Curling v Raffensperger* (Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-298-AT, Document 918, filed 09/28/20) can be found online and at <https://voterga.org/legal-action/>. It is noteworthy that the judge in this case acknowledged that the Georgia voting system in question presented serious vulnerability and operational issues.

Taken together, these well-documented discrepancies and legal actions suggest that election results in Fulton County for the 2020 election should likely not have been certified with the existing data. Experts have agreed that reported election results in 2020 were unreliable and/or showed errors. While serious shortcomings were noted by Court officials, not enough time remained prior to the 2020 election to implement meaningful changes. That situation is different today. We have about 15 months' time to find effective solutions, the most feasible of which is paper ballots with a hand-count program that is verifiable. Such programs have already been implemented in other parts of the country.

Learning from history, we know that even small numbers of improper or illegally cast ballots scattered in key locations, counties or precincts, can change election outcomes entirely, and can affect outcomes nationally. This is our opportunity, Georgia, to assure accurate and honest elections in our state, that are verifiable. We can do it. Contact your local representatives, and become more informed by reviewing the links above. The data is impressive.

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