<u>Максн 18th, 2025</u>

SPLOST REFERENDUM

LAST DAY to REGISTER to VOTE in MARCH is FEBRUARY 18th, 2025

Ways to Vote

1. EARLY/ADVANCE VOTING

From **FEBRUARY 24th** to **MARCH 14th**, prior to Election Day, there will be a period of *inperson, no-excuse voting* at the **BULLOCH COUNTY ANNEX-ELECTION'S OFFICE**. This will carry on daily (M-F) from <u>8:00 AM</u> to <u>5:00 PM</u> and will include *TWO SATURDAYS* - **MARCH 1**st and **MARCH 8th** (from <u>9:00 AM</u> to <u>5:00</u> <u>PM</u>).

2. MAIL-OUT ABSENTEE BALLOT

Voters can complete an Application for an Absentee Ballot. Once we receive it, we can mail your ballot to the address requested, *outside of Bulloch County* or to the address where you are currently registered to vote *within the county* (or alternate address for physically disabled voter). The *deadline* to request an Absentee Ballot is **MARCH 7th**. If you have any questions or would like to submit an application, you may email <u>absentee@bullochcounty.net</u> or access <u>https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/</u> to get an application form.

3. ELECTION DAY

This will occur at your voting precinct on **MARCH 18th** from <u>7:00 AM</u> to <u>7:00 PM</u>.

General Information

BRING YOUR PHOTO I.D.

- A GEORGIA DRIVER'S LICENSE; or

- Valid identification card "picture" issued by a branch, department, agency or entity of the State of Georgia, another state; or

Valid United States passport; or

 Valid employee identification card containing a photograph of and issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the United States government, this state, or any county, municipality board, authority, or

- Other entity of this state; or valid US military identification card with photograph; or

- Valid tribal identification card with photograph

LOG IN TO https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/

- *Check* your registration;
- *Find* polling place directions;
- **Get** an absentee application form;
- Get time/location of early/advance voting;
- See your sample ballot

<u>CONTACT US</u>:

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SPLOST Q&A

SAMPLE BALLOT

1.) What is a SPLOST?

A Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is a one (1) percent sales tax, issued for and by the county, that funds various projects proposed by county municipal governments. These projects may include things such as recreational facilities, solid waste projects, equipment purchases, water and sewer needs, informational technology, and many other proposed items. Operational expenses may not be included.

2.) Will a SPLOST increase sales tax?

No. This SPLOST is a continuation of the existing sales tax, maintaining the county's current rate of eight (8) percent. If this SPLOST is approved, it will extend the current one-percent tax another six (6) years.

3.) Will a SPLOST increase property taxes?

No. A SPLOST is a consumption tax collected only on items subject to state sales tax.

4.) Is a SPLOST being collected in Bulloch County currently?

Yes. A SPLOST may be renewed every six (6) years (the maximum amount of time legally permitted) in Bulloch County, and as that six-year period for the current SPLOST ends, this SPLOST is an update and extension of that one.

COUNTY-WIDE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Bulloch County for a period of time not to exceed six years for the raising of an estimated amount of \$138,000,000 for the purposes of (a)(i) an addition to the Bulloch County Jail, and (ii) joint solid waste projects of Bulloch County and Statesboro including, but not necessarily limited to, the purchase of space in a regional landfill; (b)(i) Public safety facilities and/or equipment, (ii) Recreational facilities and/or equipment, (iii) Solid waste facilities and/or equipment, (iv) equipment for use in voting in official elections or referendums, (v) improvements to the courthouse and judicial facilities and/or equipment for use in the courthouse and judicial facilities, and (vi) information technology, which may include but not be limited to servers, computers, and software, all for the benefit of the Bulloch County, Georgia; (c)(i) Public Safety facilities and/or equipment, (ii) Water and sewer, (iii) Natural gas, (iv) Administrative facilities, (v) Cultural facilities, (vi) Parks, trails, and greenspaces, (vii) Public works and cemetery, (viii) Stormwater, (ix) Public parking lots, and (x) Economic development projects all for the benefit of the City of Statesboro, Georgia; (d)(i) Water and sewer, (ii) Public works, and (iii) Vehicle and equipment purchases, all for the benefit of the City of Brooklet, Georgia; (e)(i) Water and sewer, and (ii) Public safety, all for the benefit of the City of Portal, Georgia; (f)(i) Water main improvement, (ii) Office equipment upgrades, (iii) improvements to the community center and/or capital equipment for use in the community center, (iv) New roof on primary water pump building and (v) improvements to town hall and/or capital equipment for use in town hall, all for the benefit of the Town of Register, Georgia?

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