

Early voting begins in primary runoff election



MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016 - Your vote always counts but it matters even more when voter turnout is light, which is expected to be the case in Georgia's primary election runoff.

Early voting for the primary runoff began this week, with 14 state legislative and congressional races on the ballot. The election will be held July 26.

"When you have low turnout, very few votes can make a big difference in who wins the election," said Truitt Eavenson, Georgia Power's vice president of government and regulatory affairs. "We hope every employee will vote and that they will encourage their spouse, family members and friends to vote, too."

While most primary results were decided in the May 24 election, a handful of local races, along with the 14 state legislative and congressional contests, will be decided in the runoff election.

In Georgia, voters have unprecedented access to the polls with early voting opportunities and new technologies, such as [Online Voter Registration](#) and the My [My Voter Page](#), to easily register to vote and stay informed throughout the election cycle.

Georgia voters can use the [My Voter Page](#) or download the Georgia Secretary of State's free smartphone app to check registration status, view a sample ballot, find their voting location, or request an absentee ballot.

Throughout the advance voting period, state law requires the polls to be open during normal business hours. On Election Day, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To educate yourself about the election choices, please visit the various candidate website (*see list of state legislative and congressional runoffs at right*). You also can check out the Georgia Chamber of Commerce's interactive digital voter scorecard, which tracks how legislators vote on economic and other issues important to the business community.