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## Georgia SOS Encourages Absentee Voting in May 19<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, Voters to Receive Absentee Ballot Applications via Mail

*Troup County, Ga. April 4, 2020* – In order to encourage voting by mail for the upcoming May 19<sup>th</sup> Primary Election during the current Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger has mailed Absentee Ballot Applications to Georgians. Troup County active voters should receive absentee ballot applications in the mail within the next week. In March, the Presidential Preference Primary was postponed from March 24, 2020 to coincide with the General Primary/Nonpartisan Election scheduled for May 19, 2020. The upcoming primary election is currently still scheduled for May 19th.

Voters interested in voting via absentee ballot due to the current circumstances must complete the application and return it to the Troup County Elections and Registration Office via mail at 100 Ridley Avenue, LaGrange, Georgia 30240, via fax at (706) 883-1692, or via email at elections@troupco.org. Elderly and disabled voters must select the appropriate option as well as a political party before sending in the application. Please note that the return address on the return envelope included in the mailed application from the state lists Troup County's address as 1705 Ridley Avenue. It should be mailed to 100 Ridley Avenue, LaGrange, Georgia 30240 or P.O. Box 1705, LaGrange, Georgia 30240 instead. The county encourages voters to correct the address on the return envelope before sending it via mail. It may also be sent via fax, email, or in-person through the drop-box located at the entrance of the Troup County Government Center.

All Georgia voters may request and vote using an absentee ballot for any reason; however, Georgia's most vulnerable citizens, those over age 65 and those with a disability, may request absentee ballots for the primary and general election as well as all elections through the 2020 election cycle with this one application from the state. Other voters will need to submit another application for future elections. Troup County residents who apply for an absentee ballot will receive it via mail before the upcoming election from the Troup County Elections and Registration Office. It is required to be returned to the office by 7:00PM on Election Day.

The Troup County Elections and Registration Office will be available to answer any questions related to the May 19<sup>th</sup> Primary Election via phone at (706) 883-1745 or email at elections@troupco.org during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

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