

# SPALDING COUNTY

## OFFICIAL ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT

### OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA NOVEMBER 4, 2008

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person not on the ballot, manually WRITE IN his or her name in the space provided, then blacken the corresponding Oval (●). If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only pen or pencil. If you spoil your ballot, do not erase, but ask for a new ballot.

*"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [OCGA 21-2-285(h) and (21-2-383(a))]*

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| <p><b>For President of the United States</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHN MCCAIN - President<br/>SARAH PALIN - Vice President<br/>Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BARACK OBAMA - President<br/>JOE BIDEN - Vice President<br/>Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BOB BARR - President<br/>WAYNE A. ROOT - Vice President<br/>Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p> | <p><b>For State Senator From 16<sup>th</sup> District</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RONNIE CHANCE<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JERRY BRILLANT<br/>Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>                              | <p><b>For County Commissioner District 3</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHNIE MCDANIEL<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BOB GILREATH<br/>Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p> |
| <p><b>For United States Senate</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SAXBY CHAMBLISS<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JIM MARTIN<br/>Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ALLEN BUCKLEY<br/>Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>   | <p><b>For State Representative in the General Assembly From 126<sup>th</sup> District</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAVID KNIGHT<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BILL MAULDIN<br/>Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NONPARTISAN ELECTION</b></p>  |
| <p><b>For Public Service Commissioner</b><br/>(To Succeed H. Doug Everett)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> H. DOUG EVERETT<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHN H. MONDS<br/>Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>  | <p><b>For District Attorney of the Griffin Judicial Circuit</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SCOTT BALLARD<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>   | <p><b>For Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia</b><br/>(To Succeed Robert Benham)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ROBERT BENHAM<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>                                   |
| <p><b>For Public Service Commissioner</b><br/>(To Succeed Angela Elizabeth Speir)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> LAUREN W. MCDONALD, JR.<br/>Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JIM POWELL<br/>Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BRANDON GIVENS<br/>Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>   | <p><b>For Clerk of Superior Court</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MARCIA L. NORRIS<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>  | <p><b>For Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia</b><br/>(To Succeed Harris Hines)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> HARRIS HINES<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>                                     |
| <p><b>For U.S. Representative in 111<sup>th</sup> Congress From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of Georgia</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> LYNN WESTMORELAND<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> STEPHEN CAMP<br/>Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>  | <p><b>For Sheriff</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JAMES DEE STEWART<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> WENDELL BEAM<br/>Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>  | <p><b>For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia</b><br/>(To Succeed Gary Andrews)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GARY B. ANDREWS<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>                                 |
| <p><b>For Tax Commissioner</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SYLVIA WAGES HOLLUMS<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>  | <p><b>For Coroner</b><br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SONNY FOSTER<br/>(Incumbent) Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>  | <p><b>For Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia</b><br/>(To Succeed Charles B. Mikell, Jr.)<br/>(Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHARLES B. MIKELL, JR.<br/>(Incumbent)</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>Write-in</p>                |

**TURN BALLOT OVER TO  
CONTINUE VOTING**

**For Judge,  
Court of Appeals of Georgia**  
(To Succeed John H. Ruffin)  
(Vote for One)

- TAMELA L. ADKINS
- SARA DOYLE
- BRUCE M. EDENFIELD
- CHRISTOPHER J. MCFADDEN
- PERRY J. MCGUIRE
- MICHAEL S. MEYER VON BREMEN
- MIKE SHEFFIELD
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Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of  
the Griffin Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Johnnie L. Cladwell, Jr.)  
(Vote For One)

- JOHNNIE L. CALDWELL, JR.  
(Incumbent)
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Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of  
the Griffin Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Paschal A. English, Jr.)  
(Vote For One)

- PASCHAL A. ENGLISH, JR.  
(Incumbent)
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Write-in

**For Judge, Superior Court of  
the Griffin Judicial Circuit**  
(To Succeed Tommy R. Hankinson)  
(Vote For One)

- TOMMY R. HANKINSON  
(Incumbent)
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Write-in

**For Judge of State Court  
of Spalding County**  
(Vote for One)

- SIDNEY R. ESARY  
(Incumbent)
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Write-in

**For Judge of the Probate Court**  
(Vote for One)

- DEWITT SIMONTON, JR.  
(Incumbent)
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Write-in

**For Chief Magistrate**  
(Vote for One)

- RITA L. CAVANAUGH  
(Incumbent)
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Write-in

**PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS**

- 1 -

**To encourage the preservation of Georgia's forests through a conservation use property tax reduction program.**

House Resolution No. 1276  
Resolution Act No. 702  
Ga. L. 2008, p. 1209

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the General Assembly by general law shall encourage the preservation, conservation, and protection of the state's forests through the special assessment and taxation of certain forest lands and assistance grants to local government?"

- YES
- NO

- 2 -

**To authorize local school districts to use tax funds for community redevelopment purposes.**

Senate Resolution No. 996  
Resolution Act No. 777  
Ga. L. 2008, p. 1211

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize community redevelopment and authorize counties, municipalities, and local boards of education to use tax funds for redevelopment purposes and programs?"

- YES
- NO

- 3 -

**To authorize the creation of special Infrastructure Development Districts providing infrastructure to underserved areas.**

Senate Resolution No. 309  
Resolution Act No. 373  
Ga. L. 2007, p. 775

"Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation and comprehensive regulation of infrastructure development districts for the provision of infrastructure as authorized by local governments?"

- YES
- NO

**SPECIAL ELECTION**

**School Tax Exemption**  
(Vote for One)

"Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from Griffin-Spalding County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$10,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65-69 years of age or older after a two-year phase-in-period, a homestead exemption from said ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents who are 70-74 years of age or older after a two-year phase-in-period, and a homestead exemption from said ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$30,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents who are 75 years of age or older after a two-year phase-in-period?"

- YES
- NO

**Special Local Option 1%  
Sales Tax**  
(Vote for One)

"Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district consisting of Spalding County for a period of time not to exceed 24 calendar quarters and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$54,000,000 for the purpose of funding the following projects: (i) for Spalding County (A) acquisition, construction and development of property for the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority, (B) acquisition, construction, additions to Griffin Technical College, (C) acquisition of bus for use by senior citizens and other residents, (D) water and sewerage system improvements and (E) roads, streets, bridges and transportation improvements and equipment; (ii) for the City of Griffin (A) roads, streets, bridges and transportation improvements and equipment; (iii) for the City of Orchard Hill (A) walking trails and recreation improvements, (B) park improvements, including parking and (C) improvements, equipment and additions to City Hall; and (iv) for the City of Sunny Side (A) walking trails and recreation improvements, (B) construction of pavilion and related improvements and (C) improvements, equipment and additions to City Hall? If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Spalding County in the principal amount of not to exceed \$15,500,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the acquisition, construction and development of property for the Griffin-Spalding Development Authority project for the County described above."

- YES
- NO

**Redevelopment Powers**  
(Vote for One)

"Shall the Act be approved which authorizes Spalding County to exercise redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

- YES
- NO

**Redevelopment Powers**  
(Vote for One)

"Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Griffin to exercise redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as it may be amended from time to time?"

- YES
- NO