

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,  
GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATING TO  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the right to vote is a fundamental principle of American Democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, removing impediments to civic participation will promote a more engaged and representative society; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing counties to implement countywide polling places in lieu of pre-designated, precinct-based polling locations will make voting more convenient and accessible for citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, this program would allow voters to cast ballots at any polling place in their county regardless of their home of record; and

**WHEREAS**, such as a system has been successfully implemented in Texas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia that the following is requested:

1. The General Assembly consider adopting legislation mirroring Chapter 43, Section 43.007. of the Texas Election Code.
2. The General Assembly allow counties to opt into a program enabling voters to cast ballots at the polling place of their choosing within their county of residence without regard to the precinct of their home address.
3. Participating counties in such a “Countywide Polling Place Program” must have the means to verify that a voter has not previously voted in the election.
4. Moreover, participating counties must allow a voter to cast a ballot in the same elections in which the voter would be entitled to participate based on their precinct of residence.
5. The Executive Assistant or designee deliver a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Georgia General Assembly representing a portion of DeKalb County.

**ADOPTED** by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

---

**STEPHEN R. BRADSHAW**  
Presiding Officer  
Board of Commissioners  
DeKalb County, Georgia

October 22, 2021

**APPROVED** by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**MICHAEL THURMOND**  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC**  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and  
Chief Executive Officer  
DeKalb County, Georgia

\_\_\_\_\_  
**VIVIANE ERNSTES**  
County Attorney