



# DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center  
1300 Commerce Drive  
Decatur, Georgia 30030

## Agenda Item

File ID: 2021-3272

Substitute

11/16/2021

Public Hearing: YES  NO

Department: Board of Commissioners

### **SUBJECT:**

**Commission District(s):** All Districts

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to the DeKalb County Delegation of the General Assembly Requesting the Extension of Early Voting Through the Weekend Immediately Prior to Election Day

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### **PURPOSE:**

To allow citizens additional opportunities to vote early.

### **NEED/IMPACT:**

Early voting has become essential to the elections process to reduce lines and ensure that every citizen has ample opportunity to cast their ballot, and in the 2020 general election 35% of citizens that cast a ballot in DeKalb County voted early and 100 million Americans voted early.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve the resolution and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXTEND EARLY VOTING THROUGH THE WEEKEND IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Early voting has become essential to the elections process to reduce lines and ensure that every citizen has ample opportunity to cast their ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2020 general election 35% of citizens that cast a ballot in DeKalb County voted early and 100 million Americans voted early.

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

1. The General Assembly extend Early and Advanced voting in the state of Georgia to include the weekend immediately preceding the November general election; and
2. 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.

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

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

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

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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

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**VIVIANE ERNSTES**  
 County Attorney