

## **Kemp, Cagle Remove Official Web Site Campaign Links VoterGa Claim of Illegality Vindicated**

ATLANTA GA – Georgia Secretary of State (SOS) Brian Kemp and Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle have now both modified their official government web sites to remove their gubernatorial campaign links that VoterGa insisted were illegal. The links were coded at taxpayer expense to direct traffic for months from official Georgia Secretary of State and Lieutenant Governor web sites to the respective Kemp and Cagle gubernatorial campaign pages on Facebook and Twitter.

A 3 minute VoterGa [video](#) produced by Operation Educate explained exact clauses of Georgia campaign law that prohibit **a state government agency from giving anything of value to a candidate**. The video illustrates how links are programmed into an official government site. The links gave Kemp and Cagle an advantage over other gubernatorial candidates. [\[O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2\(b\), O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30.2\(b\)\]](#)

Casey Cagle had his Georgia Lieutenant Governor web site revised the evening after a local news station brought it to his attention on May 9. However, Brian Kemp refused while his campaign manager Ryan Mahoney was quoted as saying the allegation was “nonsensical” and such links were “standard practice”. However, Kemp and Mahoney did not stop there. Mahoney attacked the Voter Ga co-founder who made the allegation [telling the local news station](#) that:

*“Garland Favorito is an agenda driven activist with an ax to grind. Brian Kemp is a man of unquestionable integrity and this accusation is nothing more than fake news.”*

Kemp eventually revised the Georgia SOS site on June 8 while his office was in court to defend a [law suit](#) that sought to conduct the June 20<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> District runoff election on verifiable paper ballots. Kemp has been under pressure to move Georgia to verifiable voting for months. [Computer science professors](#), [election integrity advocates](#), [local voting rights groups](#) and highly [critical nationwide news articles](#) have urged him to replace Georgia’s unverifiable voting equipment both before and after 6<sup>th</sup> District runoff results [were called into question](#).

The campaign links are not the first time that Secretary Kemp has run afoul of Georgia statutes. In 2012, he acknowledged [modifying the statutorily mandated ballot language](#) of county TSPLOST referendums although the ballot question had been defined by state law. His questionable, unauthorized language made the referendum appear more favorable to voters who still rejected most of the referendums by near 2-1 margins. [\[O.C.G.A. § 48-8-244\]](#)