

## **GEORGIA ELECTION CERTIFICATION TRUTH**

Georgia election law has always required county election boards known as "superintendents: under the law, to thoroughly examine election documents and results to certify they are true and accurate. For example:

- O.C.G.A. § 21-2-70 (8) states that certifying board member's duties are: "... to inspect systematically and thoroughly the conduct of primaries and elections ... to the end that primaries and elections may be honestly, efficiently, and uniformly conducted".
- O.C.G.A. §21-2-493 states: "The superintendent shall then examine all the registration and primary or election documents."
- The attestation form members must sign requires them to "certify that the attached Election Results Summary is a true and correct count of the votes cast in this County..."
- O.C.G.A. § 21-2-20(15)(B) requires members to swear that: "I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse..." and "...I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections."
- If a board member falsely swears to inaccurate results, the member can be charged with a felony under O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20.

State Election Board rules are vetted by legislative counsel prior to final passage by the board. No rule passed by the new board involving election certification conflicts with the above statutes.

We have led the election integrity movement in Georgia for over 17 years and believe it is important to distinguish the difference between Georgia election law and political theater.

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