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## GEORGIA STATE GUIDE

### STATE OVERVIEW

The state of Georgia has leaned predominantly Republican over the last ten presidential elections, having favored the Republican candidate in seven of them. With the change of political extremities in recent decades, it is clear, overall, Georgia voters hold conservative values in higher esteem than those that are more liberal.

In 2012, Mitt Romney won the state of Georgia over Barack Obama by a margin of 8% (53% to Obama's 45%). Republican [Nathan Deal](#) is the current governor of Georgia and has been in office since January 2011.

### OFFICE AND CANDIDATES

The following are offices to be elected in Georgia's 2014 elections. Please click on each link to view information about the office, as well as the current candidates and their views relating to Biblical values.

- [U.S. Senate](#)
- [U.S. House of Representatives](#)
- [State Governor](#)
- [State Lieutenant Governor](#)
- [Attorney General](#)
- [Secretary of State](#)
- [Other Executive Offices](#)
- [State Senate](#)
- [State House of Representatives](#)
- [School Board](#)
- To see a list of current incumbents in Georgia please [click here](#).
- To see a list of ballot measures in Georgia's 2014 elections, please [click here](#).

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### TOP STATE ISSUES

#### 1. Voter Fraud

Georgia's voting machines do not provide an audit trail making recounts impossible. Additionally, candidates are not allowed to review absentee ballots as a point of comparison to the machine vote. The government tells us what the vote totals are without verification, causing concern among voters.

#### 2. Budget/Fiscal Responsibility

The state was able to generate increased revenue, bringing an end to additional spending cuts that have been in place. The discussion is turning to the best ways for stewarding the increased resources. Lawmakers are looking for a balance between replenishing the state's reserves and giving some relief to areas that were really strained by the budget cuts, particularly education. Choices made during the current legislative session will have a profound impact on the outcome of the elections.

### 3. Education/Common Core

Georgia's public education system has been severely funded for quite some time. There is also concern that almost half of the school districts are not meeting the 180-day minimum calendar required by law. The state has experienced dramatic population shifts, creating a variety of unique challenges, including students from poor or underachieving schools struggling with academic standards.

The fear regarding Common Core is the federal government taking control of local schools through curriculum and program design. The subjects being taught do not have local community support. Georgia's governor supports Common Core, and it is important that all citizens become involved and informed about the problems and issues with Common Core.

### How to Pray for Georgia

1. Pray for any voter fraud to be exposed. Ask God to reveal any systems that need to be renewed when it comes to counting votes. (John 1:5)
2. Pray for lawmakers to have wisdom and strategy for the best way to steward the state's resources. Ask God to help them not lose sight of long-term health for the state even while meeting immediate needs. (James 1:5)
3. Pray for the education system in Georgia. As the Common Core Standards are causing problems in the state, pray for any unrighteous curriculum and teaching to be rooted out. (Isaiah 54:13)
4. Pray for righteous candidates to be voted into office during the 2014 elections, and for the Church to rise up and take its place in these elections! (Proverbs 29:4)
5. Ask God to bless each candidate and incumbent; pray for their salvation, safety, and for an understanding of the value in supporting biblical principles. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

### How to Act

1. If you are a Georgia citizen, [please click here to register to vote](#) and then do your part on election day to vote for righteous candidates!
2. Share this voters guide with others and encourage them to vote righteously.
3. If you'd like more information on candidates, please check out these sources:
  - [www.ontheissues.org](http://www.ontheissues.org)
  - [Project Vote Smart](#)
  - [Wikipedia 2014 Elections Page](#)