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DeKalb Voter Registration and Elections Announces 2026 Deputy Registrar Training Schedule, Key Election Dates

DECATUR, Ga. — DeKalb Voter Registration and Elections (DeKalb VRE) announced the release of its 2026 Deputy Registrar Training Schedule, reinforcing the county's commitment to civic engagement, voter access, and accurate voter registration as preparation begins for the upcoming election year.

The 2026 election cycle includes a statewide Gubernatorial Election on May 19, 2026, along with contests for major federal, state, and local offices. Deputy Registrars play a critical role in ensuring eligible citizens are properly registered to vote and able to participate fully in the democratic process.

"As we prepare for a significant election year, it is essential that our community partners are informed, trained, and equipped to help eligible voters register accurately and on time," said DeKalb VRE Executive Director Keisha L. Smith. "Training Deputy Registrars strengthens our voter registration system, supports election integrity, and helps ensure every eligible citizen has the opportunity to make their voice heard. Community members and organizations interested in becoming Deputy Registrars are encouraged to review the training schedule and participate in an upcoming session to support voter engagement across DeKalb County."

2026 Online Deputy Registrar Training Schedule

All training sessions will be conducted online via Zoom. Participants must have access to a computer. A training handbook will be emailed in advance of each scheduled session.

Upcoming Deputy Registrar Training Dates: Jan. 8; Jan. 15; Feb. 2; Feb. 23; Mar. 2; Mar. 17; and Apr. 1, 2026. To register, visit <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/voter-registration-elections/voter-outreach> and complete the Deputy Registrar Training sign-up form.

Key Races on the 2026 Primary Ballot

DeKalb voters can expect to see several major offices on the 2026 Primary Ballot, including: U.S. Senate; U.S. House of Representatives; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; Attorney General; DeKalb County Commissioner — Districts 2, 3, and 7; DeKalb Board of Education — Districts 2, 4, and 6; and more.

2026 Election Schedule

General Primary Election / Nonpartisan Election

Election Day: May 19, 2026

Early Voting: April 27–May 15, 2026

First Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot: March 2, 2026

Registration Deadline: April 20, 2026

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General Primary Election / Nonpartisan Runoff

Election Day: June 16, 2026

Early Voting: As soon as possible, but no later than June 8–June 12, 2026

General Election / Special Election

Election Day: November 3, 2026

Early Voting: October 13–October 30, 2026

First Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot: August 17, 2026

Registration Deadline: October 5, 2026

General Election / Special Election Runoff

Election Day: December 1, 2026

Early Voting: As soon as possible, but no later than November 23–November 25, 2026

For more information about Deputy Registrar Training or the 2026 Election Schedule, visit www.DeKalbVotes.com or call (404)298-4020.

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