

PETITION TO THE GEORGIA STATE ELECTION BOARD

Request to Add Matter to Upcoming Agenda regarding waiver of Pre-Certification Meeting Requirement for certain upcoming elections in Cherokee County

To: Members of the Georgia State Election Board

From: Cherokee County Board of Elections and Registration

Subject: Request for Placement of Petition on Agenda – HD 23 Pre-Certification Meeting(s) exception

I. INTRODUCTION

With the death of the Honorable Mandi Ballinger, Governor Kemp called for a Special Election to take place on **December 9th** to fill the vacancy in **HD23**. Should a runoff be needed the runoff election would take place on **January 6th**.

Due to the timing of the elections Cherokee County Elections will be required to hold up to 3 Election Day meetings, 3 Pre-Certification meetings, and 3 Election Certification meetings in during the months of November, December, and January. These meetings would be in addition to the regular monthly meetings.

II. BASIS FOR REQUEST

While the Election Night and Election Certification meetings are required by statute, the Pre-Certification meetings are only required by SEB Rule §183-1-12-.12(f). Because the Certification and Pre-Certification meetings for the HD 23 Special Election would occur in close proximity to the Christmas and New Years holidays, Cherokee County BOER respectfully requests a temporary waiver of the in-person Pre-Certification Meeting requirement for those elections, allowing certification materials to be transmitted electronically rather than during an in-person meeting as referenced in SEB Rule §183-1-12-.12(f).

III. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Cherokee BOER respectfully requests that the Georgia State Election Board:

1. **Formally place this matter on the agenda** for discussion with a future vote for approval at your next scheduled meeting (or at a special-called meeting, if necessary, prior to the HD 23 election).
2. After discussion and the 15-day publishing period, Cherokee BOER **requests that you vote to waive the Pre-Certification Meeting Requirement for the HD 23 Special Election, and the runoff for the HD 23 Special Election** (if necessary).