

June 18, 2024

Mr. John Fervier, Chairman
Georgia State Election Board
2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE
Suite 1104 Floyd West Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

RE: Petition for Amendment of Election Rules (Tabulating Results)

Dear Chairman:

The undersigned citizen respectfully submits 3 notarized copies of the attached proposed amendment to the State Election Board Rules under the provisions of Rule 183-1-12-.12. I respectfully request that the proposed Rule amendment be heard at the next SEB meeting as required by Rule 183-1-1.01(4).

The proposed rule amendment is submitted with the request that the SEB consider the substance and merits of the rule change and modify or clarify the proposed language and format as appropriate if such edits would facilitate the adoption of the substance and intent of the proposal.

Requirements of Rule 183-1-1-.01(3)

(a) The name and post office address of the petitioner:

Gail A. Lee

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

(b) The full text of the rule to be amended or repealed, or the full text of the rule desired to be promulgated:

(e) Reconciliation Report

1. As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report.
2. **Upon submission of the completed Reconciliation Report to the Secretary of State, each county shall publish the report on their county election results website.**

(c) The reason(s) such rule should be amended, repealed or promulgated:

In the May 21st primary, DeKalb County, for example, reported 94,317 voters cast a vote but 185,536 ballots were cast. A citizen seeing that discrepancy should well question the validity of the election results. At the certification meeting, the Executive Director explained that there were many ballots with more than one page and the machines only count pages. First of all, that is not a detailed reconciliation of the numbers like should be required in the reconciliation report. Second, very few citizens of DeKalb County heard that explanation. As a citizen, I would like to see the exact and detailed justification for the discrepancy of the two counts. Providing such information would give the public greater confidence in election results.

(d) Any and all pertinent existing facts as to the petitioner's interest in the matter:

As a citizen with concerns about the accuracy and validity of election results, I am interested in seeing an accounting for discrepancies between the votes cast and the voters who cast a vote. It is a simple metric that I and other non-statistically minded people can grasp and it is required under 21-2-493(b). The people should be able to see the law is being followed.

(e) Any and all facts known to the petitioner which might influence the decision of the Board to initiate or not initiate rulemaking including identification of any parties who it is known will or may be affected by the amended, repealed, or promulgated rule:

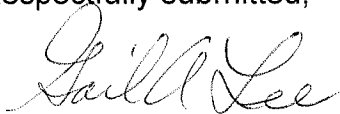
The parties that would be affected by the rule are the county citizens who would like to be assured that the election results are accurate and the county Voter and Registration Offices who would merely be required to post the results they have already reported to the Secretary of State.

(f) Citations of legal authorities, if any, which authorize, support, or require the action requested by the petitioner:

None.

Please contact me if I may provide more information that would be helpful to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail A. Lee



I, Gail A. Lee, personally appeared before the undersigned public notary, duly authorized to administer oaths, and stated under oath that every fact alleged in the Petition for Amendment of Election Rules dated June 18, 2024 attached hereto is true and correct. The attached petition is submitted under the provisions of Rule 183-1-1-.01.

Gail A. Lee
Gail A. Lee

6/18/2024
Date

State of Georgia
DeKalb County

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 18th day of June 2024

Bonnie Chapzrell
Notary Public

My commission expires April 17, 2027.

