

PETITION FOR PROMULGATION OF NEW RULE

GA. COMP. R. & REGS. R. 183-1-6-.07

Prohibition of Charges for Voter Registration Challenges

TO: THE STATE ELECTION BOARD

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-9 and Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 183-1-1-.01, I, Stefan Bartelski, respectfully petition the State Election Board for the promulgation of new Rule 183-1-6-.07, Prohibition of Charges for Voter Registration Challenges.

(a) Name and Post Office Address of Petitioner

Stefan Bartelski

Post Office Address: _4810 Notting Hill Drive, Cumming, GA 30040

(b) Full Text of the Rule Desired to Be Promulgated

Rule 183-1-6-.07 - Prohibition of Charges for Voter Registration Challenges

The Boards of Registration and Elections, Boards of Registrars, and other hearing officers are not allowed to charge individuals (challengers), who submit voter registration challenges, for the costs associated with processing these challenges. These costs encompass, but are not limited to, administrative labor, services (such as mailing and printing), and materials (including paper for notifications and copies of challenge documents). Furthermore, while it is advisable for challengers to submit their challenges electronically (e.g., in spreadsheet or PDF format), if they opt to submit hard copies, they are only required to provide one copy of all documentation. Any additional copies needed for board members, administrative staff, records, etc., must be produced by the board.

(c) Reasons the Rule Should Be Promulgated

This proposed rule establishes that Boards of Registration and Elections, Boards of Registrars, and other hearing officers may not charge individuals who submit voter registration challenges for costs associated with processing those challenges. Such costs may include administrative labor, services such as mailing and printing, and materials related to the handling of challenge documentation.

The rule further clarifies that individuals submitting voter registration challenges are required to provide only one copy of supporting documentation when submitting materials in hard copy format, and that any additional copies required for administrative or board use must be produced by the receiving entity.

This proposed rule provides guidance regarding the handling and processing of voter registration challenges under O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-229 and 21-2-230.

(d) Pertinent Existing Facts as to Petitioner's Interest in the Matter

Petitioner states the following facts concerning his interest in the proposed rule:

My interest in proposing this rule is to ensure consistency across the county election boards in Georgia. As a submitter of voter registration challenges under both relevant Georgia statutes, I wish to know beforehand that I will not be financially penalized for such activities.

(e) Facts That May Influence the Board's Decision and Parties Who May Be Affected

The proposed rule concerns costs associated with the filing and processing of voter registration challenges and the number of hard copies that may be required when such challenges are submitted. Persons and entities that may be affected include county Boards of Registration and Elections, Boards of Registrars, other hearing officers responsible for processing such challenges, and individuals who submit challenges.

Additional pertinent facts known to Petitioner, if any:

A few counties in Georgia have started incurring such fees and unreasonable requirements, thus creating inconsistencies across the state. In addition, the few that do so are not using consistent methods, thus creating even more confusion.

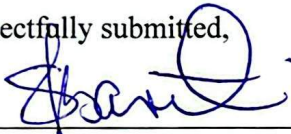
(f) Legal Authorities Supporting the Requested Action

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-31(1); O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-220, 21-2-221, 21-2-229, 21-2-230, and 21-2-234; National Voter Registration Act (NVRA); and Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

REQUEST

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that the State Election Board promulgate new Rule 183-1-6-.07, Prohibition of Charges for Voter Registration Challenges, as set forth in this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

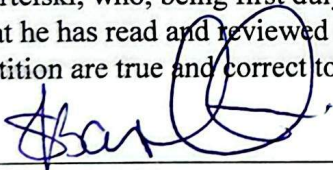


Stefan Bartelski, Petitioner

Date: 15th September, 2026

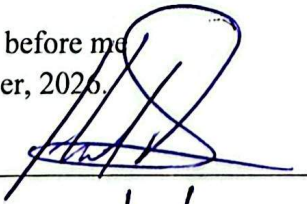
VERIFICATION UNDER OATH

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, Stefan Bartelski, who, being first duly sworn, states that he is the Petitioner in the foregoing Petition; that he has read and reviewed the Petition; and that the factual statements contained in the Petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Stefan Bartelski

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 15th day of September, 2026.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

05/14/27

