Why the Numbered List of Voters Matters (NLV)

An established election record with operational and legal significance

CONTINUITY

Provides a backup if the electronic system fails.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Is the official election document subject to security and retention.

LEGAL FOUNDATION

Referenced repeatedly in Georgia election law — 14 times, according to the source document.

What is an NLV?

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2(16)

A consecutively numbered record used to enter voters' names as they receive ballots or number slips for admission to voting machines.

The statutory definition describes sheets of uniform size with consecutively numbered blank spaces.

The Forms Must Be Provided

O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-50 and 21-2-400

§ 21-2-50

The Secretary of State is required to furnish blank election forms, including numbered lists of voters.

§ 21-2-400

The superintendent must obtain a sufficient supply of the required election forms, including NLVs.

The List Must Be Kept During Voting

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-405

The chief manager assigns an assistant manager or clerk to maintain the numbered list of voters during voting.

The requirement applies to all voting locations.

NLVs Are Retained as Election Records

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-500

One copy of each numbered list of voters must be delivered in sealed containers to the designated records custodian.

DOCUMENT CONTROL

The law treats the NLV as an official record requiring secure handling.

Penalties Reinforce the Requirement

O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-566, 21-2-587 and 21-2-589

§ 21-2-566

Willful tampering with an NLV is a felony; the cited provision includes imprisonment and/or a fine up to $100,000.

§ 21-2-587

A poll officer's willful failure to return required election materials, including an NLV, is a felony.

§ 21-2-589

Willful failure by a poll officer to enter the name of a person who actually voted is a misdemeanor.

Absentee Voting Also Requires Numbered Lists

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386

CERTIFIED VOTERS

After verification, each certified absentee elector is entered on the precinct's numbered list of absentee voters.

CERTIFIED & REJECTED

Three copies of each list — certified and rejected absentee voters — are turned over to the poll manager.

Absentee Records: Secure Transfer

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386

Absentee ballots and copies of the numbered lists of certified and rejected absentee electors are delivered in secure, sealed containers with chain-of-custody documentation.

Core principle: maintain a documented, secure record of voters and ballot handling.