
How Electronic Voting Works

What e-voting is and why we offer it

Electronic voting lets you vote on association business from home, on a computer or phone. It is an **added option**. It does not replace voting in person or by proxy.

Georgia law allows electronic ballots by written or electronic transmission to every voting member (O.C.G.A. § 14-3-707). Your board turned on electronic voting during setup. The legal details are in the box at the end.

How you vote

- **Get the ballot.** The association sends every household that can vote a ballot electronically. It lists each question, lets you vote for or against, and gives a deadline.
 - **Log in** to the owner portal.
 - **Vote** and press **Submit**. Once you submit, your vote is final, just like a paper ballot dropped in a box. You can't change it.
 - **Save your receipt.** You'll see a private **receipt code** one time only. Copy it, print it or write it down. The printed receipt shows which vote it's for and the date, but not how you voted.
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Your vote is secret

- When you submit, the system does two separate things. It notes **that your household voted** (the date only, not the time). And it puts **your choice** into a separate "ballot box" with only a random receipt code attached: no name, no address, no time.
 - **Nothing connects the two.** Not the board, not the website company, and not anyone with full access to the database can link your name to your choice. This isn't a promise to look away. The system is simply built that way.
 - Ballots are stored in random order, so the order of ballots can't be matched to the order people voted.
 - Your choice is never written into any of the system's logs.
 - **What the board can see:** which households have voted (like a sign-in sheet) and the totals. **What the system does not store:** any connection between a household and its choice.
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How you can check the results are right

- **Find your ballot.** When the vote closes, every ballot is published by receipt code and choice. Look up your receipt code and confirm your vote is there and correct.
 - **Anyone can recount.** The published list *is* the count. Add it up and you'll get the official totals.
 - **The numbers must match.** The results page shows how many households voted and how many ballots were counted. If those two numbers ever differ, the page flags it, and the board must review the vote before accepting the result.
 - **No changes after closing.** Single ballots are never edited or removed. If a vote ever had to be set aside, the board would have to void the **entire** vote by a recorded action.
 - **Keep your receipt private,** like a PIN. Someone could see how you voted only if you show it to them.
 - **Lost your receipt?** Your vote still counts. The receipt is only for looking up your own ballot. We deliberately don't keep a copy linked to you, so we can't look it up for you, but you can still confirm that your household voted.
 - **A permanent record.** Each vote's question, options and dates, its sign-in list and the full ballot list are kept with the association's records, open to inspection like other records. Closed votes and results stay visible to owners under **Past votes** in the portal.
 - **Records can't be quietly changed.** Every action in the system (creating or closing a vote, entering a paper ballot, changing a voting member) is logged in a chain where each entry is "fingerprinted" against the one before. If anyone edited or deleted an old entry, the chain would break and the system's check would show exactly where.
 - Once a month the system produces a short **"seal"** code. The Secretary reads it into the **meeting minutes**, so a copy lives outside the system. Anyone can later ask the board to re-run the check and compare.
 - Each month's records are also saved as a separate archive copy, kept at least **10 years** under the association's records-retention policy.
 - The ballot box is **never** in this log. The log records only *that* a household voted.
 - No system can promise nobody will ever try to change a record. This one is built so **a change can't go unnoticed.**
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One vote per household

- Each home (lot) gets **one vote**, cast by the household's designated voting member. The board records who that is. If no one is chosen, it's the primary owner on file.
 - Tenants don't vote.
 - A household can vote only **once**, whichever way it votes: online, in person or by proxy.
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Paper ballots are still available

Don't use computers? You can still vote **in person** at the meeting, or by **written proxy** filed with the Secretary, as the bylaws allow. The Secretary enters paper and proxy ballots in the same secret way, and they count the same.

What makes it official

Your board turned on electronic voting and confirmed the setting during onboarding. If your community adopted a bylaw amendment related to electronic voting, it is on file with the association's records.

Questions?

Ask any member of your board, they're happy to walk you through it. Questions about the system itself? Contact **TooLazyEggs** at hello@toolazyeggs.com · 678-322-8409.

Legal references

- **O.C.G.A. § 14-3-707 (Action by written ballot):** allows any action that could be taken at a members' meeting to be taken by a ballot delivered "in writing or by electronic transmission" to every voting member; ballots returned must meet quorum and approvals must meet the voting threshold. *This is the provision your association's electronic voting uses.*
- **O.C.G.A. § 14-3-709 (Remote communication):** allows members to take part and vote in a called meeting remotely (such as by video call), if the board authorizes it and verifies each participant's identity. *This covers live voting at a meeting, a different process.*
- **O.C.G.A. § 14-3-706 (Record date):** lets the board fix a record date for who may vote; if the bylaws and board are silent, the statutory default applies.
- **Your board's onboarding confirmation:** electronic voting was turned on and confirmed by a board officer during setup.
- *Citations pending attorney confirmation of the current enrolled text.*

This page explains how the voting system is designed. It isn't legal advice. Voting rules come from your association's governing documents and Georgia law.
