Georgians Contest GA6 Election, Sue for Verifiable Voting

ATLANTA GA – A group of Georgians announced they have challenged the 6th District Special Election runoff (GA6) results today and filed suit for permanent independence from Georgia's secret, unverifiable voting. Unlike challenges based on vote tallies this challenge, supported by the Coalition for Good Governance, is based on official misconduct and irregularities deemed sufficient enough to compromise the system and place un-auditable results in doubt. [O.C.G.A. 21-2-522]

The lawsuit cites the failure by all three GA6 county election boards to honor signed, notarized petitions to recanvass that were submitted to them by Georgia voters prior to results certification. Recavass is mandatory process that provides voters with a right to election oversight. It entails procedures that officials can perform in an attempt to validate that election results are correct.

The lawsuit also cites the lack of a system certification for the set of components used to conduct the GA6 election. The last reasonably complete certification was performed in 2007 and the voting system components have been patched several times since then. No Secretary of State has ever specifically certified the entire system for accuracy as specified by Georgia law [O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.2(b)]

The lawsuit further cites a failure of the Center for Election Systems (CES) at Kennesaw State University (KSU) to close vulnerabilities in their public website that exposed voting system files to the public. CES Executive Director Merle King was notified of the vulnerabilities last August but they still existed when a second expert accessed the site in March. An April 18th security assessment performed by the security office at KSU found a variety of problems. The center prepares the database and files for each county to conduct each federal and state election.

The GA6 election was first questioned on April 18th when system security flaws allowed a Roswell Runoff card to be loaded into live GA6 results. After the June 20th Runoff, statistical anomalies caused national election integrity advocates to write to all county election boards expressing concern that tampering had occurred.

Karen Handel was declared the winner over Jon Ossoff by 51.78% to 48.22% but Ossoff won verifiable mail-in and provisional voting 64-36%. 40 precincts showed 60+ point swings where Ossoff won mail-ins by about 30 points but Handel won Election Day voting by a similar margin. Election integrity advocates found such discrepancies unprecedented in their studies of electronic voting result history.