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 CHRIS BERGEN**  
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voter can go to the Union County Courthouse from Oct. 25-29 and vote. Election Day is Nov. 2

There are a large number of last minute registrants in the state who have not yet received their precinct card. The Union County Registrar's office is notifying voters they can use the poll locator on the Secretary of State's website at sos.state.ga.us. Voters may input their name and birthday to find their assigned polling location. Voters can also call toll free 888-265-1115 and find their polling location by entering their social security number.

The website and phone number can be used before or on Election Day.

**Georgia State Representative, District 8**

Georgia State Representative Charles Jenkins, a Union County resident, is seeking reelection on the Democratic ticket after declining the offer and enticements to switch parties. He faced no opposition in the Primary Election and has no opposition in the General Election.

**Georgia State Senate, District 51**

Union County will have a new Georgia State Senator beginning next year. Sen. Carol Jackson, who served with distinction, decided to not seek reelection to the seat. Democrat Bobby Adams and Republican Chip Pearson are on the ballot.

**United States Senate**

The race for United States Senator to succeed U. S. Senator Zell Miller has three candidates: Republican Johnny Isakson, Democrat Denise L. Majette and Libertarian Allen Buckley.

**United States Representative, District 9**

The United States House of Representatives from the 9th District has two candidates, incumbent Charlie Norwood running as a Republican and Bob Ellis running as a Democrat.

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