

NAME: Buzz Brockway
PARTY: Republican
SEEKING: Secretary of State



Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running for Secretary of State because I have a passion for the position. I don't view this office as merely a stepping stone to something else. I want Georgia to have the best election system and be the easiest place to do business in America. The people of Georgia deserve a Secretary of State who will focus on the job assigned by the Constitution – not looking to expand power, or change the duties of the office, but focus on the very important job Secretary of State is. I will do that.

What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

I have two main goals: Reform Georgia's election system so that it's the best, most secure, and most trusted in America, and work for Georgia to be the easiest place to do business in, not just the best. We have the expertise right here in Georgia to accomplish both of these goals. I'll put together the team, and bring together the people needed to get the job done.

What distinguishes your candidacy?

I'm not running for Secretary of State to have something to do until another office opens up. I want to be Secretary of State to accomplish the goals I have. I believe my professional and political expertise make me uniquely qualified to do the job. In the Legislature, I serve on the Governmental Affairs committee, which deals with election law, and I passed bills reforming elections. My degree from Georgia Tech is in Management Science, which studies how to make systems more efficient. I'll make the office of Secretary of State efficient and effective.

How can we improve school safety?

School safety is not under the authority of the Secretary of State. However, the State House of Representatives this session formed a study committee to look at the issue of school safety. This committee will talk with school officials, teachers, and security experts to determine how best to protect our students. I hope the Committee crafts a solid plan the people of Georgia can support and the Legislature will pass next year.

Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

The Secretary of State's office oversees most of Georgia's professional licensing boards. Many of these licenses are important to protect the public from harm or fraud. However, we've seen a trend in recent years of professional licenses being

used as a barrier to competition rather than merely to protect the public. As Secretary of State, I will work with the Legislature to roll back unnecessary regulations and help qualified people get a job in the profession of their choice.

Please give a 100 word summary on your background.

I am currently State Representative for the 102nd District in Gwinnett County which covers parts of Lawrenceville and Suwanee. I've lived in Lawrenceville since 1976. I graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1990 with a Bachelors of Science in Management Science and a certificate in Economics. I worked as an operations manager in the plastics manufacturing industry for over 20 years before my wife and I started our own business in 2005. Christa and I have been married for 25 years and have 3 daughters. We attend Victory at Hamilton Mill Church in Buford.