

Ben Hill County has received over 600 emails with letters titled “Notice of Maladministration and Demand to Challenge Person(s) on the County Registrar.” Due to the sheer number of requests, we are unable to respond to each individually within the time limitation set out by Georgia law. Therefore, Ben Hill County submits this response to all such requests.

O.C.G.A. 21-2-229(a) states that “Any elector of a county or municipality may challenge the qualifications of any person applying to register to vote in the county or municipality and may challenge the qualifications of any elector of the county or municipality whose name appears on the list of electors. Such challenges shall be in writing and shall specify distinctly the grounds of the challenge. There shall not be a limit on the number of persons whose qualifications such elector may challenge.”

Your letter does not comply with the requirements of the elector challenge statute because an elector who wishes to initiate a challenge under this law must specify distinctly the grounds of the challenge. This request as presented does not specify distinctly the grounds for your challenge.

Furthermore, you need to specify which individual elector or electors you are challenging along with the grounds for that challenge. A challenge of all electors with no specific grounds for said challenge is not something this statute contemplates as it would be impossible to comply with the notice and hearing requirements laid out in the statute for the challenged electors.

Additionally, it appears you seek "all records regarding the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy of official lists of eligible voters." You stated that this includes "County Voter Records." It is our understanding that you are requesting documents kept pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 20507.

Ben Hill County does not possess any records responsive to your request. 52 U.S.C § 20507 governs the voter registrations for Federal Elections and duties assigned therein are of the State and not individual Counties. The State maintains documents separately from Ben Hill County.