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## Another Sunday sales election on July 31

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MARIETTA — A Superior Court judge canceled the outcome of the March 6 referendum on Sunday alcohol sales in unincorporated Cobb County and ordered a new election to take place on July 31.

This time, all voters in the county will weigh in on the question, even those who live in one of Cobb's six cities.

If voters approve the Sunday sales question on July 31, as they did on March 6, it would go into effect August 12, Cobb Board of Commissioners Chairman Tim Lee said.

Senior Paulding Superior Court Judge Arthur Fudger served as the acting Cobb Superior Court judge for the case when Cobb judges recused themselves.

Lee said he approved of Fudger's decision.

"We're fortunate that we have the opportunity to do it as quickly as we do without incurring any additional costs, so hopefully the community will have strong confidence in the electoral process, and we can move forward," Lee said.

According to Lee, county attorney Dorothy Bishop told Cobb Elections Director Janine Eveler that only residents who live in unincorporated Cobb should vote on the question on March 6, not city residents.

Yet city residents pay county taxes and are governed by the county as well as their city, and so have the right to vote on county-related questions, according to the challenge brought by former state Rep. Roger Hines of Acworth, represented by Marietta attorney Justin O'Dell.

The consent order, signed by Fudger on Monday, was filed in the Cobb Superior Court Clerk's Office on Tuesday.

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