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Candidate filing deadlines approach for primary election

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale issued a reminder that candidate filing deadlines are fast approaching for the May 10 Nebraska primary election.

The deadline for incumbents is Feb. 16, and the deadline for non-incumbents is March 1, Gale said. An incumbent is anyone who holds elective office, including a person who holds one office and wants to file for another office.

On the federal level, the May ballot will include candidates for three federal congressional districts as well as nominations for Legislature, Public Service Commission, State Board of Education, University of Nebraska Board of Regents, community colleges, natural resources districts, public power and irrigation districts, as well as even-numbered districts for the Learning Community Council.

Gale reiterated that in addition to the paperwork that comes to his office, candidates also need to file forms with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Copies of those forms should be included with any candidate filing forms that are mailed or delivered to the Secretary of State's office.

"Currently, my office is contacting candidates who have not included a copy of their C-1 form, of which we need a copy. If that form is not included, we cannot accept that person as a candidate for office and they will not appear on the ballot," stressed Gale.

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