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Voting Deadlines for Elections

Secretary of State John Gale outlined deadlines regarding voter registration and early voting for the coming statewide elections. Early Voting by mail for elections start 35 days prior to an election, while Early Voting in person at Nebraska County Election Offices starts 30 days prior to the Election.

Any registered voter can cast an Early Voting ballot.

Gale listed the following deadlines for the statewide elections:

- Mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked by the 3rd Friday preceding an election.
- Voter registration closes at motor vehicle offices, state agencies, and online through the Secretary of State's website on the 3rd Friday preceding an election.
- In-person voter registration at County Election Offices ends at 6 p.m. the 2nd Friday preceding an election. This includes registration changes such as updating an address.
- Registered voters can make requests until the close of business the 2nd Friday preceding an election for Early Voting ballots to be mailed. The day before the election is the deadline for in-person Early Voting at County Election Offices.
- 8 p.m. Central Time / 7 p.m. Mountain Time Election Day, (the hour set for the polls to close), is the deadline for all Early Voting ballots to be returned to the County Election Office.

The Secretary of State's website provides detailed information regarding the voting process. The website includes the Nebraska Voter Registration Application form, an application to request an Early Voting ballot, addresses and phone numbers for County Election Offices, and a look-up tool that allows voters to verify their registration status.

Gale reminded people to update their voter registration if they have moved within a county or submit a new registration if they have moved from one county to another. Gale urged eligible Nebraskans to make sure they are registered to vote and then take the time to cast ballots. "Voting in Nebraska is a very user-friendly process," he said. People with voting questions can contact their County Election Office or the Secretary of State's Office at (402) 471-2555.