

# **STATE OF NEBRASKA**

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### **Secretary of state reminds citizens of voting deadlines**

LINCOLN – With the May 11 primary election approaching, Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale issued a reminder of deadlines regarding voter registration and absentee ballots.

“Elections are the voice of the people,” Gale said. “In many emerging democracies, citizens put up with inconveniences and hassles to vote, even risking injury or death from anti-democracy thugs. We are so fortunate by comparison to have an honest, reliable, convenient election system in Nebraska with well-trained election officials.

“Voting in Nebraska is easy and enjoyable. Be a good citizen and speak out for democracy. Please vote.”

Gale listed the following deadlines:

**--Registering to vote:** Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by April 23 to be effective for the primary election. Registrations close at state agencies and motor vehicle offices on April 23. In-person registration at county election offices ends at 6 p.m. May 3. Registered voters who have moved since the last election should update their addresses at county election offices by May 3 to avoid potential delays at the polling place on Election Day.

**--Requesting absentee ballots:** Registered voters can make requests until 4 p.m. May 5 for absentee ballots to be mailed to a specific address. Requests must be mailed or faxed in because a signature is needed to issue a ballot. May 10 is the last day for making in-person requests for absentee ballots.

**--Casting absentee ballots:** May 10 is the deadline for in-person absentee voting at election offices. The time polls close on May 11 is the deadline for all other absentee ballots – return of a voter registration form with an absentee ballot in person, return of an absentee ballot in person and return of an absentee ballot by mail. It is no longer acceptable for a ballot to be postmarked by Election Day in order to be counted.

Nebraska law allows voters to cast absentee ballots for any reason.

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