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Gale urges voter registration for November election

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale is encouraging eligible Nebraskans who are not registered to vote to take the time to register, so they can participate in the Nov. 2 election.

Gale said he wanted to use National Voter Registration Week, Sept. 13-19, to call attention to the mechanics of registering to vote.

“In Nebraska, we’ll be voting for president, members of Congress, members of the Legislature and issues dealing with expanded gambling,” Gale said. “With such an important election, I urge people to register to vote and go to the polls in order to make their voices heard.”

People may register at their county clerk’s/election commissioner’s office, state Department of Motor Vehicles offices or other state agencies.

People may also register by mail. Voter registration cards are available at various locations throughout the state, including many banks, post offices and libraries. A voter registration card may also be printed off the secretary of state’s website (www.sos.state.ne.us). Signed voter registration cards need to be returned to the appropriate county clerk/election commissioner.

In addition, registered voters who have changed their names or addresses need to update their registrations.

Gale listed the following deadlines for voter registration:

--Oct. 15 is the deadline for registering at Department of Motor Vehicle offices and state agencies.

--Oct. 15 is the postmark deadline for mailed registrations.

--Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. is the deadline for in-person registration at county clerk’s/election commissioner’s offices.

Voter registration in Nebraska reached an all-time high of 1,087,877 for the May primary election, a figure that is 25.7 percent higher than the figure for the 1990 primary election.

“While we have done a good job of registering people to vote, we are falling off badly when it comes to getting people to actually vote,” Gale said. “I urge registered voters to make sure they cast a ballot on Nov. 2.”

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