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Gale reminds citizens of deadlines for May 9 election

LINCOLN – With the May 9 primary election approaching, Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale issued a reminder of deadlines regarding voter registration and early-voting/absentee ballots.

Gale noted that early voting for the primary election started April 3.

"I want to publicize the fact that any registered voter can vote early," he said. "This can be done by a walk-in vote at county election offices or by casting an absentee ballot."

Gale urged eligible Nebraskans who aren't registered voters to take the time to register, so they can vote in the May primary election.

Gale reminded registered voters to update their registration if they have moved. Updating the registration will avoid delays at the polling site due to additional paperwork.

Gale listed the following deadlines for the primary election:

--Registering to vote: Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by April 21. Registrations close at state agencies and motor vehicle offices on April 21. In-person registration at county election offices ends at 6 p.m. May 1. This includes registration changes such as updating an address or changing party affiliation.

--Requesting absentee ballots: Registered voters can make requests until 4 p.m. May 3 for absentee ballots to be mailed.

--Casting early-voting/absentee ballots: May 8 is the deadline for in-person early voting at county election offices. The close of polls on May 9 is the deadline for all

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.

People with questions can contact the Secretary of State's Office at (402) 471-2555 or their county election office.

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