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Gale offers voter guidelines for Election Day

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale offered guidelines for Nebraska voters to prepare for the May 11 primary election.

"Voting in Nebraska is easy and convenient," Gale said. "But there are some simple actions you can take to make sure your voting experience goes as smoothly as possible."

Gale offered the following guidelines for Election Day:

--Check your voter registration and polling place. People can check the status of their voter registration and location of their polling place by accessing https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/ or contacting their county election office.

--Change of address. If a registered voter has moved within a county (out of their former precinct) and not updated their registration, the person should go to the polling place associated with their current residence. The person will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

--Be prepared. Before going to the polls, become informed about the candidates and issues on the ballot. Sample ballots are printed in newspapers in each county and posted on county Web sites.

--Conduct at the polls. To maintain proper decorum at the polls, it is requested that people turn off their cell phones and refrain from using cameras.

--Campaigning prohibited. Campaign items such as buttons, stickers, hats and T-shirts are not allowed in a polling place. It is illegal to campaign within 200 feet of a polling site.

--Voter identification. Proper identification will be required at the polling place of people who are newly registered by mail and did not provide identification. These people will be required to provide identification showing their current residence. Identification at the polling place is not required of other voters.

Polls are open on Election Day from 8 a.m. CDT (7 a.m. MDT) to 8 p.m. CDT (7 p.m. MDT).

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