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**Certain precincts in four counties converted to all-mail voting**

LINCOLN – Voters in 14 precincts in four Nebraska counties have been converted to all-mail voting and will no longer go to the polls to vote.

Secretary of State John Gale approved the all-mail voting for seven precincts in Merrick County, three in Hamilton County, three in Dixon County and one in Cedar County.

“All-mail voting has proven to be a viable way to cut costs and reduce voter hardships in sparsely populated areas,” Gale said.

Registered voters in affected precincts will be mailed ballots by first-class mail, which will include envelopes with sufficient first-class postage for the ballots to be returned.

Nebraska law allows a county with fewer than 10,000 residents to apply to the secretary of state to conduct all elections by mail in precincts in the county.

Here are the 14 precincts that have been recently converted to all-mail voting:

-- Merrick County: Prairie Island, Lone Tree North, Lone Tree South, Clarksville West, Silver Creek, Vieregg and Central.

--Hamilton County: 2, 3 and 5.

--Dixon County: Ottercreek, Galena-Silvercreek and Daily-Hooker-Newcastle.

--Cedar County: 2.

Nebraska now has 58 all-mail precincts in 10 counties out of a total of approximately 1,400 precincts in the state.

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