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Secretary Gale reminds voters to educate themselves on candidates/issues

With the approach of Election Day, Secretary of State John Gale reminded Nebraska voters about the importance of educating themselves on the candidates and issues that will appear on their ballot.

"Everyone is busy in their daily lives," said Gale. "Most of us will do our best to learn the most we can, so we can make the best call when we cast our ballot. Believe me when I say, our vote does count".

As evidence of that, Gale pointed to the 2000 presidential race. Five hundred and thirty-seven votes in Florida out of the 106 million votes cast nationwide decided which candidate got the Florida electoral votes. That decided the election.

Some voters may choose apathy over participation, simply because they don't know the candidates or the issues; or perhaps they are overwhelmed by the amount of information, particularly the messages portrayed in political ads.

Gale said that should not deter Nebraskans from exercising their right to vote. "We seldom get all our questions answered. We hope for clarity, but often final choices come down to a judgment call. If you inform yourselves as best you can about the key issues of foreign and domestic policies for America's future, it will help your focus."

Nebraska voters who wish to learn more about the candidates and issues being decided in the upcoming election can check out two of the newest links posted on the Secretary of State's [2012 Election Information](#) page. You can also access that site by logging onto: www.sos.state.ne.us and looking under the "Elections" tab.

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