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Gale reminds citizens of deadlines for November election

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale outlined deadlines regarding voter registration and early voting for the Nov. 6 Nebraska general election.

Early voting for the election starts Oct. 1 by mail or in person at county election offices. Any registered voter can cast an early-voting ballot.

Gale listed the following deadlines for the November election:

--Mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 19. Registrations close at motor vehicle offices and state agencies on Oct. 19.

--In-person voter registration at county election offices ends at 6 p.m. Oct. 26. This includes registration changes such as updating an address.

--Registered voters can make requests until 4 p.m. Oct. 31 for early-voting ballots to be mailed. Nov. 5 is the deadline for in-person early voting at county election offices.

--The close of polls on Nov. 6 is the deadline for the return of early-voting ballots, including ballots returned by mail.

The secretary of state's website (www.sos.ne.gov) provides detailed information regarding the voting process. The website includes a voter registration form, an application for an early-voting ballot, addresses and phone numbers for county election offices, and a look-up tool that allows voters to verify their registration status.

Gale reminded people to update their voter registration if they have moved within a county or submit a new registration if they have moved from one county to another.

Gale urged eligible Nebraskans to make sure they are registered to vote and then take the time to cast ballots. "Voting in Nebraska is a very user-friendly process," he said.

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

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