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### **Guidelines for voting in Nebraska on Election Day**

LINCOLN – For some voters, there’s nothing like the experience of actually going to the polls on Election Day. As Nebraskans prepare to cast their ballots on November 6, Secretary of State John Gale is offering some important reminders.

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

**--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, the voter should become informed about the candidates and issues on the ballot. Sample ballots are printed in newspapers and posted on county websites. Mark and take the sample ballot with you to the polling place.

**--Conduct at the polls.** To maintain proper decorum at the polls, it is requested that people turn off their cell phones.

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

**--Voter identification.** Identification is not required for voters other than those who have registered for the first time by mail. They will be informed prior to Election Day about bringing a document that shows their name and current address. Identification at the polling place is not required of any other voters.

"These guidelines are not complicated by any means, but they should help people have an efficient and effective voting experience. We want to make sure all votes are counted," said Gale. "By making sure you are registered in the right place, educating yourself on the candidates and issues, and of course, bringing identification if needed, will help ensure that."

Polls are open on Election Day from 8 a.m. CDT (7 a.m. MDT) to 8 p.m. CDT (7 p.m. MDT). They are often busiest the first thing in the morning and later in the day when voters are going to and from work, so the best time to go is late morning or early afternoon.

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