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Now is time to consider voter registration in Nebraska

LINCOLN – Voter registration in Nebraska has been on a steady increase since the May primary. It's a trend that Secretary of State John Gale hopes will continue heading into the general election.

The National Association of Secretaries of State has designated September as National Voter Registration Month.

"Since May, voter registration has increased by more than 2,000. That's a good start and momentum should continue to build until toward Election Day," said Gale. Currently, there are 1,154,748 registered voters in the state.

"We want people to be thinking about voter registration now, because we're also in that time frame when people can request an early voting ballot be mailed to them," Gale continued. Those ballots will be mailed out starting September 29.

Registration forms are available at the county election offices. Voter registrations can also be updated at motor vehicle offices.

Gale said the most common way people update their voter registration is by printing out and completing a voter registration form online. The forms, in English and Spanish, can be found on the Secretary of State's website at: www.sos.ne.gov. By visiting the website, registered voters can also check their registration status and polling place location.

Anyone who has moved from one county to another county must reregister to vote. In addition, anyone who has moved within the same county should update their registration. Doing so will avoid delays at the polling site due to additional paperwork.

"Voting on a regular basis is part of being a good citizen," Gale noted. "The U.S. system of representative democracy works best when we have at least a majority of voters turning out at all elections."

People with questions about voter registration can contact their county election office or the Secretary of State's office toll free at (888) 727-0007.

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