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Secretary of State: Key election deadlines approaching

LINCOLN – Key deadlines are quickly approaching for the 2016 primary, reminds Secretary of State John Gale. The first will come next week on April 22. That's the last day Nebraskans can submit or update their voter registration online, at DMV offices, certain state agencies or by mail.

"People can still register to vote in person up until 6:00 p.m. on May 2 at any county election office," explained Gale. "But in terms of convenience, it's that April 22 date that we want them to focus on, especially for anyone who would like to register online."

Additionally, to ensure that mailed-in voter registrations are received on time, voters should be mindful of when they are postmarked.

"Just because you put the form in your hometown mailbox day of, doesn't mean that it will be postmarked on that day," noted Gale. "For example, in Lincoln mail travels to Omaha to be stamped and sorted before it's distributed. So, it's possible that the postmark won't be added until the following day."

Gale said early voting continued to be brisk, with voters receiving ballots at their homes and voting in person at county election offices. The deadline to request that an early voting ballot be mailed to a specific address is May 4. Those requests must be received at county election offices by 4:00 p.m. on that day.

Marked, mailed-in ballots as well as those that are dropped off must be received at county election offices by the close of polls on Election Day, May 10. "Again, we

encourage voters to be sure to get those ballots in the mail in plenty of time to be delivered,” stressed Gale.

The last day to vote early in-person is May 9.

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