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### **Reminders issued for smooth voting on Election Day**

LINCOLN – Whether in person or by mail, Secretary of State John Gale is issuing some important reminders heading into the May 10 primary:

**Check your voter registration and polling place.** You can check the status of your voter registration and the location of your polling place by contacting your county election office or accessing <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/>. If you mailed in an early voting ballot or cast a provisional ballot on Election Day, you can check the status of those on that same website.

**Change of address.** If you are registered and moved within the county, but out of your former precinct, and have not updated your voter registration, go to the polling place associated with your current address. You will be asked to vote a provisional ballot. To find your registered address, go to: <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/>.

**Be prepared.** Before going to the polls review information available about the candidates and issues which will appear on your 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.** The Nebraska Legislature recently passed a law that will allow voters to take photos of themselves and their voted ballot. **However, that law does not go into effect until after the primary election.** Currently, voters are prohibited from sharing their completed ballot (including an image of that ballot) with others. Please comply if an election worker asks you to refrain from using your cell phone, smart phone or other electronic device. This is to ensure the privacy and respect of other voters.

**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.

**Nonpartisan voters.** If you are registered without a political party affiliation, you will receive the nonpartisan ballot. In addition, nonpartisan voters may request a Republican ballot for the Congressional race in District 2, or they may request a full Democratic or Libertarian Party ballot.

**Early voting ballots.** If you wish to vote early, you can do so in person at your county election office, through May 9. If you are mailing in an early ballot, it must be received at the county election office by the time polls close on Election Day. If you are concerned your ballot will not be delivered on time, you can drop off your completed ballot, in person, at the county election office on Election Day. Many counties also have drop boxes for this purpose. However, ballots will not be accepted at any polling places.

**Provisional ballots.** If you do not return your early voting ballot, you can still vote at your local precinct on Election Day. You will be asked to vote a provisional ballot. That ballot will be counted once the county election official determines that no other ballots have been cast in your name. To check the status of a provisional ballot, go to: <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/>.

Polls are open on Election Day from 8 a.m. CDT (7 a.m. MDT) to 8 p.m. CDT (7 p.m. MDT).

Unofficial election results for statewide races will be posted starting at 8 p.m. CDT on the main page of the Secretary of State's website <http://www.sos.ne.gov>.

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