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Nebraska electors cast ballots for Trump and Pence

LINCOLN – With Governor Pete Ricketts presiding, all five of Nebraska’s presidential electors voted as they pledged at a meeting of electors held at the State Capitol. Five ballots were cast for Donald J. Trump for president and five ballots were cast for Michael R. Pence for vice president. Ballots were inspected by Secretary of State John Gale prior to being cast.

Prior to balloting, Sec. Gale administered the pledge, to which each elector attested they would vote for the candidate garnering the most votes in their district, or in the case of the at-large electors, the candidate who received the highest number of votes in the state.

This is the first time electors have been required to take a pledge. Two years ago, a law known as the ‘faithless elector’ bill was passed, regulating the conduct of party electors.

In Nebraska, one presidential elector is chosen to represent each congressional district and two presidential electors are chosen at-large. Maine is the only other state to split its electoral votes based on how many votes go to the presidential candidate in each district. Electors participating in today’s meeting included: John Dinkel, representing District 1; Phil Belin, representing District 2; Craig Safranek, representing District 3; and Chuck Conrad and Paul Burger, the at-large representatives.

Once ballots were marked and inspected, electors were invited to place their ballots in the ballot box. This process was followed twice; the first time for the election of

president and again for vice president. Additional documents were signed by the electors, Governor Pete Ricketts and Sec. Gale, certifying the ballots.

Following the meeting of the Electoral College, the Secretary of State's office mailed off four packets of documents to the following: two sets to the Archivist of the United States, one set to the President of the United States Senate, and one set to the Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Nebraska. The last two sets will be kept in the Secretary of State's office.

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