Know Your Voting Rights in Nebraska

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League membership is open to women and men who subscribe to making democracy work for all citizens.

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Statewide Vote411 Coverage
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2020 Marks the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Voting Rights Through the 19th Amendment!

2020 Key Dates!

Voter Registration Deadlines

Oct. 16: Last day to postmark your voter registration application and last day to register on-line for the 2020 general election

Oct. 23, by 6 pm: Last day to register at your Election Commissioner or County Clerk’s office

IMPORTANT: VERIFY your Voter Registration!
(See Resource Links)

Vote-by-Mail (Early Voting) Application Deadlines

July 6 – Oct. 23, by 6 pm: Submit application for a vote-by-mail ballot for the 2020 general election

Note: Any registered voter may apply for a vote-by-mail ballot

Voting Dates

Sept. 28: First day a vote-by-mail ballot can be mailed to voters for the 2020 general election

Oct. 5 – Nov. 2: Return vote-by-mail ballots

Nov. 3: Vote at your precinct from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Central)!

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Why Vote?  
Vote because elections matter. Vote because elections aren’t simply about your representatives in Washington, DC, or who is president. Who you choose to lead your local and state governments will have an impact on the life of your family, your neighbors. Stand up and let your vote count!

Three Election Falsehoods & Misconceptions

1) 'Voter Fraud' is Rampant with widespread voting by ineligible individuals.

Truth: This type of fraud is extremely rare. An exhaustive review by Loyola Law School found just 31 credible instances of impersonation fraud out of more than 1 billion ballots cast.

2) Non-citizens are Voting in Droves, thus tipping election outcomes.

Truth: Only 30 incidents of suspected non-citizen voting out of 23.5 million votes were tabulated in 42 jurisdictions with large noncitizen populations, accounting for 0.0001% in 2016.

3) People Can’t Help People Vote

Truth: Nebraska follows the Help America Vote Act, which allows certain individuals – family members, friends, health-care providers, or legal guardians – to assist voters by collecting and submitting their absentee ballots. This type of ballot collection is not indicative of any malfeasance or fraud.

Understanding Your Right to Vote

Registered Nonpartisan Voters (Independents)

Registered voters not affiliated with a political party can vote in Nebraska's 2020 primary election on May 12, 2020. Registered nonpartisan voters can request a partisan ballot to vote for Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican candidates running for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

When a registered nonpartisan voter requests a Democratic ballot upon check-in for the primary, they will be eligible to vote in all partisan local, state, and federal offices listed on their ballot, including the Democratic presidential primary election.

Registered voters not affiliated with a political party can only receive one party’s partisan ballot for the primary.

Overseas Voters

Voters maintain their right to vote when they are serving in the military or are temporarily living outside the United States through the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act.

Nebraska participates in the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) process, which simultaneously registers applicants to vote, as well as mails them an Early Voting ballot.

It is important to note that the MOVE Act requires that overseas voters send an early voting request EACH calendar year (see Resource Links).

Homeless

Homeless citizens, who are otherwise eligible to vote, have the right to cast their ballots.

The address of a homeless shelter or a day center can serve as their address of record. Also acceptable is the address of the local Election Commissioner or County Clerk’s office.

Resource Links

Register to Vote

Spanish: https://bit.ly/2XX8dFK

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https://bit.ly/2x0dxuX3

Early Voting (Vote-by-Mail) Application


Overseas Voter Registration & Absentee Ballot Request


Verify your Early Voting Ballot was Received & Counted

https://bit.ly/2x0dxuX3

Verify your Provisional Ballot was Validated & Counted

https://bit.ly/2x0dxuX3

Election Officials/County Offices across Nebraska

https://bit.ly/2S1kbj3

Provisional Ballots

Provisional ballots are used to record your votes when there is a question about your voter eligibility. This discrepancy must be resolved before your votes are counted.

To avoid this situation, verify your voter registration no later than the third Friday before an election (see 2020 Key Dates). If you receive a provisional ballot at your precinct, verify that it was validated and counted (see Resource Links).

Early Voting

Any registered voter in Nebraska may apply for an early voting ballot (also known as vote-by-mail) and is not required to provide a reason.

To receive a ballot via the mail, an early voting application is required for EACH election (see Resource Links). Also see 2020 Key Dates to know when to apply for and return your ballot. All early voting ballots MUST arrive at your Election Commissioner or County Clerk’s office by the close of polls on Election Day.

Voters may otherwise choose to vote in person at their Election Commissioner or County Clerk’s office 30 days prior to the primary and general elections.

Incarcerated Persons Awaiting Trial

In 2005, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB53, which automatically restores the right to vote to the former felon TWO YEARS AFTER they have:

• completed their prison sentence, AND
• finished parole.

To verify that you are eligible, visit with your local County Clerk or Election Commissioner, or complete a voter registration form (see Resource Links).

Individuals with Disabilities

By law, each precinct must provide at least one device for persons with disabilities to vote unassisted and in private. If you cannot read, are blind, or have a physical disability, you can request assistance when completing your ballot on election day.

A friend or relative can assist you or you can request the assistance of two election board members – each from a different party.

Technology makes exercising your right to vote more inclusive and is utilized by Nebraska with both optical scan and direct recording electronic machines at precincts.

Former Felons & Overseas Voters

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Voter Registration

Registering to vote is your civic responsibility and allows you to have a voice. If you plan to vote for the first time – congratulations!

Nebraska allows those who are 17, but turn 18 by the general election on Nov. 3, to vote in the 2020 primary election.

If you have registered in the past but haven’t voted regularly, it is important to VERIFY your registration. Your voter registration is required to be updated when moving, changing names, or changing parties (see Resource Links).