

# ELECTION DAY

## TIME TO VOTE!

### Where do I vote?

- ❖ Each voter must cast his/her ballot at his/her assigned polling place. If you do not know the location of your polling place, contact your county clerk/election commissioner or go to: <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/VoterView> .
- ❖ Whenever you register or reregister to vote, your county clerk/election commissioner will inform you of your polling place location. Your voting card informs you not only of your polling place, but also your voting districts.

### What time do the polls open?

- ❖ The polls are open from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. in the Central Time Zone and from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. in the Mountain Time Zone

### Do I need a voting card or my ID in order to vote?

- ❖ No, the card is for information only and does not need to be presented to election officials in order to vote
- ❖ The only time voters are asked for their ID is if they were a first time Nebraska registrant who mailed in their registration application and didn't provide ID at the time.

### Am I able to vote if I did not re-register?

- ❖ Registered voters who moved from one residence to another in the same county, or who changed their name and remained in the same county will be allowed to vote at the polling place designated for their new residence. These voters may be asked to cast a Provisional Ballot upon completing a certification and new registration form.

Persons casting Provisional ballots may check to see if their ballot was counted starting the second Wednesday after the election by visiting <https://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov/> or calling toll free 1-888-727-0007.

Persons moving from one county in Nebraska to another county in Nebraska must reregister in their new county in order to be eligible to vote.

### How does a person vote?

Registered voters go to their assigned polling place where there will be three or more poll workers at a table checking voters in. Voters will be asked for their name and the residence address they are living at.

You will be asked to sign in as you are registered in the poll book. The poll workers will verify on their computer list which issues and candidates you are allowed to vote on based on your residence, i.e. city councilman, school board member, etc. Upon verifying the information, the election workers will provide the voter with ballots assigned to persons living in their district and instructions on how to cast a

ballot such as: darken the oval completely and vote both sides, if necessary. If you believe that you did not receive the correct ballot please go back to the poll workers and ask them. Once your ballot has been deposited in the ballot box you cannot be issued another ballot.

Proceed to the booth where you mark your ballot in the privacy of the booth, or you may use the ExpressVote, or you may use an open table if available.

Return to the Receiving Board table from the booth with the ballot(s) inside the ballot sleeve so the poll workers' initials show at the bottom of the sleeve.

The poll worker will assist you in placing your ballot in the ballot box or if you spoiled the ballot and wish to be issued a new ballot the poll worker will see that you receive one.

Poll workers may not answer questions on who or what to vote for.

Upon casting your ballot you may leave. If you would like a sticker to show that you have voted one will be provided.

In Nebraska all counties use optical scan ballots; so voters are instructed to **darken the oval** completely, not to erase or cross out and return to the table if they have spoiled their ballot and need a new one. Ballots are centrally counted using a M650 that can count over 300 ballots a minute.

#### **What are "overvotes" and "undervotes"?**

Be sure to read the ballot closely. Some races are a vote for one. Some races allow you to vote for multiple persons. If you vote for more persons than specified in the portion of the ballot, it is considered an "overvote" and none of the votes in that portion are counted.

"Undervotes" occur when you mark less candidates in a race than the number listed in the "Vote for" statement. Undervoting a race where more than one candidate is voted for does not disqualify the vote(s) cast.

#### **How do you vote for a write-in candidate?**

To vote for a write-in candidate, that person must be filed as a Write-In Candidate. If you wish to cast a vote for a "Write-In" candidate, be sure to darken the oval to the left of the line where you have written in the candidate's name.

#### **Is the Central Ballot Scanner (counting machine) tested prior to Election Day?**

Yes. Preventative maintenance is done prior to each election in Lincoln County. Three separate test decks are prepared and tallied prior to Election Day to insure that the scanner is counting accurately. However, these are machines and can develop technical difficulties that must be fixed before counting can resume.

## **Provisional Voting**

Provisional voting occurs when someone is not properly registered, when the voter's name does not appear on the Precinct Voter Registration list, or when a first-time mail in registrant has not provided ID. You will need to allow an extra 15-20 minutes to complete this process.

The Provisional Voter is given a new registration form to complete.

The Provisional Voter is given the ballots for their residence.

The Provisional Voter places their ballots in an envelope prior to casting them in a ballot box.

The Provisional Voter completes a form choosing a PIN number so they may contact an 800 number or the SOS website to check if their ballots were included in the counting process. Election Officials verify the information the Provisional voter has provided prior to including their ballots for counting.

## **Election Day Don't(s)**

Do NOT engage the poll workers in political conversation.

Do NOT leave printed information in the voting booth.

Do NOT wear Candidate or Committee attire to your polling location.

Do NOT campaign or hand out political literature within 200 feet of  
polling place

Do NOT try to influence other voters entering the polling place to vote  
your opinion.