

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. Upon verifying the information, the election workers will request the voter to sign as they are registered, provide the voter with ballots assigned to persons living in their district and instructions on how to cast a ballot.

In Nebraska all counties use digital 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 DS850 that can count over 300 ballots a minute.

Where? Upon receipt of the completed voter registration application form, the registered voter will receive an acknowledgement from the county election official, advising them that the registration has been processed and where their polling place is located.

Notice is published in the paper listing polling place locations. Polling places are also listed on the county's website.

When? Notices are printed in the paper, on the Secretary of State website, on the county election official website regarding when Election Day is and what hours the polls are open. Polls are open – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CT or 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. MT (Primary Election – May 12, 2026)(General Election – November 3, 2026)

Who/What? To obtain information on who to vote for or how to vote on an issue obtain information from media (print, radio or television) the web, the candidates, the parties, the committees.

Become informed and develop your opinion.

Voters may bring notes or marked sample ballots to the polls but may not leave them there.

How? Go to your polling location between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CT. Wait in line; when reaching the Receiving Board table, give the person behind the table your full name (as registered), the address you are registered at and your ID. The poll worker will confirm your name, address and party affiliation.

You will be asked present an acceptable form of ID & to sign in as your written signature is required 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. You will be given the appropriate ballots based on your party affiliation or non-affiliation with the instructions to 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.