



EARLY VOTING

Who may apply for an Early Voting ballot?

Anyone may apply for an Early Voting ballot, such as:

- ❖ Persons not able to go to the polls due to their work or vacation schedule, or
- ❖ Persons not able to go to the polls due to a medical condition or hospitalization, or
- ❖ Persons temporarily out of the county, state or country, or
- ❖ Persons not wishing to travel to the polls, or
- ❖ Persons not wishing to leave their homes

Do I need to give the reason why I am voting early when applying for Early Voting ballots?

- ❖ No, since 1999 Nebraska law has not required a person to disclose a reason for their Request on the Early Voting application

How do I apply for and vote an Early Voting ballot?

- ❖ You can apply for an early voting ballot by visiting your County Clerk/Election Commissioner in person at the election office
- ❖ Visit the local county website (Lincoln County: www.co.lincoln.ne.us). There is a big button that says 2018 Elections-Voter Information. Scroll down some and there is a link for the Early Voters application
- ❖ Visit the Secretary of State (<http://www.sos.state.ne.us/dyindex.html>) Elections Division-Forms.
- ❖ A person can act as an agent to sign an early voters ballot application

What is an agent?

- ❖ An Agent is someone whom you have sign the request form and pick up your ballots for you. An individual can only act as the agent for two voters per election.

How do I apply by mail?

- ❖ Print the on-line form at www.sos.ne.gov/elec/pdf/vr-fillable.pdf. Complete the form; then mail, fax or email to your County Clerk/Election Commissioner. FAX: 308-535-3522 ADDRESS: 301 N. Jeffers Rm 101, North Platte NE 69101
- ❖ Write to your County Clerk/Election Commissioner, including:
 1. Your name and residence address
 2. Your political party affiliation
 3. Your voting precinct, if known,
 4. Your telephone number,
 5. The mailing address you want the ballots sent to, and
 6. Your signature

Is there a process to assist military and overseas citizens in obtaining Early Voting Ballots?

- ❖ Yes, Nebraska participates in the Federal Voting Assistance Program for our military personnel and overseas citizens. You may go to the following website for further information: <http://www.sos.state.ne.us/dyindex.html> - Elections - then you can choose military or overseas voting.

When may I apply for an Early Voting ballot?

- ❖ All county election offices will accept Early Voting applications up to 120 days prior to a statewide Primary or General election.
- ❖ 35 days before the Election (**Primary:** April 9, 2018; **General:** October 13, 2018) is also the first day ballots are sent to non-military stateside applicants
- ❖ 30 days before the Election (**Primary:** April 16, 2018; **General:** October 9, 2018) is the first day early voting ballots are available to vote at the County Office. Contact your County Clerk/Election Commissioner for information on office hours
- ❖ Should your ballots not arrive, contact your County Clerk/Election Commissioner to confirm the date and address the ballot was mailed out
- ❖ Make arrangements with the County Clerk/Election commissioner to receive a replacement ballot if it is determined your ballots were lost, destroyed, spoiled or never received.
- ❖ The last day to request an Early voting ballot to be mailed is the Friday prior to Election Day (**Primary:** May 4, 2018; **General:** October 26, 2018)
- ❖ The Monday before Election Day is the last day to cast an early voting ballot at the County Election Office. (**Primary:** May 14, 2018; **General:** November 5, 2018)