

**Request a By-Mail Early Voting Ballot****PR26**

Applications must be physically signed. You can take a picture or scan your request and email it to your county election official. You can also mail or fax your application to your county election office.

You can request a ballot beginning **January 12**. You must submit your application by **6 p.m. on May 1** to have a ballot mailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact your county election official. You can find contact information for your county election official at:

sos.nebraska.gov/election-officials-contact-information

Check the status of your early voting ballot at: ne.gov/go/votercheck

Return completed application to:

Hitchcock County Election Office

229 E D St. - PO Box 248

Trenton, NE 69044

Fax: 308/334-5398

Email: clerk@hitchcockcountyne.gov

Voter Information

Please print.

Last _____ First _____
1 Middle (name or initial) _____ Suffix (Jr, III, if any) _____
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Address Where Voter Lives

(If you are temporarily living away from your residence, use the address where you are registered to vote. You will put your temporary address in section 4)

2 Street Address _____
Apartment or Lot (if any) _____
City, State, ZIP _____

Identification

If you do not provide identification or a reasonable impediment certification with this application, a ballot will not be issued.

3 Must provide one (1) of the following:
☐ Nebraska Driver's License or State ID Number

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☐ Enclosed photocopy of other acceptable photo identification (see page 2 for more information)
☐ Enclosed Reasonable Impediment Certification (see page 2 for more information)

☐ Send Voter's Ballot To (If different from voter's residential address) OR

☐ I request to take the ballots with me, (or to the person I am acting as agent for, up to two people).

4 ☐ Same as above OR Mailing Address _____
Apartment or Lot (if any) _____
City, State, ZIP _____

Contact Information

Your county election office uses this information to contact you if they have any questions about your application.

5 Check box(es) if private.
☐ Phone Number _____
☐ Email Address _____

The Voter Requests an Early Voting Ballot for the Following Election

6 ☒ Statewide Primary Election on **May 12, 2026**

I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, that the above information is true.



WARNING: The penalty for election falsification is up to two years imprisonment and twelve months post-release supervision, a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both.

Signature of Voter or Agent* (No digital/electronic signatures. Print form and sign)

X _____

Date

Printed Name of Agent* (if applicable)

*An agent is a person who requests a ballot for another voter. An agent may request ballots for up to two (2) voters per election.

Relationship to Voter

NONPARTISANS ONLY

You **cannot** use the following section to change or affiliate with a political party. Check whether you are affiliated with a political party online at ne.gov/go/votercheck. You can update your party affiliation at ne.gov/go/NEReg2Vote anytime **prior to midnight on April 27**.

Any voter who is registered as Nonpartisan (no party) may request a ballot for certain offices from one political party. If you choose not to request a partisan ballot, you will be given a nonpartisan ballot only.

As a voter who is not registered with a recognized political party in Nebraska, I request a partisan ballot from the following party:

(Select only one)

☐ Republican ☐ Democratic ☐ Libertarian ☐ Legal Marijuana NOW



Nebraska Secretary of State's Official By-Mail Early Voting Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

What can I use the form for? You can use this form to request a ballot to be mailed to you or delivered by agent.

Where do I send this form? Return the completed form to your county election office. You can find your county election official's contact information at:

sos.nebraska.gov/election-officials-contact-information

How can I send this form? You can submit this application through the mail, by email or fax or by agent.

When can I submit the form? You can submit the form to your county election office starting 120 days before any election. The deadline to submit is the 3rd Friday before the election.

You can still vote early at your county election office after this deadline until the day before the election.

What if I am unable to sign this form? If you are unable to sign this form, any person may print your name in the signature section of the form and you may make a mark next to your printed name. This qualifies as a valid signature. The person providing assistance should indicate they assisted you with your signature by writing their name and address below the signature line.

Can I use this form to update my political party? No, you cannot use this form to change or affiliate with a political party.

You can check whether you are affiliated with a political party online at ne.gov/go/votercheck

You can update your party affiliation at ne.gov/go/NEReg2Vote no later than the 3rd Friday before an election.

Questions? Contact your local election office or the Nebraska Secretary of State. Call us by phone at **402-471-2555** or toll free at **888-727-0007**; via our website: sos.nebraska.gov; or email SOS.ELECT@nebraska.gov

Voter ID Questions

How do I provide photo ID with this form?

When you fill out this form, you will need to do **one** of the following:

- You can write your driver's license or state ID number on the application.
- **OR** You can attach a photocopy of your acceptable form of ID to this form.
 - The photocopy **must** be returned with the form, whether you return the documents in person, by mail, by email or by fax.
- **OR** You can attach your completed reasonable impediment certification to the application.
 - This is only to be used if you have a reasonable impediment, such as an inability to obtain an acceptable form of ID due to a disability or illness that prevents you from obtaining valid photographic identification or religious objection to being photographed.

What qualifies as acceptable photographic identification? Acceptable photographic identification can include one of the following types of ID.

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| • Nebraska Driver's License or State ID | • Military ID |
| • U.S. Passport | • Tribal ID |
| • Hospital, a home and community-based developmental disabilities services agency, assisted-living facility, hospice, intermediate skilled care facility, or nursing home record | • Nebraska political subdivision (state, county, city, public school, etc.) |
| | • Nebraska college or university ID |

Acceptable ID must have name and photo.

Acceptable ID can be expired.

Does not need to include an address/can contain an out-of-date address.

Do I need to photocopy both sides of my ID? No, you only need to photocopy the side of the ID that has your name and photo. It has to be legible enough to read your name and see your photo. It does not have to be printed in color.

What if I can't afford an ID? You can get a free state ID at the Nebraska DMV. You will need to bring documents confirming your identity and your address when applying for a state ID.

If you're missing your Nebraska birth certificate in order to get a free state ID, you can get a free certified copy of your birth certificate for voting purposes from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Note: You cannot use your birth certificate to vote. DHHS is providing a free certified copy of your birth certificate for voting purposes to obtain a state ID if you do not have a current Nebraska driver's license or state ID.

What if I can't get an ID? If you have a reasonable impediment, you can complete a certification instead of presenting acceptable photo ID. Reasonable impediments are:

- Inability to obtain an acceptable ID due to:
 - Disability or illness that prevents the voter from obtaining valid photographic identification; or
 - Lack of birth certificate or other required documents and an inability to obtain a birth certificate or other required documents without significant difficulty or expense; or
- Religious objection to being photographed

Where can I get a Reasonable Impediment Certification form?

You can get a reasonable impediment certification form from your county election official or at: VoterID.Nebraska.gov

What happens if I do not provide my driver's license or state ID number or a photocopy of acceptable ID or a reasonable impediment certification? If you do not provide any of the required identification, a ballot will not be issued to you. You can re-submit this form with your identification information to have a ballot mailed to you.

Questions? Visit our website: VoterID.Nebraska.gov. Or call Nebraska Secretary of State by phone at **402-471-2555** or toll free at **888-727-0007**; or email us at SOS.ELECT@nebraska.gov