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**Certain precincts in five counties converted to all-mail voting**

LINCOLN – Voters in 19 precincts in five Nebraska counties will no longer go to the polls on Election Day and will instead vote by mail.

Secretary of State John Gale approved the all-mail voting for six precincts in Cedar County, six precincts in Stanton County, three precincts in Hamilton County, three precincts in Merrick County and one precinct in Cherry County.

“Using mail in these instances is an attempt to cut costs and reduce voter hardships in sparsely populated areas,” Gale said.

Registered voters in affected precincts will be mailed ballots by first-class mail, which will include envelopes with sufficient first-class postage for the ballots to be returned.

Nebraska law allows a county with fewer than 10,000 residents to apply to the secretary of state to conduct all elections by mail in precincts in the county.

Here are the 19 precincts that have been recently converted to all-mail voting:

--Cedar County: 1, 3, 8, 9, 11 and 13.

--Stanton County: Dimick, Butterfly, Maple Creek, Haymow, Union Creek and Ramshorn.

--Hamilton County: 1, 4 and 6.

--Merrick County: Midland, Mead and Prairie Creek.

--Cherry County: Merriman.

Nebraska now has 44 all-mail precincts in nine counties out of a total of approximately 1,400 precincts in the state.

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