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SOS Toulouse Oliver: May 8 is Last Day to Register to Vote in 2018 Primary Election

May 8 is Also First Day of Absentee & In-Person Voting

SANTA FE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver today reminds voters that tomorrow, May 8, is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming 2018 Primary Election.

“I want every eligible voter to make sure they are registered to vote before the deadline so they can have a say in how their government works,” said Secretary Toulouse Oliver. “Whether your biggest concern is education, crime, healthcare or any other issue, the best way to make your voice heard is at the voting booth.”

In order to be eligible to vote in the 2018 Primary Election, voters must be registered with one of the state’s three major political parties – Democratic, Libertarian or Republican. Last week, Secretary Toulouse Oliver announced NMVote.org, a new voter information portal that contains useful information and tools for New Mexico voters, including a link to register to vote online or update their current voter registration information. Those who prefer not to register online may register at the office of their county clerk, through a certified voter registration agent, or at many state agencies, including every Motor Vehicle Division Office. Registrants may also request a voter registration form from their county clerk or the Secretary of State by phone or in the mail. Contact information for all New Mexico county clerks [is listed on the Secretary of State’s website](#).

Secretary Toulouse Oliver also announces that May 8 is the first day that New Mexico county clerks will send absentee ballots to voters who have successfully completed the absentee ballot application process. For the first time, voters may request an absentee ballot online using the voter information portal at NMVote.org.

County clerks will continue sending absentee ballots to voters who have successfully completed the application process until Friday, June 1. In order to have their votes tallied, voters must return their absentee ballots to their county clerk’s office or to a voting location by the time voting ends at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 5.

Additionally, May 8 is the first day voters may cast a ballot in-person at their county clerk’s office during normal business hours. In the case of Bernalillo County, voters may begin casting a ballot in person tomorrow at the Clerk’s Annex, located at 1500 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Countywide early voting will begin on Saturday, May 19 through Saturday until June 2. Voters are encouraged to visit NMVote.org or to contact their county clerk for a list of early voting locations and their hours of operation.

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