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REMINDER: Absentee Ballot Deadlines for 2018 General Election

SANTA FE – Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver reminds all New Mexico voters that deadlines to request an absentee ballot for the 2018 general election are quickly approaching.

“Voting absentee is a convenient way for New Mexicans to vote and it’s great to see that almost 50,000 voters have already returned their absentee ballots for this election,” said Sec. Toulouse Oliver. “But if voters are still thinking about requesting an absentee ballot, or have not yet returned their absentee ballot, they should be aware that the deadlines for doing so are coming up quick.”

Online absentee ballot requests made through the [Secretary of State’s website](#) for the 2018 general election will be accepted until 11:59PM on Thursday, November 1, 2018. Voters can request an absentee ballot for the 2018 general election by submitting an application directly to their county clerk through Friday, November 2, 2018. Requests must be made by this deadline in order for the requested absentee ballot to be mailed by the appropriate county clerk in time for the voter to receive, complete and return it by Tuesday’s deadline.

Voters who have completed their absentee ballot can return it through the end of early voting on Saturday, November 3, 2018 only to the appropriate county clerk’s office and cannot drop it off at an early voting polling site. After early voting ends, voters may return their completed absentee ballot to the appropriate county clerk’s office or to any Election Day polling location before polls close at 7:00PM on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Because of the nature of postal delivery, Sec. Toulouse Oliver encourages any voter who is considering making an absentee ballot request on Friday, November 2, 2018 to consider voting in-person during early voting hours on Friday, November 2 or Saturday, November 3, 2018, or to vote in-person on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

All county clerks in New Mexico will provide early voting on Saturday, November 3, 2018 and a list of county early voting sites can be found at NMvote.org.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018 and polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

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