

Gretna Holds School Bond Election by Mail

Spring 2015

Gretna School District residents will be asked to vote in the upcoming school bond election by mail-in ballot. No polling places will be open for voting. All registered voters residing within the district will receive their ballot by mail no earlier than 20 days before the election (April 22), and no later than 10 days before the election (May 1). The ballots must be mailed back in time to reach the Sarpy County Election Office (for those living in Sarpy County) or the Douglas County Election Office (for those living in Douglas County) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12. They can also be hand-delivered to the Sarpy County Election Office (for those living in Sarpy County) at 501 Olson Drive, Suite 4, Papillion, NE. 68046, or the Douglas County Election office (for those living in Douglas County) at 225 N. 115th Street, Omaha, Ne. 68154.

Those who need to register to vote may do so by downloading forms from the Sarpy County website at www.sarpy.com/election (for those living in Sarpy County) or from the Douglas County website at www.votedouglascounty.com (for those living in Douglas County). Registrations must be mailed in and postmarked by Friday, April 24. The deadline for registering, in-person, at the election office is Friday, May 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

REGISTRATION AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Voter Registration Deadlines

1. April 24, 2015: is the last day for mail-in registrations, delivered registrations and registrations at the DMV.
2. May 1, 2015: is the last day for in-person voter registration at the Sarpy County Election Office (for those living in Sarpy County) or the Douglas County Election Office (for those living in Douglas County).

Ballot Return Deadline

Voted ballots that are sealed in the “Return Identification Envelope” may be returned by one of the following means:

1. U.S. Mail: place \$0.49 postage on the envelope to mail the ballot back; or
2. Hand Delivery: deliver the ballot to the Election Commissioner of Sarpy County at 501 Olson Drive, Suite 4, Papillion, NE 68046 (for those living in Sarpy County) or to the Election Commissioner of Douglas County at 225 N. 115th St., Omaha, Ne., 68154 (for those living in Douglas County).

NOTE: All ballots must be in the possession of the respective Election Commissioner’s office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 12, 2015.

Sarpy County Election Commissioner Office

Mailing Address and Location: 510 Olson Drive, Suite 4, Papillion, NE 68046

Phone: (402) 593-2167

Fax: (402) 593-5770

E-Mail: wbenas@sarpy.com

Regular Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM, Monday through Friday

Douglas County Election Commissioner Information

Mailing Address and Location: 225 N. 115th St., Omaha, NE 68154

Phone: (402) 444-8683


Fax: (402) 444-4181

Email: questions@votedouglascounty.com

Regular Office Hours: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

The following are instructions on how to vote regarding a mail-in ballot. Please follow these instructions precisely, otherwise, your ballot may not be counted.

1. Verify that there are initials of an election official at the bottom of the ballot.
2. Verify that there are no voting marks on the ballot.
3. Use a lead pencil or black/blue pen to mark the ballot.
4. Fill in the oval completely  next to either “FOR said bonds and tax” or “AGAINST said bonds and tax”. Circling or placing other marks outside of the oval will not suffice.
5. Do not overvote (vote for more than one) or your vote will not be counted.
6. Do not cross out or erase. If you make a mistake, write “VOID” across the face of the ballot and call the Sarpy County/Douglas County Election Commissioner for instructions.
7. After voting, insert the ballot into the *Return Identification Envelope* and then complete, sign and seal the *Return Identification Envelope*. (Do not place more than one ballot in the envelope. Only one ballot per return identification envelope will be accepted).
8. The return envelope containing the ballot must be signed by the registered voter whose name is on the ballot and the signature must match the signature on-file at the election office.
9. Any person physically unable to sign the envelope must make his/her “mark” and have a witness print the voter’s name and the witness signs below.
10. Failure to complete and sign the *Return Identification Envelope* will cause the ballot to be rejected.
11. Place postage on the envelope (\$0.49).
12. Your ballot must be in the possession of the Sarpy County Election Commissioner (for those living in Sarpy County) or the Douglas County Commissioner (for those living in Douglas County) by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.
13. Contact the Election Commissioner of Sarpy County at (402-593-2167) or the Douglas County Commissioner at (402-444-8683) if you have any problems or questions.