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Secretary of State Provides Information Regarding Absentee Voting

(Pierre, S.D.) – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson would like to provide important information regarding absentee voting in the November 5, 2024 General Election.

The absentee voting period for South Dakota's 2024 General Election will begin September 20, 2024. To request an absentee ballot, voters must submit an absentee ballot application form to their county auditor. Absentee ballot application forms may be requested from the county auditor or found on the Secretary of State's website: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/absentee-voting.aspx>. To account for mail processing and delivery times, voters are encouraged to request an absentee ballot as soon as possible and return the ballot to the county auditor allowing sufficient time for delivery.

Voters may verify whether they have already requested an absentee ballot and check the status of their absentee ballot by contacting their county auditor or searching the Voter Information Portal (VIP) on the Secretary of State's website: <https://vip.sdsos.gov/VIPLogin.aspx>.

Voters submitting an absentee ballot application form must include a photocopy of an acceptable photo identification card or have the form notarized, as per SDCL 12-18-6.1. Acceptable photo identification cards include a South Dakota driver's license or non-driver ID card, tribal ID, passport, student ID issued by a South Dakota high school or college, or any other photo ID issued by the United States government. Please contact your county auditor if you have any questions: <https://vip.sdsos.gov/CountyAuditors.aspx>.

Voters also have the option to absentee vote in-person up to the day before the election or vote in-person on Election Day. For those looking to absentee vote in-person, please contact your county auditor for office hours. On Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm local time. Information on polling locations and sample ballots may be found on the Voter Information Portal (VIP) on the Secretary of State's website.