



# STATE OF NEBRASKA

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Governor Pete Ricketts  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Re: Special Election to Fill First Congressional District Vacancy

Dear Governor Ricketts:

In my capacity as Secretary of State and the chief elections officer under the Election Act, I am writing to you concerning the setting of a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress, District 1.

It is my understanding that Congressman Fortenberry has tendered his resignation to you to be effective at the close of legislative business in the House of Representatives today, March 31, 2022, and that you are accepting his resignation as of that time today. As a result, on March 31, 2022, a vacancy will exist in the aforementioned office under Section 32-564(1)(c), N.R.S.

I recommend to you the date of June 28, 2022, for the special election which is required to be held to fill the vacancy. In consultation with the Attorney General's office, we have determined that holding the special election on June 28, 2022, would be in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.

If you choose to order the special election on that date, significant deadlines for this special election are set forth below:

March 31 Governor orders special election to be held June 28, 2022.  
Please note, the new congressional district lines approved by the Legislature under LB 1 of the special legislative session held in September 2021, which became effective on October 1, 2021, will be in effect for this special election.

April 22 Certificate and filing fee submission deadline for candidates selected by the respective executive committees of the Nebraska Republican and Nebraska Democratic state parties. (Please note that these are the two political parties which qualify to nominate candidates under the standards set by the Election Act.)

Petition and filing fee submission deadline for any other person to have his or her name placed on the ballot without a political party designation.

- May 6            Anticipated date Secretary of State will certify the candidates to be placed on the special election ballot.
- May 31           In-office early voting at county election offices begins.
- June 10           Deadline for mailing early voting ballots to voters who have submitted written requests for same.
- Last day for voter registration forms to be postmarked, completed at DMV, delivered by certain people to county election officers, and submitted online.
- June 17           At 6 PM - last day for in-person voter registration.
- At 6 PM - last day to receive an application for early voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address.
- At 6 PM - last day to submit a request for a replacement ballot to be mailed.
- June 27           Last day for in-person early voting at the county election offices.
- June 28           Election Day

Dates relating to the state canvassing board and dates for automatic recounts will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Evnen  
Secretary of State