

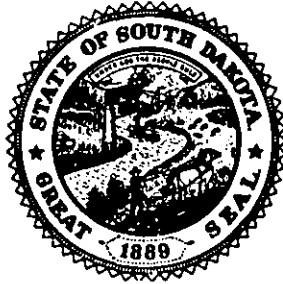
Date Printed: 06/16/2009

JTS Box Number: . IFES_76
Tab Number: 56
Document Title: Government is not a Spectator Sport
Document Date: 1982
Document Country: United States -- South
Dakota
Document Language: English
IFES ID: CE02469



* 5 8 4 1 D D B 3 - 8 F D 8 - 4 5 4 7 - 9 B B 9 - A 9 E F 5 1 5 1 D E 0 7 *

GOVERNMENT IS N O T A SPECTATOR SPORT



SOUTH DAKOTA VOTER INFORMATION REGISTRATION ABSENTEE VOTING ELECTION DATES

Issued by
(Miss) Alice Kundert
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 773-3537

Q'S AND A'S ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Q. WHEN ARE ELECTION DAYS?

The next Primary Election is June 1, 1982.
The next General Election is November 2, 1982.

Q. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION?

You must be a citizen of the United States; you must be at least 18 or older on election day; and you must show an intent to live in South Dakota.

Q. HOW DO I REGISTER?

Go to your county auditor's office and fill out a registration card; or

Go to any county auditor's office, fill out a registration card, and ask that county auditor to send it to your home county auditor; or

Request a registration card from your county auditor by mail, fill it out, have your signature notarized, and mail it back to your home county auditor. If you're mailing it close to the registration deadline, send it by registered mail.

Q. DO I STILL HAVE TIME TO REGISTER?

You must register at least fifteen days before an election to be eligible to vote in that election. May 17, 1982, is the last day to register before the primary election, and October 18, 1982, is the last day before the general election. State law requires county auditors' offices to remain open until 9:00 p.m. on days just preceding an election. Check with your county auditor for the schedule.

Q. MAY I REGISTER IN THE COUNTY WHERE I ATTEND COLLEGE?

Yes, if you're making that community your home in good faith. This means that you are not planning to move out of the county.

Q. HOW OFTEN DO I HAVE TO REGISTER?

A single registration makes you eligible to vote in all elections (primary, general, city, county, school district, special) held in your voting precinct. Your registration can be cancelled only if you register in a new voting precinct or if you fail to vote in any election during a four-year period.

Q. WHAT IF I'M NOT HOME ON ELECTION DAY--CAN I STILL VOTE?

Yes, if you are registered. You can vote absentee either in person if you're home just prior to election (during the auditor's office hours) or by mail. Full information on absentee voting is available at any county or city auditor's office. But do start the process early. Your voted ballot must be received in your home county by election day.

Q. WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

From your county auditor or from Miss Alice Kundert, Secretary of State (phone 773-3537). Questions about municipal elections can be answered by city auditors, and questions about school district elections by school officials.

GOVERNMENT IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT

As a citizen of the United States it is not only your privilege but your obligation to become involved. The easiest and most effective way to do this is to register to vote and participate in all elections.

Government and politics are as good or bad as you and I allow them to become because of our involvement or lack thereof.

Remember--there are no "theys" in the world. There are only you and I who can make the difference by our vote.

President Abraham Lincoln once said about politics and government, "It's the people's business. If they turn their backs to the fire and get scorched in the rear, they will find that it is they who must sit on the blisters."

Alice Kunder

IMPORTANT DATES IN 1982

- | | |
|------------|---|
| January 1 | First day to sign nominating petitions |
| April 6 | Last day to file primary nominating petitions |
| May 11 | Absentee balloting for the Primary Election may begin |
| May 17 | VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE for the Primary Election |
| June 1 | PRIMARY ELECTION DAY--polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. |
| August 3 | Last day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions |
| October 5 | Absentee balloting for the General Election may begin |
| October 18 | VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE for the General Election |
| NOVEMBER 2 | GENERAL ELECTION DAY--polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. MST |