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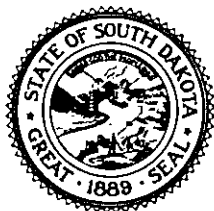
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**REGISTER AND VOTE . . .**  
**A WINNING COMBINATION**  
For *South Dakota's* **FUTURE**

**South Dakota Voter Information**  
**Registration**  
**Absentee Voting**  
**Election Dates**

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## VOTER REGISTRATION PROCESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

- \*Citizen of the United States
- \*Age 18 or older on election day
- \*Resident of South Dakota

### REGISTRATION LOCATIONS:

- \*County auditor's office
- \*City finance office
- \*With any notary public authorized by a county auditor to register voters

### REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

- \*Fifteen days prior to any election  
*Completing a single registration assures eligibility to vote in all elections.*

### COLLEGE REGISTRATION:

College students may register in the county in which they are attending school if they are making that community their home in good faith. College students may also register in their home county and vote by absentee ballot.

### PARTY REGISTRATION:

South Dakota has closed primary elections. To be eligible to vote in the primaries, voters must indicate their political party choice on the registration cards. The Republican and Democratic parties are the recognized political parties in South Dakota.

## ABSENTEE VOTING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot if he expects to be absent from the county on election day, is disabled, prohibited by his religion or the nature and hours of his employment, is away at school, or is in the service.

To receive a ballot by mail, the voter must file a written application for an absentee ballot with the county auditor at least seven days prior to the election. The application may be a letter and must contain the voter's voting precinct name or number, the reason for the request, and the election for which a ballot is requested. The voter must personally sign the application.

Voters who qualify to vote absentee may also go to the auditor's office prior to election day, complete an application, and vote in the office. During the seven days prior to an election, a voter who is sick or confined may request an absentee ballot in writing, naming an authorized messenger who will deliver the ballot to the voter. No applications will be accepted after 3:00 p.m. on election day. All voted ballots must be returned to the auditor in time to be delivered to the appropriate polling place prior to the closing of the polls.

Voters in the armed forces or living overseas and voters 65 years of age or older or handicapped may complete the self-administered oath on the ballot envelope. All other absentee ballot voters must sign their return envelope in the presence of a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 1988 ELECTIONS

February 8      Registration deadline  
February 16     Deadline to file request for an  
                     absentee ballot by mail.  
FEBRUARY 23    PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

May 23           Registration deadline  
May 31           Deadline to file request for an  
                     absentee ballot by mail  
JUNE 7            PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

October 24      Registration deadline  
November 1      Deadline to file request for an  
                     absentee ballot by mail  
NOVEMBER 8     GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Additional information on voter registration or absentee voting may be obtained from any South Dakota county auditor or from the Office of the Secretary of State (605-773-3537).

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## REGISTER AND VOTE . . . A WINNING COMBINATION

For *South Dakota's* FUTURE

*Every individual should exercise the privilege to register as a voter. South Dakota has a reliable registration system and a high percentage of eligible persons registered to vote. We can, however, improve our record and we hope the information presented here will be helpful.*

*One vote can make a difference -- be sure to participate in ALL elections!*



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