

PRIMARY ELECTION FACT SHEET

Election Date: Tuesday, [June 5, 2018](#)

Poll Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Voter Eligibility Requirements: To vote in a partisan primary one must be a U.S. Citizen, 18 years of age and a registered Democrat, Republican or Libertarian in Buchanan County. Party affiliation may be declared at the polling place on Election Day.

Voter Registration Deadlines: Voter registration forms must be postmarked on or before [May 21, 2018](#) or delivered to the County Auditor's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, [May 25, 2018](#). Pre-registration in person must be completed on or before [May 25, 2018](#).

Where to Register: The Buchanan County Auditor's Office, 210 5th Avenue NE, Independence, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. On Election Day an eligible elector with proper identification may register to vote in the precinct where the person lives.

Registration Changes Name, party and address changes within Buchanan County may be made any time up to and including Election Day. Prior to Election Day, changes are made by the same means as registration. On Election Day changes may be made at the voters new polling place. Changes of address from outside Buchanan County are considered new registrations.

Absentee Voting: Absentee votes may be cast at the Auditor's Office through [June 4th](#), the day prior to the election. Request forms for absentee ballots may be obtained at the Buchanan County Auditor's Office or the Secretary of State's website. For the primary, they need to also specify the party for which they are requesting a ballot. Also state that the request is for the Primary Election. Each person requesting an absentee ballot must sign the request.

Completed absentee ballots must be postmarked by midnight the day prior to the election ([June 4th](#)) or may be dropped at the Auditor's Office before the polls close (9:00 p.m.) on Election Day.

Explanation of the Partisan Primary: Each party's November general election slate of candidates is, for the most part, nominated in the primary election. To claim a nomination outright a candidate must receive a minimum 35% plurality of the votes cast in his/her race. If, in a multi-candidate contest, no candidate is able to capture 35%, the nominee is selected in convention.