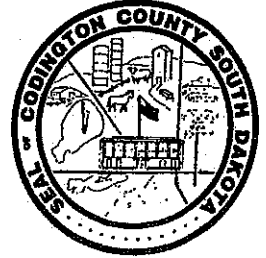


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**NOTICE TO VOTERS: ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE
START OF THE VOTING PERIOD FOR THE JUNE 2ND PRIMARY**

The Codington County Auditor's Office is notifying voters that absentee ballots for the upcoming June 2nd Primary Election have been delayed and will not be available on the first day of voting for the absentee voting period.

Under South Dakota law, absentee voting is scheduled to begin **46 days prior to an election** pursuant to **SDCL 12-19-1.2**. However, the **candidate petition filing deadline was March 31st**, as established in **SDCL 12-6-4**, which determines the final list of candidates to appear on the ballot. This statutory timing results in a brief delay between the start of the absentee voting period and the availability of ballots. Ballot preparation includes certification, layout, programming, proofing, and printing. Because ballots cannot be finalized until after the petition filing deadline has passed and candidate eligibility is confirmed, additional time is required.

The Auditor's Office is working diligently to complete this process as quickly as possible.

Once ballots are available:

- Absentee ballots will be **mailed immediately** to voters who have submitted applications
- In-person absentee voting will begin at the Auditor's Office
- Updates will be shared through the county website, local media, and official communication channels
- Individuals who appear to vote during the time the ballots are unavailable may request to receive a personal notification that their ballots are available

Voters are encouraged to:

- Submit absentee ballot applications early
- Verify voter registration information
- Monitor official county communications or call our office for updates on ballot availability

Codington County will make reasonable efforts to make sure that voters have the opportunity to cast their ballot for the June 2nd primary. Our dedication and commitment to the democratic process remains strong. We appreciate the public's patience as we work through these delays.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot remains **5:00 p.m. the day before the election**, pursuant to **SDCL 12-19-2**.