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Primary for vacant Congressional seat May 24, absentee voting has begun

A primary election to determine candidates who will appear on the August Special Election ballot will be held Tuesday, May 24.

The special election is needed to fill a vacancy caused by the Feb. 17 death of 1st Congressional District Rep. Jim Hagedorn. The candidate in each party with the highest number of votes in the primary moves on to the Aug. 9 election. The winner in that race will serve until the end of Hagedorn's term, Jan. 3, 2023.

Minnesota's 1st Congressional District comprises much of southern Minnesota, including the cities of Faribault, Lonsdale and Morristown; all of Cannon City, Erin, Forest, Morristown, Shieldsville, Walcott, Warsaw, Wells and Wheatland townships along with Webster Township's 1st precinct.

New congressional district maps approved earlier this year do not impact the special election. Redistricting will affect the Aug. 9 primary and Nov. 8 general election.

Current Congressional district maps can be found on the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at bit.ly/3wEw9mj.

Absentee voting for the special election runs through Monday, May 23. Rice County residents can vote at the Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault. Hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, except for May 23, when voters have until 5 p.m. to cast their ballot. The office is also open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 21 for absentee voting.

Learn more about voting absentee by mail, or for those in the military or living abroad at bit.ly/3l1un9g.

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