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UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

Despite state offices being closed, Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson and eight of her staff are volunteering their time to continue working on the remaining five statewide candidate petitions. This is a hands-on time-consuming process.

"I am very humbled by the dedication of my staff to the state of South Dakota and the election process," stated Secretary Johnson.

The office is also receiving legislative candidate petitions by registered mail and processing those as quickly as they can.

Challenges may still be filed for legislative and statewide candidate petitions, and these are being reviewed when they are received.

As it is every election cycle, the validating of petitions must be fully completed before county auditors are able to create ballots, proof ballots, print ballots and get ballots delivered for the beginning of Absentee Voting on April 17th.