

How to:

MAXIMIZE YOUR VOICE

as a Precinct Delegate

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Why Become a Precinct Delegate?

Serving as a precinct delegate is one of the best ways for an average citizen to amplify their influence in the political process and support leaders who stand for traditional values. The positive results you can accomplish in this role are powerful and make a real difference. Getting started is easy and the likelihood of winning a delegate seat is very high.

Each delegate represents their fellow citizens in their neighborhood. Through votes cast at local and state conventions, delegates help to shape issues and select leaders in one of the two major political parties. These conventions are used to select candidates for the highest offices in state government.



If you aren't a precinct delegate yet, you have the opportunity to become one in 2026!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Precinct?

A precinct is a division of a town or city marked out for the purpose of organizing votes in elections. Think of it as your neighborhood. Precincts vary in size and are determined by population.

Where is My Precinct?

You can get this information from your voter registration card, from the county, city, or township clerk where you live, or by checking your voter information at the Secretary of State website. The next step is to get a map that displays the boundaries of your precinct. These are available from your local clerk.

What is a Precinct Delegate?

A precinct delegate is an elected position to represent a precinct for one of the two major political parties. Every precinct has at least one Republican and one Democrat delegate seat. Some areas have more.

What Does a Precinct Delegate Do?

The official role of a precinct delegate is to attend all county conventions for their party during their two-year term. Each party hosts county conventions to select delegates to attend statewide party conventions, where they select primary candidates for state-level elected offices (Secretary of State, Attorney General, etc). There may be three or four county conventions depending on whether it's a presidential or gubernatorial cycle. Precinct delegates also act as a conduit between their party and their local neighborhood, sometimes serving in other activities.

Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

When are Precinct Delegates Elected?

Precinct delegates are elected in the August primary election of even numbered years. In 2026, the primary election is August 4th. A term is two years long. Delegates elected in August 2026 will serve until the August primary of 2028.

How Do I Become a Precinct Delegate?

To run for precinct delegate, you must be a registered voter residing in the precinct where you are running.

Fill out an “Affidavit of Identity” form, have it notarized and submit it to the county clerk by the deadline (usually early May). Once processed, your name will show on the ballot in the August primary under “Candidate for County Convention Delegate.” You can see how many open seats there are when it says, “Vote for no more than _____”



If the number of candidates is less than or equal to the number of available positions, you can win your election with a single vote. If there are more candidates than positions available, you'll have to campaign to have a chance at winning.

Getting Elected

Sometimes delegates can win with just a few votes, but don't let the ease of your election cause you to sit on the couch. Use this opportunity to let people know you're running. Tell them you're excited to be a positive voice in the party, that you want to do your part to serve your neighbors and community, and that you would appreciate their vote.

Connect With Your Local Party Chair

Introduce yourself and express your enthusiasm to be involved in the political process. Request to be added to their email list to stay informed about upcoming activities. Inquire about ways you can contribute and support the party's initiatives.



Meet Your Neighbors

Prior to the primary election, contact your township or city clerk for a map or list of streets in your precinct. Take a stroll or drive around the neighborhood to observe the homes, schools, businesses, and churches. Contact your party leadership for a list of households aligned with your party. This can help you target voters during bi-annual elections or share information about candidates in election years.



Make an effort to visit your neighbors by introducing yourself and bringing your card or flyer. When speaking with them, briefly mention two or three key things about yourself, such as your job, your family, and why you're running for precinct delegate. Answer any questions they may have. Ask about their priorities in the neighborhood.

As a precinct delegate, your level of involvement and creativity in serving your precinct is entirely up to you. Enjoy the experience and connect with those you aim to represent.

The Two-Year Cycle

As a precinct delegate, you'll attend county conventions during your two-year term as well as state conventions you're selected for. To vote at state conventions, you must be sent from your county convention, which is typically held two months beforehand. **Your county chairs are required to send notice of these conventions to all precinct delegates.**

Election Years (2026, 2028, 2030)

- Traditionally, there are 3–4 conventions. These take place in spring, summer, and winter. In presidential years, there may be another convention.
- In gubernatorial election years, statewide candidates such as Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State are nominated at the spring convention. These candidates are then confirmed at the summer convention.

Off Years (2025, 2027, 2029)

- Usually there are 1–2 conventions and a conference (e.g. GOP Mackinac Conference) for activists and candidates.
- Every two years, your party's state chair and committee are selected at the winter convention. You can run for these positions.

Conventions are a great time to meet activists, candidates and legislators from all over the state. You might be asked to campaign for a statewide candidate or advocate for a ballot initiative. Your support is valuable. Enjoy this incredible opportunity to decide which candidates appear on the ballot.