

Be an election judge!

Election judges are officials who staff local polling places, administer election procedures, and ensure that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day.

Election judges are essential to our democracy. Serving as an election judge provides an opportunity to learn more about the election process and is a great service to our community.

Duties of an election judge

- Set up the polling place
- Operate voting equipment
- Direct voters to the correct line
- Register individuals to vote
- Ensure qualified voters are permitted to vote
- Demonstrate how to vote
- Distribute ballots to voters
- Assist voters
- Close down polling place
- Determine results after polls close
- Certify the polling place results

If you are interested in being an election judge, attend your political party's precinct caucus and request to be placed on a list to be an election judge, or contact your city clerk, township clerk, or county auditor.

Further information on becoming an election judge is available at: www.sos.state.mn.us or call 651-215-1440 or 1-877-600-8683 (toll free).



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THE OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA Secretary of State

Precinct Caucuses



**“...that government of the people,
by the people, for the people,
shall not perish from the earth.”**

Abraham Lincoln

*The Gettysburg Address
November 19, 1863*

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What is a precinct caucus?

Precinct caucuses are meetings organized by Minnesota's political parties through which each party begins its process of selecting candidates for the 2010 election and policy positions to shape its party platform. Caucuses provide a great opportunity for citizens to engage in Minnesota's political process at the "grassroots" level to influence the direction and decisions of their government.

What do caucus attendees do?

- **Discuss public policy issues and pass resolutions**
Caucuses provide a forum for citizens to discuss a wide range of public policy and political issues with their neighbors. Attendees may also offer and vote on resolutions to shape the party's platform.
- **Vote in a straw poll**
Political parties may conduct a straw poll to gauge caucus attendees' candidate preferences for state or federal elected offices.
- **Elect precinct officers**
Officers are responsible for organizing political activities within the precinct.
- **Elect delegates**
Delegates influence which candidates and policy positions their party endorses. Caucus attendees elect delegates and alternates to represent their precinct at the political party's county or district convention. District convention delegates in turn, elect delegates to the political party's congressional and state conventions.

Who can attend the caucuses?

Precinct caucuses are open to the public and participation is encouraged by the political parties. In order to vote, offer resolutions or become a delegate at a precinct caucus, attendees must be eligible to vote in the 2010 general election, live in the precinct and be in general agreement with the principles of the political party.

Where is my precinct caucus?

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State is working with all of Minnesota's political parties to again launch Caucus Finder, a free, online service to assist citizens in locating the caucus meetings in their neighborhood. The online service will become available in late January 2010. Prior to then, contact your political party of choice directly for caucus times and locations.

When is my precinct caucus?

Constitution Party

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Green Party

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Independence Party

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Libertarian Party

(No caucus in 2010)

Republican Party

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 7 p.m.

Political party contacts

Constitution Party

23078 21st Ave.
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: 763-227-4359
Toll free: 1-800-354-8494
E-mail: info@cpmn.org
Web site: www.cpmn.org

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

255 E. Plato Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55107
Phone: 651-293-1200
Toll free: 1-800-999-7457
E-mail: caucus@dfi.org
Web site: www.dfi.org

Green Party

2395 University Ave. W., Suite #224
St. Paul, MN 55114
Phone: 651-288-2820
E-mail: caucus@mngreen.org
Web site: www.mngreens.org

Independence Party

P.O. Box 40495
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: 651-487-9700
E-mail: karijohnson.robinsonip@gmail.com
Web site: www.mnip.org

Libertarian Party

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Columbia Heights, MN 55421
Phone: 763-561-8038
E-mail: info@lpmn.org
Web site: www.lpmn.org

Republican Party

525 Park St., Suite #250
St. Paul, MN 55103
Phone: 651-222-0022
Toll free: 1-877-467-6466
E-mail: caucus@mngop.com
Web site: www.mngop.com

Are caucus meeting locations accessible to individuals with disabilities?

Yes. Most caucuses are held in accessible buildings. Anyone needing interpretive services or caucus materials in alternate formats should write or e-mail their political party's state office in advance for further assistance.