



Precinct Delegate FAQ'S

What is a Precinct?

A Precinct is the smallest geopolitical unit in the county. Each township and city is divided into precincts, each containing no more than 2,999 active registered voters.

Precinct boundaries can change every 10 years as a result of the U.S. Census & population shifts.

What is a Precinct Delegate?

1. We are elected by our conservative voting Republican neighbors who live within our precinct boundaries. Precinct Delegates are elected in the August Primary Election and serve a 2-year term.
2. We are the bridge between the voters in our neighborhoods and the Republican Party.
3. Precinct Delegates are extremely important because we decide who will run our local & state party and many of whom our nominees for statewide elections will be.

Responsibilities

The official role of a Precinct Delegate is to attend, participate in and vote at county & state conventions during their 2-year term.

County Conventions

- Elect the county GOP Executive Committee
- Elect state delegates to attend state conventions

State Conventions

- Elect state party leadership
- Nominate party candidates for:
 - Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State (statewide election years)
 - Presidential Electors (presidential election years)
 - Michigan Supreme Court (2), State Board of Education (2), University Boards of WSU, UOM & MSU (2 each) (both statewide and presidential election years).

Community Outreach

- Bring Awareness to political issues and actions taken by party leadership and elected officials
- Promote party candidates
- Encourage political action (voting, lobbying, attending events, etc.)

Party Outreach

- Inform party leadership of important voter issues and concerns
- Represent the precinct at party meetings and other political events

How to become a Precinct Delegate

1. Find your precinct. Check your voter registration card to identify which municipality, ward and precinct number you reside in. You can also find this information online at the SOS website: <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index>.
2. Complete an Affidavit of Identity. This can be obtained at the County Clerks office or online at the SOS website: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Aff-ID_Precnt_139901_7.pdf.
3. Complete all fields on the affidavit except for the signature. The affidavit must be signed in the presence of a notary who can be found at most financial institutions.
4. Make a copy of the affidavit.
5. File the original copy with the county clerk according to the deadline listed at the top of the affidavit.

Your name will now be listed on the primary election ballot.

Every precinct has at least one precinct delegate seat, most have more. The number of delegates allotted to each precinct is determined every two years by the party chair of each county political party. This number is based on vote totals per precinct in the last general November election for President or Secretary of State. This ensures equal apportionment.

Campaigning – You only need one vote to be elected, however, if there are more people than open spots running, it is recommended that you contact friends & family in your precinct and have them also vote for you.

How do I get to know my precinct & the people who reside in it?

You can obtain a map of your precinct from your local clerk. Once you have a map, you should drive around and familiarize yourself with it.

After becoming familiar with your precinct and boundaries, it is time to meet the people who live there. The best way to do this is to walk your precinct. This shows you are active in your neighborhood and care about the community. It is a great way to find out where Republicans live. Once you have identified Republicans in your precinct, you can ask them to volunteer during the next election, place a yard sign in their yard, remind them to vote on election day and keep them informed on important issues occurring locally & statewide.

What is a Convention?

A convention is a gathering of Precinct Delegates. There are two types of conventions;

- County Conventions (typically once during non-Presidential election years and twice during Presidential election years).
-County Conventions elect the county GOP Executive Committee and elect delegates to the state convention.
- State Conventions

-State Conventions are where those delegates elected to go during the county convention attend and vote candidates of prospective elected offices such as the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, etc. to be our Republican nominees.

What happens at the State Convention?

State Conventions typically occur on Saturdays. Precinct Delegates vote on various positions including State Party Committee Leadership, depending on which convention.

- MRSC Chair/Co-Chair
- Lt. Governor Nominee
- Attorney General Nominee
- Grassroots Vice Chair
- Outreach Vice Chair
- Ethnic Vice Chair
- Administrative Vice Chair
- Coalitions Vice Chair
- Youth Vice Chair
- Secretary of State Nominee
- Supreme Court Nominees
- University of Michigan Board of Regents Nominees
- Michigan State University Board of Trustee Nominees
- Wayne State Board of Governors Nominees
- Michigan State Board of Education Nominees
- Republican National Committee Committeeman/Woman

Every two years, typically on Friday night, there are Congressional District Conventions/Caucuses. This is where Precinct Delegates who were elected to attend the State Convention, will now elect new GOP Congressional District Committee leadership. During Presidential years, presidential electors are selected.

Timeline of Conventions

NOTE: the occurrence of certain conventions depends on whether the 2-year term overlaps a Presidential Election or a Statewide Election (specified in timeline). Special Elections that sometimes occur in odd years are not included.

Election Year (Even)

April

Deadline for each county party chair to submit precinct delegate apportionment for the next 2-year term to the County Clerk (on or before April 1): *Find out how many seats are available in your precinct.*

April Endorsement Conventions (Statewide Election Year)

County Endorsement Convention: *Elect State Delegates to attend State Endorsement Convention.*

State Endorsement Convention: Endorse major state office candidates for SOS, Attorney General, Supreme Court Justices (2), State Board of Education (2), University Boards of WSU, UOM & MSU (2 each).

Early May

Filing deadline for Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity (4pm on the thirteenth Tuesday preceding the primary election): *Complete the affidavit of identity, have it notarized, and file it with the County Clerk just prior to the filing deadline.*

Spring Conventions (Presidential Election Year)

Spring County Convention (at least 90 days prior to party national convention): *Elect State Delegates to attend Spring State Convention.*

Spring State Convention (at least 60 days prior to party National Convention): *Elect National Committeeman and Committeewoman (4-year term). Elect 3 delegates from each congressional district to attend the Republican National Convention.*

May thru July

Primary Election Campaign Season: *Campaign for your position, if necessary. Support and promote other party candidates on the ballot.*

August

Primary Election (Tuesday after the first Monday): VOTE!

Fall Nomination Conventions:

Fall County Convention (8 – 25 days after primary election): *Elect State Delegates to attend Fall State Convention.*

Fall State Convention:

Statewide Election Year - *Nominate major state office candidates for Lt. Governor, SOS, Attorney General, Supreme Court Justice (2), State Board of Education (2), University Boards of WSU, UOM & MSU (2 each).*

Presidential Election Year- *Nominate Presidential Electors, Supreme Court Justices (2), State Board of Education (2), University Boards of WSU, UOM & MSU (2 each).*

Fall National Convention (Presidential Election Years)

Nominate President and Vice President of the United States.

September thru October

General Election Campaign Season: *Support and promote party candidates. Don't forget about non-partisan offices and ballot proposals!*

November

General Election (Tuesday after the first Monday): VOTE!

Post-Election County Convention (within 20 days following general election): *Elect members to serve on the County Executive Committee for the next 2-year term. Within 30 days following this convention, the Executive Committee will meet to elect the county party officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.*

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Spring Conventions & Caucuses

Spring County Convention (not less than 7 days before following State Convention): *Elect State Delegates to attend District Convention/Caucus and Spring State Convention.*

District Convention/Caucus (just prior to State Convention): *Elect members to serve on the Congressional District Committee for the next 2 year term: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 State Committee Members and 15 additional executive committee members.*

Spring State Convention (not less than 37 days before the first Monday of April): *Elect party officers to the State Central Committee for a 2-year term: Chair/Co-Chair and 6 Vice Chairs.*