

## Checklist to Become a Precinct Delegate

- ✓ Obtain a map of your precinct from the county, city or township clerk's office.
- ✓ Learn how many Democratic precinct delegate positions are in your precinct.
- ✓ **May 8, 2018 no later than 4:00 pm:** File your Affidavit of Identity with your county, city or township clerk.  
**Your Affidavit of Identity must be notarized.**
- ✓ **August 7, 2018 is Primary Election Day:** Contact your neighbors, friends and family that reside in your precinct and ask for their vote. Remember to vote!
- ✓ **Once elected,** get involved in your local Democratic Party immediately. Keep the Party informed about what your neighbors are talking about and keep your neighbors informed about what elected Democrats are doing for them.

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# Precinct Delegate Handbook



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## What is a Precinct?

A precinct is the smallest political unit in the country. It is your neighborhood. You know the people and you know what issues are most important. The precinct is where politics most impacts you, and where you can make the biggest difference in your life and for your community.

## Ever wanted to run for office?

Want to be a leader within the Democratic Party and your community? Want powers that no other grassroots activist has? Then you should run to be a Democratic Precinct Delegate.

Precinct Delegates serve as a bridge between their neighbors and the Democratic Party. They help educate people on our issues, get people interested in joining the Democratic Party, and help mobilize voters so we can take our state back in 2014. You must be 18 years old to run, and must be registered and reside in the Precinct you want to run in.

## What is a Precinct Delegate?

The role of a precinct delegate is one of the most important yet least understood of any elected office. It is the active precinct delegate who wins elections for the Democratic Party. Precinct delegates are elected directly by the voters of each precinct to serve as a bridge between voters and the Democratic Party in your neighborhood and you represent your neighborhood at Democratic Party meetings.

## What do Precinct Delegates do?

- Help Democrats get registered to vote.
- Take information on issues and candidates to the voters in your precinct.
- Identify other Democrats, and recruit new Party members.
- Help turn out the Democratic vote in your neighborhood on Election Day.
- Keep Democratic leaders informed about the issues that concern voters.

## How do Precinct Delegates get elected?

Precinct delegates are elected in the Democratic primary every 2 years in August. Only Democratic voters choose Democratic precinct delegates. Each precinct is allotted a number of precinct delegates based on past Democratic voting strength. Your district or county chair will be able to tell you how many delegate positions have been allocated to your precinct. Precinct delegate candidates file a ***Precinct Delegate Affidavit of Identity*** to get on the ballot. Your affidavit must be notarized.

## What are the responsibilities of Precinct Delegates?

They are the campaign leaders for the Democratic Party in their precincts. After the primary, those elected will be officially notified by the county clerk by mail. The notification will include the time and place of the district or county Democratic convention, which will be held in August after the primary.

Precinct delegates should take their official notification to the district or county convention to register with the convention credentials committee. District or county conventions will elect delegates to the state convention held in August or September. These conventions may also debate or adopt resolutions for recommendation to the state convention's platform committee. The state convention will debate and adopt a platform, nominate candidates for Supreme Court Justices, State Board of Education and university boards, and select presidential electors.

## What other functions do Precinct Delegates have?

After Election Day, precinct delegates have another responsibility. Precinct delegates will convene in district or county conventions to elect executive committees and officers to serve through the next general election. There they will also elect delegates to the February state convention where new state party officers and a new state central committee will be chosen to serve for the next 2 years.

## PRECINCT DELEGATES



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elected official