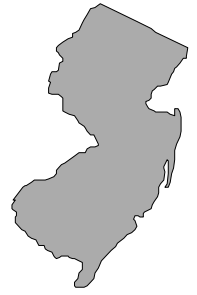




How to become a member of Your Local Party Committee

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Democrats

The most local level of organization for the **Democratic Party** in New Jersey is the **County Central Committee**. Each County Central Committee is comprised of two members from each precinct in the county. The members are called **Precinct Committeepersons**, Depending on the county, they are elected to **1, 2, or 3-year terms**. For example:

Passaic County Precinct Committeepersons are elected to a **3-year term**. The next election is in **2007**

Hudson County Precinct Committeepersons are elected to a **1-year term**.

Middlesex County Precinct Committeepersons are elected to a **2-year term** during **odd** numbered years.

Burgan County Precinct Committeepersons are elected to a **2-year term** during **even** numbered years

The **filing deadline** for running for a position is **April 10th, 2006**. The exact date is set by the state board of election each year. Please contact your county chair to determine whether your county elects new Precinct

The next election will be during the primary in **June 06, 2006**

To become a member of this committee through the regular election process:

1. You must be at least 18 years old, registered to vote in the appropriate party, and have been a resident of your county for at least the past six months.
2. Make your interest known by speaking to your County Chair, who can tell you who your current Precinct Committeepersons are, and possibly whether they are likely to run for re-election.
3. You must file a petition, which you can obtain from your County or City Clerk's office. To complete the petition you must gather the signatures of at least 13 other registered Democrats in the geographic area from which you are running. Depending on where you live, this may be your precinct, ward, or district. It is always best to gather as many signatures as possible.

It is often possible to join the committee between regular elections:

- **Mid-term vacancies** are filled by a vote of the County Central Committee, either at its regular monthly or bi-monthly meetings or at a special meeting called by the County Chair to fill vacancies. Contact your county chair to see if there is currently a vacancy in your precinct.
- There are often **other opportunities** to get involved in the activities of your party in your county without yet becoming a formal member of your County Central Committee. Volunteer to help, people will come to know you, and you will increase your chances of becoming a member when an opening occurs, or through the next regular election.

To find current contact info for your county chair, and other information, visit:

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General Contact Information: www.njdems.org/

Local Contact Information: www.njdems.org/active.php