



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR **LOCAL PARTY COMMITTEE**



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The most local level of organization for **both parties** in Texas is the **County Executive Committee**. Members of these committees are called **Precinct Chairs**. Precinct Chairs serve **2-year terms**, and are elected on the **second Tuesday of March** in **even-numbered years**.

The next election will be March 7, 2006

The filing deadline to run for Precinct Chair during that election is: **January 2, 2006**

To become a Precinct Chair through the regular election process:

1. You must be eligible based on the following criteria:
 - a. 18 years old.
 - b. Registered to vote as a member of the relevant Party.
 - c. A current resident of the appropriate county.
 - d. Cannot be a candidate for federal, state or a county office.
2. You must file an “APPLICATION FOR [PRECINCT] CHAIR ON THE [DATE] PARTY GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT” with your party’s county chair (or the secretary of the county executive committee, if there is one) by the deadline noted above. The application and instructions are available at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/a2-1pm.pdf. This form must be notarized before it is submitted.

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

- **Mid-term vacancies** are filled by appointment by the county chair, or election by the remaining members of the committee. Contact your county chair to see if there is a vacancy you could fill.

Other ways to get involved with your party:

- There are often **other opportunities to get involved** without yet being a formal member of the County Executive Committee – volunteer to help, people will come to know you, and you will increase your chances of becoming a member through the next regular election.
- When you vote in a primary election, you are eligible to attend your **precinct convention**. Precinct conventions are usually held shortly after the polls close, at the same location where you voted in the primary. The main orders of business at precinct conventions are **ratifying resolutions** and **electing delegates to County and Senatorial District conventions**.

For more information, contact your party’s County Executive Committee Chair. Contact information is available at:

Democrats:

www.txdemocrats.org

(click on “get involved”, then on 6. [Get Connected...County Democratic Party!](#))

Republicans:

www.texasgop.org

(click on “grassroots growth”, then on “[Grow the GOP in your county](#)”)