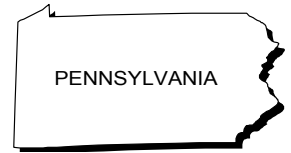




HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR LOCAL PARTY COMMITTEE

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DEMOCRATS

The most local level of organization for **the Democratic Party** in Pennsylvania is the **County Committee**. Members of these committees are called **County Committeemen / Committeewomen** and are elected to **four-year terms** during **May of gubernatorial election years** (even numbered, non-Presidential election years).

To run in the next election, you must file a nomination petition by **March 7, 2006**.
The next election will be held during the May 16, 2006 primary.

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

1. You must be 18 years old, registered to vote as a member of the Democratic party, and a current resident of the county on whose committee you wish to serve.
2. You must pick up a Nomination Petition from your county bureau of elections (if there is one) or county commissioner's office (in counties where there is no bureau of elections). Collect at least 10 signatures of other Democrats in your precinct (it's best if you can collect 15, just in case some of them are not validated), and return the form by the date noted above.
3. You must receive a sufficient number of votes during the Primary Election, so encourage other Democrats in your household and neighborhood to get out to vote, even if only to vote for you!

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

- **Mid-term vacancies** are filled through appointment by the county chair in some counties, in other counties, they are filled through election by the county committee at one of its regular meetings. Your county chair can explain the procedure in your county.
- There are often **other opportunities to get involved** without yet being a formal member of the 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.

For more information, visit www.padems.com

County Democratic Committees

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Luzerne:	(570) 779-9870	N/A
Montgomery:	(610) 272-2000	http://www.mcdems.org/
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