



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

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In Michigan, the most local level officials for **both** the **Democratic** and **Republican** parties are called **Precinct Delegates**. Precinct Delegates attend the County, Congressional District and State conventions, where candidates for public office are nominated, higher level party officials are elected, and platform resolutions are adopted. Precinct Delegates are elected to **2-year terms** during the August Primary Election of even-numbered years.

The next filing deadline to run for Precinct Delegate is: **May 16, 2006**

The next election will take place during the state-wide primary on August 8, 2006.

### To become a Precinct Delegate through the regular election process:

1. You must be at least 18 years old, a resident of the district/political subdivision for which you are running, and registered to vote at your current address.
2. You must declare your interest in becoming a Precinct Delegate by filing a "PRECINCT DELEGATE AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY" with your county, city or township clerk no later than 4:00 PM on the twelfth Tuesday before the August Primary (see this year's date above). Your Affidavit of Identity must be notarized before it can be filed. The form is available at: [www.michigan.gov/documents/Aff-ID\\_Precnt\\_139901\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Aff-ID_Precnt_139901_7.pdf)
3. You must receive a sufficient number of votes on the ballot in the August election, so be sure to encourage your family and neighbors (especially those in your party) to get out to vote that day!

### It is often possible to become a Precinct Delegate between regular elections:

- **Mid-term vacancies** are filled through appointments made by County Convention Chairs, and ratified by the County Convention as a whole. Contact your county chair to see if there is a vacancy in your precinct. Contact your County Chair to find out if there is a vacancy in your precinct.
- **Alternates** are selected by the current Precinct Delegates, in writing, as approved by their County Chair. Contact your county chair to see if there is an alternate position open in your precinct.

There are often other opportunities to get involved without yet being a Precinct Delegate – volunteer to help, people will come to know you, and you will increase your chances of becoming a Precinct Delegate through the next regular election!

For additional information, check out the following websites:

	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
<b>State Party Website</b>	<a href="http://www.mi-democrats.com">www.mi-democrats.com</a>	<a href="http://www.migop.org">www.migop.org</a>
More info on the role of Precinct Delegates	<a href="http://www.mi-democrats.com/topics/Precinct.doc">www.mi-democrats.com/topics/Precinct.doc</a>	<a href="http://www.migop.org/precinctdelegate/basics.asp">www.migop.org/precinctdelegate/basics.asp</a>
Structure of the Party	<a href="http://www.mi-democrats.com/topics/aboutus-structure.htm">www.mi-democrats.com/topics/aboutus-structure.htm</a>	
Contact info for County Chairs	<a href="http://www.mi-democrats.com/topics/links.htm">www.mi-democrats.com/topics/links.htm</a> under "State Democratic Sites" click on "County Parties"	<a href="http://www.migop.org/directory/4-County.pdf">www.migop.org/directory/4-County.pdf</a>