

# How to become a Precinct Committeeman<sup>1</sup>

All Precinct Committeemen...

1. Must be a United States citizen
2. Must be at least 18 years of age
3. Registered voter of the [precinct](#)- for elected Precinct Committeemen only

Democratic Precinct Committeemen may be either elected or appointed.

- Elected Precinct Committeemen are elected for a two year term. To become an elected Precinct Committeeman contact the [McHenry County Democratic Central Committee \(MCDCC- McHenry Democratic Party\)](#) or your [Precinct Chair](#) to obtain a petition packet- Nominating Petition Form (SBE P-27), Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath. Next circulate your petition form and obtain 10 valid signatures. File your petition packet with the [McHenry County Clerk](#), and this will place you on the ballot. Start campaigning and if you win the election you will be your Precinct's Committeeman.
- Appointed Precinct Committeemen serve a two year term- or the remainder of the two year term, which starts with the outcome of the primary election. Appointed Precinct Committeemen are appointed and removed at the [MCDCC Chairperson](#)'s discretion.

Precinct Committeemen are elected / appointed to a 2 year term in all even-year Primary Elections. This is a party position whose primary duty is to be the first point-of-contact between the [Democratic Party](#) and your community. Neighbors respond best to those who share their same experiences, and this helps to associate a familiar and friendly face with the [Democratic Party](#).

**Help the [Democratic Party](#) and all elected officials become responsive to you and everyone in your neighborhood.**

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<sup>1</sup> Committeeman is the official term used by the state. Women are welcome and encouraged to fill this position, and through our efforts we might be able to change the term to Committeeperson.

## **Precinct Committeemen Duties Include ...**

- Become involved in your local community.
- Represent the party's voters at the [MCDCC](#) convention to elect the central committee's [chairman](#) and its officers. The precinct committeeman casts a total number of party votes, (weighted vote), as cast in the [precinct](#) at the [recent primary election](#).
- Attend and become involved in the [MCDCC meetings](#).
- Become a [voter registrar](#) and register all your qualified neighbors and fellow citizens.
- Appoint and fill vacancies of [election judges](#) for your [precinct polling place](#).
- Provide candidate and election information to the voters.
- Circulate petitions for candidates prior to the primary election.
- Reach out to others during local events to encourage others to participate.
- Remind those in [your precinct](#) to vote on (primary, general, and special) election days.
- Help people get to their polling place on (primary, general, and special) election days.

If you are interested in becoming a Precinct Committeeman contact your local [Precinct Chairperson](#) or the [MCDCC](#).