

Information for Precinct Delegates

When is the Election for Precinct Delegates?

Your election will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

Who will vote for me?

Only those voting in the Republican Primary on August 4, 2020 in your precinct will vote for you. There is no cross-ballot voting in the primary, meaning if they vote they either vote on solely the Republican side of the ballot, or solely on the Democratic side.

Where will my name appear on the ballot?

Your name will appear on the Republican side of the ballot at the bottom.

Do I need to file any campaign finance reports for my Precinct Delegate race?

NO, Precinct Delegate candidates are NOT required to file disclosure forms or campaign finance compliance statements.

What if there are more people running than spots available?

The person(s) with the highest vote total are elected.

How will I know if I won?

You will receive a notice in the mail from the Montcalm County Clerk identifying you as the winner.

What are my official duties?

Officially, you are running to be a “Delegate to the County Convention”, meaning you will vote at all County Conventions called in your term. You will be notified of the date, location, and purpose of these conventions through the “Call to Convention.” Aside from being a delegate, you can help Republicans in your precinct by contacting neighbors and getting them to show up to the polls on Election Day.

How long is my term as Precinct Delegate?

Your term as precinct delegate is two years. It begins the day you are elected (August 4th) and will end the day of the August primary in 2022.

Being at the grassroots level, precinct delegates have various duties:

- Help people get registered to vote.
- Take information on issues and candidates to the voters in your precinct.
- Identify others interested in your party and recruit new party members.
- Help turn out your parties' vote in your neighborhood on Election Day.
- Keep your party leaders informed about the issues that concern voters.

Excerpt from the Montcalm County Republicans Bylaws – Section VII

ARTICLE VII –PRECINCT DELEGATES

Section 1 –Role and Responsibility:

The duty of a Precinct Delegate is to represent his or her precinct at county conventions.

They include: the Fall County Convention, held 8 to 25 days after the August primary election, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternate delegates to the State Convention (which selects Republican candidates for state offices); the County Convention, held in January or February in oddnumbered years, to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the February State Convention (which is held to select party leadership positions on the State committee); and the County Spring Convention, held in Presidential election years to elect delegates and alternate delegates to the Spring State Convention (for the purpose of electing delegates and alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention).

Section 2 –Election:

Precinct Delegates are elected in the Republican August primary election in even numbered years, the number of which is dependent on the Republican vote for Michigan Secretary of State or President of the United States in the preceding general election, whichever is the latest. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee also is authorized to select the formula as to the number of MONTCALM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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votes applicable for each precinct delegate, i.e., a total vote of 600 for Secretary of State, using the formula of 200 votes per precinct, would result in the authorization of three (3) precinct delegates for that precinct. A selected formula of 300 votes/Precinct Delegate results in two (2) precinct delegates. There currently are one to five (1-5) Precinct Delegate openings in each of the 28 cities or townships in the county.

Precinct Delegate positions also can be filled, either on a permanent or temporary basis, at any county convention, at the discretion of the duly authorized delegates to the convention.

Delegate positions may be filled on a temporary basis, for a particular convention, where the duly elected Precinct Delegate fails to attend the convention, or to fill an open slot where no delegate was elected. Delegate positions also may be filled on a permanent basis where a vacancy results from a

Precinct Delegate, duly elected, having resigned, or changed voter registration out of the precinct from

which the precinct delegate was elected, or to fill a vacancy in a precinct where no Precinct Delegate was elected. The filling of Precinct Delegate positions is by a majority vote of the Precinct Delegates present only, and vacancies must be filled by persons who are registered electors residing in the precinct

in which a vacancy occurs.