

Convention Process – Precinct Convention



When and Where



When and Where Do Precinct Conventions Occur?

- The County Executive Committee (CEC) sets the date, time and location.
- Notice of time, date, and location must be posted at each polling location before polls open on election day.
- **NOTE**
 - Historically Precinct Conventions are held the night of primary election day.
 - Some polling locations may not allow you to hold your Precinct Convention at that location. If this is the case, notice must be posted regarding meeting location at the polling location before the polls open at 7am on Primary Election Day.

Who can Participate?



- Any registered voter in the precinct who voted in the 2014 Republican Primary Election
- Anyone who has not voted in either party's primary election and has not participated any another party's convention process may sign an Oath of Affiliation and is then allowed to participate in the precinct convention.

Precinct Convention Process



- The Precinct Chair is the Temporary Precinct Convention Chairman and will start the meeting
 - If there is no Precinct Chair for that precinct any single voter or group of Primary Election voters in that Precinct can still hold the meeting
 - ✦ If this happens, this person(s) might be good to fill the vacancy of Precinct Chair

Precinct Convention Process



- A Permanent Convention Chairman is elected by those present at the meeting
 - The Precinct Chair is elected by voters in the Primary Election
 - The Precinct Chair can be elected as the Permanent Convention Chairman

Precinct Convention Process



- Delegates and Alternates are nominated and elected to represent the Precinct at the County or SD Convention
 - Make sure to use LEGAL names
 - AKA the name used to vote in the election
- Platform Resolutions are proposed and those adopted are forwarded to the County/SD Convention
 - Resolutions should be presented in writing or electronic format

Precinct Convention Guidelines



- No quorum is required
 - One person can hold a precinct convention
- Minutes and other forms **MUST** be returned to the Temporary Convention Chairman (Precinct Chair) by the required time and date or the convention will not be valid
- Precinct Conventions can last from a few minutes to an hour or more