



The Ramsey County Elections Office has created this resource to educate residents about government and elected officials, and to inform voters of their options. Through voting, you can select your local, state and national leaders—who make big decisions for you and your community—and ensure that your voice is heard.

Note: we cannot provide information on candidate issues or political endorsements in this guide. We provide contact information for nonpartisan organizations in Minnesota and Ramsey County that create guides with candidates' issues and candidate forum opportunities.

Since this document is living and always growing, updates to it will be posted to our website: rcelections.org. To request copies of this guide for your organization or individual efforts, please email elections@ramseycounty.us.

About Us

Ramsey County Elections is a nonpartisan office that manages elections and voter records for Ramsey County residents year round, with several jurisdictions choosing to hold odd-year municipal and school district elections. In addition, we are prepared for special elections that may occur on designated dates each year. Each election is a success due to the efforts of full-time staff members and the dedicated support of interns, seasonal staff and election judges.

In addition to planning for Election Day, we administer absentee voting beginning 46 days before each election. We manage candidate filing, campaign finance records, petitions, ranked voting reallocation, recounts, post-election reviews, results canvassing, data practices and management, training and much more. As part of Ramsey County's commitment to community engagement, we also provide programming and presentations to community partners to help voters (and future voters) become informed and engaged.

For questions related to voting and elections, for a schedule of upcoming events, or to request voter registration or educational materials:

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Overview

Three branches comprise the federal government and share equal power: the executive, legislative and judicial branches. The work of these three branches, though separate from each other in operation, affects all U.S. citizens.



The executive branch contains the elected office of president and vice president. The branch also includes offices—such as attorney general and secretary of state—which are appointed by the president and confirmed by vote of the U.S. Senate.



The legislative branch contains the elected offices of U.S. senator and U.S. representative. Each state has two senator seats. States differ in the number of representatives, which is determined by census count of population every 10 years. Minnesota currently has eight representatives who represent the people of eight congressional districts. Voters who live in the designated districts may vote for the office that represents their geographical area.

Senators and representatives create and enact laws. After laws are passed by vote through both the Senate and the House of Representatives, also known as Congress, the president will either sign the bill into law or veto the bill. A veto sends the bill back to Congress for further consideration.



The judicial branch, appointed by the executive branch, interprets laws according to the U.S. Constitution. The courts consider the impact on society as well as legal precedent when making their decisions.

Executive Branch



President and Vice President

Eligibility

- a natural-born citizen of the United States
- at least 35 years old upon assuming office
- a resident in the United States for at least fourteen years

Responsibilities

- directs the executive branch of the federal government
- serves as the commander-in-chief of the United States Armed Forces
- executes and enforces federal law
- nominates federal executive, diplomatic, regulatory and judicial officers which the Senate must confirm
- directs the foreign and domestic policies of the United States
- negotiates diplomatic treaties
- signs bills into law

Impact

The president's actions impact all American citizens.

	esident President	Term Years	Next Election Year
Donald Trump Michael Pence		4	2020



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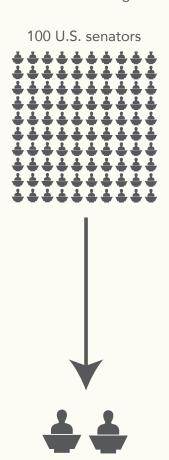


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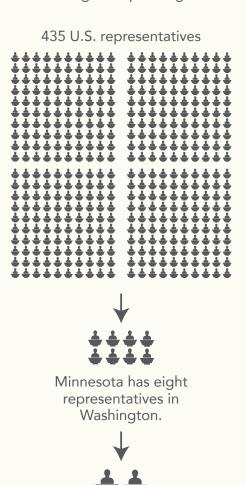
Legislative Branch



The legislative branch is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives, known collectively as Congress. Among other powers, the legislative branch makes all laws, declares war, regulates interstate and foreign commerce, and controls taxing and spending.



Minnesota has two senators in Washington. Ramsey County voters can vote for both offices.



Two representatives cover Ramsey County. Voters can vote for just one representative based on where they live.

U.S. Senator



Eligibility

- a United States citizen for the past nine years
- at least 30 years old upon assuming office
- a resident in the state the individual represents at time of election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has not filed for another office in the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- drafts, debates and votes on laws
- offers amendments and serves on committees
- confirms ambassador, cabinet, and federal & supreme court judge nominations
- approves treaties made by the executive branch
- censures and/or expels members of the Senate body for disorderly behavior
- filibusters to delay or block legislation from moving forward
- investigates malfeasance in the executive branch and conducts impeachment trials

Impact

A U.S. senator represents the constituents of their home state, but the impact of their responsibilities and involvement in legislation affects all Americans.

U.S. Senator	Term Years	Next Election Year
Amy Klobuchar	6	2024
D.C.: 202-224-3244 Local: 612-727-5220 Toll free: 1-888-224-9043		
klobuchar.senate.gov/public		
1200 Washington Ave S Roc Minneapolis, MN 55415	om 250	
Tina Smith	6	2020
D.C.: 202-224-5641 Local: 651-221-1016		
smith.senate.gov/HomePage	е	
60 Plato Blvd E Saint Paul, MN 55107	9	

U.S. Representative



Eligibility

- a citizen of the United States for the past seven years
- at least 25 years old upon assuming office
- a resident in the state the individual represents at time of election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has not filed for another office in the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- drafts, debates and votes on laws
- offers amendments and serves on committees
- considers bills and issues
- serves on legislative committees to research, interview experts and investigate matters that come before the committee
- introduces, investigates and votes on articles of impeachment
- oversees and monitors agencies, programs and activities within their jurisdictions

Impact

A U.S. representative represents the constituents of their home state, but the impact of their responsibilities and involvement in legislation affects all Americans.

	U.S. Representative	Term Years	Next Election Year
Minnesota District 4 Represents most of Ramsey County, excluding Saint Anthony	D.C. office: 202-225-6631 Local: 651-224-9191 mccollum.house.gov	2	2020
	661 LaSalle St, Ste 110 Saint Paul, MN 55114		
Minnesota District 5 Represents Saint Anthony and parts of Hennepin County	Ilhan Omar D.C. office: 202-225-4755 Local: 612-333-1272 omar.house.gov	2	2020
	404 3rd Avenue North, Suite 203 Minneapolis, MN 554010		

Judicial Branch



The judicial branch shares power with the executive and legislative branches. Federal and supreme court judges are appointed by the president (Executive Branch) and confirmed by the Senate (Legislative Branch), not elected.

The judicial branch consists of the United States Supreme Court and the Federal Judiciary. In the Federal Judiciary, 94 district courts and 13 appellate courts are organized into 12 circuits. Each circuit has its own Court of Appeals that reviews cases decided in U.S. District Courts within the circuit. The United States has one Supreme Court that reviews cases decided in the U.S. District Courts.

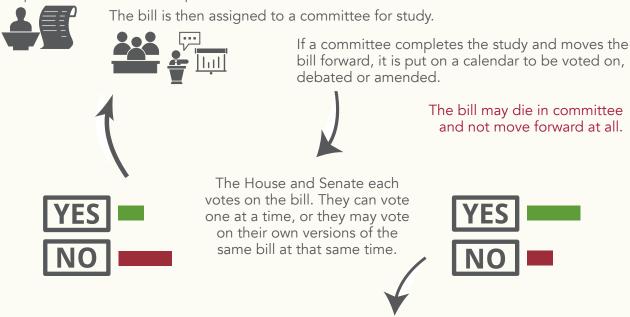
Circuit First Second Third Fourth Fifth Sixth Seventh Eighth Trenth District of Columbia

Minnesota is in U.S. District Court Circuit 8

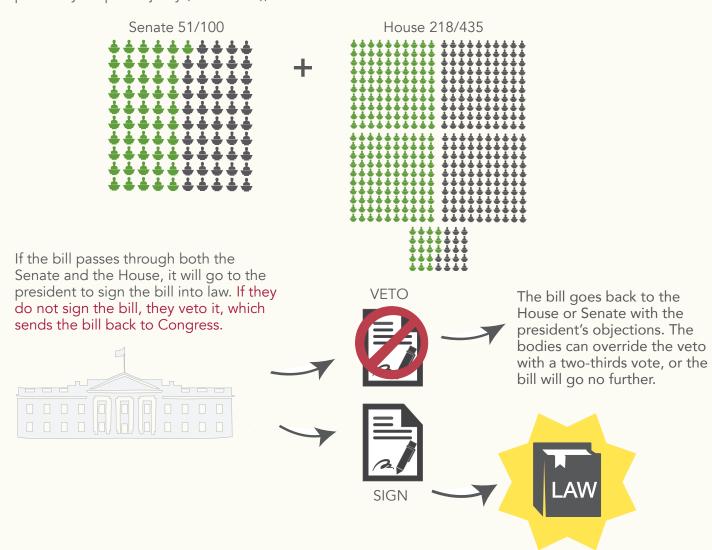
For more information on the Court of Appeals and District Courts: www.uscourts.gov & www.fjc.gov
For more information on the Supreme Court: www.supremecourt.gov

HOW FEDERAL LAWS ARE PASSED

A representative or senator sponsors a bill.



In the Senate, if the bill moves forward from committee and passes by simple majority (51 of 100), the bill moves to the House for a vote. In the House, if the bill moves forward from committee and passes by simple majority (218 of 435), the bill moves to the Senate for a vote.



STATE GOVERNMENT

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Overview

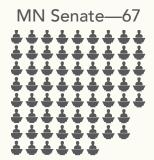
State government bodies and agencies make decisions that may affect all Minnesotans. A few of those areas are:

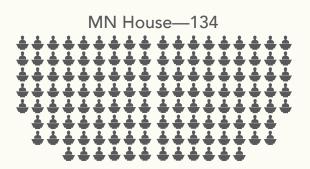
- transportation and infrastructure
- health and human services
- veterans' services
- corrections and criminal justice system
- education
- industry regulation
- state finance
- state parks, trails, rivers and lakes

Like the federal government, the state government is divided into three branches: executive, legislative and judicial branches. The work of these three branches affects all citizens of each state.

The **executive branch** of state government contains the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor and attorney general. Individuals of these offices are elected by all Minnesota voters.

The **legislative branch** contains the elected offices of state senator and state representative. Minnesota has 67 state senators elected from 67 senate districts. Minnesota has 134 state representatives from 134 house districts. Voters who live in the designated districts may vote for the office that represents them. Like the U.S. Congress, state senators and state representatives create and enact laws. After laws are passed by vote through both the state Senate and the state House, the governor will either sign the bill into law or veto the bill. A veto sends the bill back to the legislature.

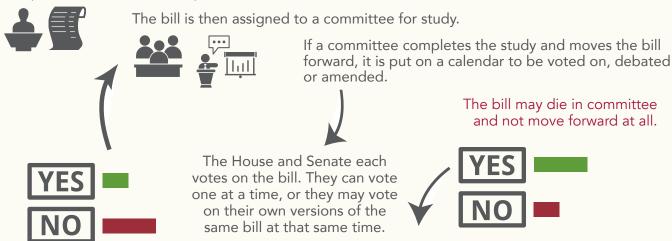




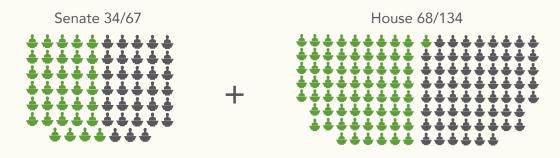
The **judicial branch** of the state government interprets laws according to state law and the constitution. Justices in the supreme court, judges in appeals court and judges in the district court consider the impact on society as well as legal precedent when making their decisions. Justices and judges are appointed by the governor when there is a vacancy in the court, then may run for election for the seat when the term concludes. After the election, the individual serves a six-year term until the next election, when they are able to run again.

HOW STATE LAWS ARE PASSED

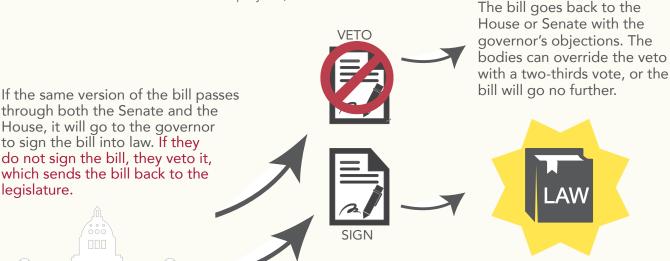
A representative or senator sponsors a bill.



In the Senate, if the bill moves forward from committee and passes by simple majority (34 of 67), the bill moves to the House for a vote. In the House, if the bill moves forward from committee and passes by simple majority (68 of 134), the bill moves to the Senate for a vote.



Some types of bills require a supermajority of 2/3 votes in each the House and the Senate to be approved, such as a bill that borrows money on behalf of the state to fund construction projects)



Exceptions: If the governor neither signs nor vetoes a bill and returns it to the legislature within three days, it goes into effect. For bills passed in the last three days of a session, if a bill is not signed within 14 days after the legislature adjourns, it does not take effect (and effectively is vetoed).

Executive Branch





Governor & Lieutenant Governor



Eligibility

- at least 25 years old upon assuming office
- a resident of Minnesota for at least one year before the general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has not filed for another office in the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities of Governor

- administers laws and affairs of the state
- appoints heads of departments and agencies
- appoints portions of committee membership
- acts as commander-in-chief of state military forces
- proposes a state budget
- reviews bills the legislature passes—approves (signs) or rejects (vetoes)
- appoints judges to fill vacancies in district, appellate and supreme courts
- issues pardons and reprieves, and restores civil rights to felons

Responsibilities of Lieutenant Governor

- represents governor
- assumes governor's responsibilities in governor's absence or if a vacancy occurs
- assumes duties governor assigns

Impact

The work of the office of the governor and lieutenant governor affects all Minnesotans.

Governor Lieutenant Governor	Term Years	Next Election Year
Tim Walz Peggy Flanagan	4	2022



651-201-3400



mn.gov/governor



130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Secretary of State



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- maintains residence in Minnesota for at least 30 days before the general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has not filed for another office in the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- acts as chief election official, overseeing enactment of election laws, creating rules, and training county auditors
- certifies official documents, governor's executive orders and laws the legislature passes
- regulates Minnesota businesses
- acts as custodian of official records
- manages the Safe at Home program (eligible parties apply to keep all personal and contact information private due to safety concerns)

Impact

The work of the Office of the Secretary of State affects all Minnesotans.

Minnesota Secretary of State	Term Years	Next Election Year
Steve Simon	4	2022
651-201-1324		
www.sos.state.mn.us secretary.state@state.mn.us		
Office of the Secretary of State 180 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155		

State Auditor



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- maintains residence in Minnesota for at least 30 days before the general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has not filed for another office in the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- oversees dollars spent by local governments
- performs audits of local government financial statements
- educates local governments about how to be successful stewards of public funds

Impact

The work of the Office of State Auditor affects all Minnesotans.

State Auditor	Term Years	Next Election Year
Julie Blaha 651-296-2551	4	2022
state.auditor@osa.state.mn.us		
Office of the State Auditor 525 Park Street - Suite 500 Saint Paul, MN 55103		

Attorney General



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- maintains residence in Minnesota for at least 30 days before the general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has not filed for another office in the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- provides legal services to state government
- represents the state in court cases, administrative adjudication and rulemaking
- handles felony criminal appeals
- enforces laws concerning charitable organizations
- protects public rights

Impact

The work of the Office of the Attorney General affects all Minnesotans.

Minnesota Attorney General	Term Years	Next Election Year
Keith Ellison	4	2022
651-296-3353		
Attorney.General@ag.state.mn.us		
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400 Saint Paul, MN 55101		

Legislative Branch



The legislative branch is responsible for creating and amending laws.

The state Senate and state House of Representatives begin regular session in January in every oddnumbered year and convene on a date set by joint agreement of both bodies every even-numbered year. Regular legislative sessions are required to end in May. There are also special sessions that can be called by the governor on extraordinary occasions.

The two bodies of government organize according to which party is the majority party (which has won more seats) and which is the minority (which has fewer seats). The majority party elects a member as presiding officer of the corresponding body (speaker of the House; president of the Senate).

Speaker of the House; Chair of Senate Rules and Administration Committee

- designates number, function, chairs and members of committees
- designates number of committee members the minority appoints

Standing committees—permanent

- study and research bills
- hear public testimony on bills
- make recommendations to the full House and the full Senate

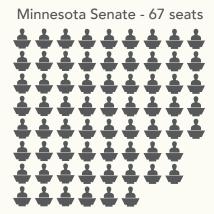
Conference committees—formed on an ad hoc basis

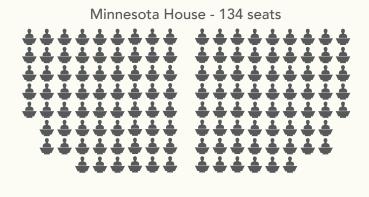
- resolve differences when the House and Senate pass different versions of a bill
- consist of three or five members of each body

For committee members and meeting schedules:

House: www.house.leg.state.mn.us/Committees

Senate: www.senate.mn/committees





State Senator



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- a resident of Minnesota for at least one year before the general election
- a resident of their district for at least six months before the general election
- has not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- introduces and studies ideas for laws, serves on committees to discuss and develop bills
- passes state laws
- passes the state's biennial (two-year) budget
- can override governor's veto (requires two-thirds vote)
- convicts and removes members of the executive and judicial branches after House impeachment
- confirms governor's agency head appointments
- responds to the needs and concerns of constituents

Impact

State senators represent the constituents from their district, but the work of the state Senate affects all Minnesotans.

Ramsey	County State Senators	Term Years	Next Election Year
District 38 North Oaks White Bear Lake White Bear Lake Twp	Roger Chamberlain 651-296-1253 sen.roger.chamberlain@senate.mn 3225 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020
District 41 New Brighton Saint Anthony	Carolyn Laine 651-296-4334 sen.carolyn.laine@senate.mn 2325 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020
District 42 Arden Hills Blaine Gem Lakes Mounds View Roseville (partial) Shoreview Spring Lake Park Vadnais Heights	Jason "Ike" Isaacson 651-296-5537 sen.jason.issacson@senate.mn 2321 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020

Ramsey Cou	unty State Senators	Term Years	Next Election Year
District 43 Maplewood (partial) North Saint Paul White Bear Lake (partial)	Charles "Chuck" Wiger 651-296-6820 sen.charles.wiger@senate.mn 2219 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020
District 53 Maplewood (partial)	Susan Kent 651-296-4166 sen.susan.kent@senate.mn 2227 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020
District 64 Saint Paul (partial)	Dick Cohen 651-296-5931 sen.richard.cohen@senate.mn 2301 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020
District 65 Saint Paul (partial)	Sandy Pappas 651-296-1802 sen.sandy.pappas@senate.mn 2205 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020
District 66 Falcon Heights Lauderdale Roseville Saint Paul (partial)	John Marty 651-296-5645 sen.john.marty@senate.mn 2401 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020
District 67 Saint Paul (partial)	Foung Hawj 651-296-5285 sen.foung.hawj@senate.mn 3413 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155	4	2020

For maps of Ramsey County Senate districts, visit rcelections.org.

State Representative



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- a resident of Minnesota for at least one year before the general election
- a resident of their district for at least six months before the general election
- has not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- introduces and studies ideas for laws
- begins discussion and negotiation on all revenue-raising bills
- serves on committees specific to interest areas to discuss bills as they are developed
- passes the state's biennial (two-year) budget
- can override governor's veto (requires two-thirds vote)
- impeaches members of the executive and judicial branches

Impact

State representatives represent the constituents from their district, but the work of the state House of Representatives affects all Minnesotans.

Ramsey Count	y State Representatives	Term Years	Next Election Year
District 38B North Oaks White Bear Town (partial)	Ami Wazlawik 651-296-3018 rep.ami.wazlawik@house.mn 565 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155	2	2020
District 41A New Brighton (partial)	Connie Bernardy 651-296-5510 rep.connie.bernardy@house.mn 369 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155	2	2020
District 41B New Brighton (partial) Saint Anthony	Mary Kunesh-Podein 651-296-4331 rep.mary.kuneshpodein@house.mn 445 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155	2	2020

Ramsey County S	State Representatives	Term Years	Next Election Year
District 42A Arden Hills Blaine Mounds View	Kelly Moller 651-296-0141 rep.kelly.moller@house.mn	2	2020
Shoreview (partial) Spring Lake Park	569 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 42B Gem Lake Little Canada Roseville (partial)	Jamie Becker-Finn 651-296-7153 rep.jamie.becker-finn@house.mn	2	2020
Shoreview (partial) Vadnais Heights	559 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 43A Maplewood (partial) White Bear Lake (partial)	Peter Fischer 651-296-5363 rep.peter.fischer@house.mn	2	2020
	551 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 43B Maplewood (partial) North Saint Paul	Leon Lillie 651-296-1188 rep.leon.lillie@house.mn	2	2020
	367 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 53A Maplewood (partial)	Tou Xiong 651-296-7807 rep.tou.xiong@house.mn	2	2020
	533 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 64A Saint Paul (partial)	Kaohly Her 651-296-8799 rep.kaohly.her@house.mn	2	2020
	359 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 64B Saint Paul (partial)	Dave Pinto 651-296-4199 rep.dave.pinto@house.mn	2	2020
	439 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		

Ramsey Cou	nty State Representatives	Term Years	Next Election Year
District 65A Saint Paul (partial)	Rena Moran 651-296-5158 rep.rena.moran@house.mn	2	2020
	575 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 65B Saint Paul (partial)	Carlos Mariani 651-296-9714 rep.carlos.mariani@house.mn	2	2020
	381 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 66A Falcon Heights Lauderdale Roseville (partial) Saint Paul (partial)	Alice Hausman 651-296-3824 rep.alice.hausman@house.mn	2	2020
	453 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 66B Saint Paul (partial)	John Lesch 651-296-4224 rep.john.lesch@house.mn	2	2020
	563 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 67A Saint Paul (partial)	Tim Mahoney 651-296-4277 rep.tim.mahoney@house.mn	2	2020
	365 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		
District 67B Saint Paul (partial)	Jay Xiong 651-296-4201 rep.jay.xiong@house.mn	2	2020
	423 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155		

For maps of Ramsey County House districts, visit rcelections.org.

Judicial Branch



The Minnesota Supreme Court is highest court in the state. There are seven supreme court justices, with a chief justice leading the court. Many justices are first appointed by the governor when a sitting judge retires, resigns, or dies during their term. Justices then run for election on a non-partisan, statewide ballot for a six-year term. The justices, and all judges, must be lawyers but cannot practice law while serving on the court. The justices hear appeals as a group from cases decided by the Court of Appeals, the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, and the Tax Court. The Supreme Court also automatically reviews all first-degree murder convictions and legislative election disputes.

The court of appeals provides an additional review of all final decisions of the trial courts, state agencies, and local governments and is the final ruling in about 95% of the 2,000-2,400 cases per year. The Court of Appeals is led by a chief judge who is appointed by the governor for a three-year term. The chief judge leads 18 Court of Appeals judges.

Minnesota has 289 district court judges in 10 judicial districts. Ramsey County is located in the 2nd judicial district. One district court judge in each judicial district is elected as a chief judge by the bench for a two-year term, and their job is to manage the entire judicial district. The chief judge is assisted by an assistant chief judge and a judicial district administrator. A county court administrator oversees the day-to-day operations in each county.

Did you know? The Minnesota district courts process approximately 2 million cases each year. Cases that are determined in district court may end up in the Court of Appeals if one of the parties files an appeal to the decision of the district court trial. Cases from the Court of Appeals may escalate to the Supreme Court if one of the parties files a another appeal and the Supreme Court decides to hear the case.

For more information on the Minnesota judicial system, visit www.mncourts.gov.

Minnesota Supreme Court



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- maintains residence in Minnesota for at least 30 days before the general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- must have not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election
- licensed to practice law in Minnesota

Responsibilities

- reviews petitions in approximately 700 cases per year
- hears constitutionality cases and appeals on decisions from the Court of Appeals, Workers'
 Compensation Court of Appeals, Tax Court and persons convicted of first-degree murder
- regulates all courts in the state and recommends improvements of the judicial system
- oversees law practice and judicial planning
- liaises supreme court boards and state policy commissions

Impact

The Minnesota Supreme Court is the highest court in Minnesota. The justices interpret Minnesota law in cases that may affect individuals or all Minnesotans.

To reach the office of the justices, call (651) 297-7650.

Visit www.mncourts.gov/SupremeCourt.aspx for the justices' biographies.

Visit www.mncourts.gov/mncourtsgov/media/CIOMediaLibrary/DocumentLibrary/SupremeCourt.pdf for more information on the court.

Minnesot	a Supreme Court	Term Years	Next Election Year
Chief Justice	Lorie Skjerven Gildea	6	2024
Associate Justice	G. Barry Anderson	6	2024
Associate Justice	Margaret H. Chutich	6	2024
Associate Justice	Natalie E. Hudson	6	2022
Associate Justice	David Lillehaug	6	2020
Associate Justice	Anne K. McKeig	6	2024
Associate Justice	Paul Thissen	6	2020

Court of Appeals



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- maintains residence in Minnesota for at least 30 days before the general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election
- licensed to practice law in Minnesota

Responsibilities

- hears appeals on decisions from lower courts
- hears appeals from administrative agencies
- hears appeals from commissioner of Employment and Economic Development

Impact

Court of Appeals judges interpret Minnesota law in cases that may affect individuals or all Minnesotans.

To reach the office of the judges, call (651) 297-7650.

Visit www.mncourts.gov/CourtOfAppeals.aspx for the judges' biographies.

Minnesota Court of Appeals	Term Years	Next Election Year
Edward J. Cleary	6	2020
Loise Dovre Bjorkman	6	2022
Diane Bratvold	6	2024
Francis J. Connolly	6	2022
James B. Florey	6	2024
Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks	6	2024
Carol A. Hooten	6	2020
Lucinda E. Jesson	6	2024
Matthew E. Johnson	6	2022
Randall J. Slieter	6	2020
Michelle Ann Larkin	6	2022
Jeanne Cochran	6	2022
Denise D. Reilly	6	2022
Peter Reyes	6	2022
John R. Rodenberg	6	2020
Kevin G. Ross	6	2020
Heidi Schellhas	6	2022
Tracy M. Smith	6	2024
Renee L. Worke	6	2024

Minnesota Second District Court



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old
- maintains residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- must have not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election
- licensed to practice law in Minnesota

Responsibilities

- Hears civil claims of damages up to \$15,000.
- Reviews and rules on criminal, civil, probate, juvenile and family law cases.

Impact

District Court Judges interpret Minnesota law in cases that affect individuals.

Second District Court Administration

15 W Kellogg Blvd Room 1700 Saint Paul MN 55102 (651) 266-8266

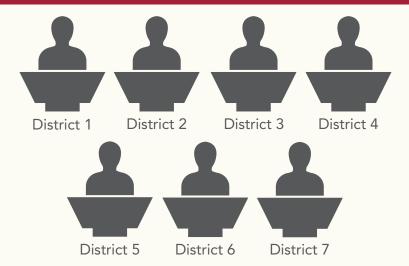
Did you know? Educators and students are able to tour the second district court offices at Ramsey County Courthouse. Scheduled public hour-long tours are offered by the Ramsey County Historical Society Mondays at 12:15 p.m. Tours by appointment are also available with at least three weeks advance notice: 651-222-4786 or email events@rchs.com.

Second District Court	Term Years	Next Election Year
John H. Guthman	6	2022
Reynaldo Aligada	6	2020
Robert A. Awsumb	6	2024
Joy D. Bartscher	6	2020
Shawn M. Bartsch	6	2020
Leonardo Castro	6	2020
Patrick Diamond	6	2020
Jennifer L. Frisch	6	2022
Thomas A. Gilligan, Jr.	6	2022
Sara Grewing	6	2022

Second District Court	Term Years	Next Election Year
JaPaul Harris	6	2020
David C. Higgs	6	2022
DeAnne M. Hilgers	6	2024
Mark R. Ireland	6	2022
Richard H. Kyle, Jr.	6	2022
Lezlie Ott Marek	6	2024
Robyn Millenacker	6	2024
Timothy T. Mulrooney	6	2024
Laura Nelson	6	2024
Kelly L. Olmstead	6	2024
Elena L. Ostby	6	2024
Stephen L. Smith	6	2024
Nicole J. Starr	6	2022
George T. Stephenson	6	2022
Judith M. Tilsen	6	2022
Sophia Y. Vuelo	6	2020
Teresa (Tracy) Warner	6	2024
Adam Yang	6	2024
P. Paul Yang	6	2024

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Commissioner



County County Sheriff Attorney

School Board

area covers all or part of the cities listed below



I.S.D. 282

New Brighton Saint Anthony



I.S.D. 621 Arden Hills

Mounds View
New Brighton
North Oaks
Roseville
Shoreview
Vadnais Heights
Spring Lake Park
White Bear Township



I.S.D. 622

Maplewood North Saint Paul



I.S.D. 623

Roseville



I.S.D. 624

White Bear Lake



I.S.D. 625

Saint Paul

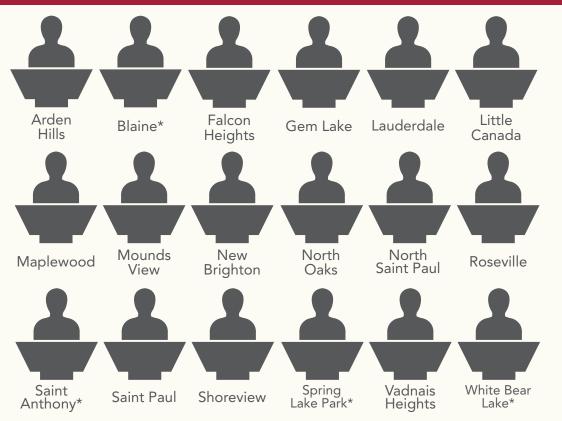
Did you know?

Ramsey County is the only county in Minnesota governed by home rule charter, which is like the county's constitution. Ramsey County has a commission of 17 members responsible for maintaining the charter. The commission's job is to review the charter and propose necessary amendments, recommending proposals from the public. The commission has the authority to submit proposed amendments to an election.

Commission members are appointed by the District Court for four-year terms. Two members represent each county commissioner's district and three serve at large.

For more information visit: www. ramseycounty.us/your-government/leadership/charter-commission

Mayor



*city is partially in Ramsey County, partially in another county

City Council



*city is partially in Ramsey County, partially in another county

Township Board White Bear Township



Seat A



Seat B



Seat C

Did you know? Local government bodies make decisions on a lot of things we may encounter each day! See just a few examples below.



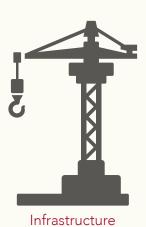
Parks and recreation



Recycling and refuse



Roads maintenance







Schools



BUSINES FRIANCE

Libraries



Human Services



Veterans Services



Elections and voter services







Justice system

County Commissioner

Eligibility

- at least 21 years of age upon assuming office
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- maintains residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election
- has not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- manages and approves the annual county budget; determines the county's tax levy
- participates in long-range planning initiatives; develops and approves the county's capital improvement budget for improvements to administrative buildings, roads and bridges, and public works facilities
- authorizes the receipt and/or application of state and federal grants for mandated state programs
- develops and adopts county laws on topics such as public health, parks, solid waste management, roads and highways, zoning and land use
- authorizes personnel rules and hires the administrative head of the county
- fills mid-term vacancies for the elected county offices of sheriff and attorney
- represents county interests at the state and federal level

Impact

County commissioners represent the district that elects them, but their work impacts residents, employees and visitors of the county.

	Ramsey County Commissioner	Term Years	Next Election Year
District 1	Nicole Frethem 651-266-8362 nicole.frethem@ramseycounty.us	4	2020
District 2	Mary Jo McGuire 651-266-8359 District2@ramseycounty.us	4	2020
District 3	Trista MatasCastillo 651-266-8360 trista.matascastillo@ramseycounty.us	4	2022
District 4	Toni Carter 651-266-8364 toni.carter@ramseycounty.us	4	2022
District 5	Rafael Ortega 651-266-8361 rafael.e.ortega@ramseycounty.us	4	2022
District 6	Jim McDonough 651-266-8350 jim.mcdonough@ramseycounty.us	4	2022
District 7	Victoria Reinhardt 651-266-8363 victoria.reinhardt@ramseycounty.us	4	2020

County Sheriff

Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- maintains residence in their district for at least 30 days before the election
- has not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election
- a licensed peace officer in Minnesota

Responsibilities

- keeps and preserves the peace of the county
- pursues and apprehends all felons
- executes all processes, writs, precepts, and orders issued or made by lawful authority
- attends upon the terms of the district court
- investigates recreational vehicle accidents involving personal injury or death that occur outside the boundaries of a municipality
- serves all legal papers
- posts all notices named by law to be served or posted on behalf of the state or of the county for which elected, including all papers to be served or notices to be posted by the Board of County Commissioners, the county auditor, or by any other county officer
- maintains the charge and custody of the county jail

Impact

The work of the county sheriff affects all Ramsey County residents.

Ramsey County Sheriff	Term Years	Next Election Year
Bob Fletcher 651-266-9333	4	2022
www.ramseycounty.us/contact-us?nid=2091		

County Attorney

Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- maintains residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election
- must have not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election
- licensed to practice law in Minnesota

Responsibilities

- advises the County Board of Commissioners, county officials and county departments in areas involving waste management, challenges to property tax values, Human Services Department welfare appeals, county environmental and health ordinances, and forfeited property used in connection with criminal activity
- assists the county in buying property; negotiating leases and contracts; and in defending against personal injury, workers compensation, employment, civil rights and other law suits
- prosecutes felony crimes
- prosecutes all cases involving juvenile offenders
- oversees juvenile diversion programs
- provides assistance and support to the victims and witnesses who play a vital role in the criminal justice system
- advises crime victims of their legal rights and status of their case, requesting restitution for losses suffered
- starts legal proceedings to protect the health and safety of vulnerable adults within the county when they are in need of assistance
- brings actions to obtain or enforce child support obligations
- seeks new laws to strengthen areas the office oversees
- participates in efforts to prevent or reduce crime in local communities
- provides legal services to Ramsey County
- represents Ramsey County in court cases

Impact

The work of the county attorney affects all Ramsey County residents.

Ramsey County Attorney	Term Years	Next Election Year
John Choi	4	2022
651-266-3222		

Mayor

Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- maintains residence in their district at 30 days before the general election
- has not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- executes official documents
- makes official appointments subject to the approval of the council
- presides at council meetings
- manages the finances of the city
- creates commissions to focus on community needs
- establishes priorities for city departments

Impact

Decisions made by the mayor impact all residents, employees and visitors of that city.

Municipality	Mayor	Term Years	Next Election Year
Arden Hills	David Grant 651-538-0747 dgrant@cityofardenhills.org	4	2022
Blaine	Tom Ryan 763-757-3390 tryan@blainemn.gov	4	2020
Falcon Heights	Randy Gustafson 651-642-9694 randy.gustafson@falconheights.org	4	2023
Gem Lake	Robert Uzpen 651-492-5083	4	2020
Lauderdale	Mary Gaasch 651-645-5918 mary.gaasch@lauderdalemn.org	2	2020
Little Canada	John T. Keis 651-482-8774 john.keis@littlecanadamn.org	2	2020
Maplewood	Marylee Abrams 612-322-1620 marylee.abrams@maplewoodmn.gov	4	2020

Municipality	Mayor	Term Years	Next Election Year
Mounds View	Carol Mueller 763-717-4006 carol.mueller@moundsviewmn.org	2	2020
New Brighton	Valerie Johnson 651-491-3364 val.johnson@newbrightonmn.gov	2	2020
North Oaks	Gregg B. Nelson 651-769-3664 gnelson@cityofnorthoaks.com	2	2020
North Saint Paul	Terry Furlong 651-779-8257 terry.furlong@northstpaul.org	4	2022
Roseville	Dan Roe 651-487-9654 dan.roe@cityofroseville.com	4	2022
Saint Anthony	Randy Stille www.savmn.com/242/Mayor-Randy-Stille	4	2023
Saint Paul	Melvin Carter 651-266-8510 www.stpaul.gov/departments/mayors- office/contact-mayor	4	2021
Shoreview	Sandy Martin 651-490-4618 smartin@shoreviewmn.gov	2	2020
Spring Lake Park	Cindy Hansen 763-482-2834 chansen@slpmn.org	4	2022
Vadnais Heights	Heidi Gunderson 651-308-5828 heidi.gunderson@cityvadnaisheights.com	2	2020
White Bear Lake	Jo Emerson 651-653-0731 mayor@whitebearlake.org	4	2021

City Council

Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has maintained residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election
- has not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election

Responsibilities

- legislates for the city, passes ordinances and sets administrative policy
- manages the city's financial operations
- oversees development in accordance with the comprehensive land use plan
- appoints and manages administrative personnel
- appoints persons to administrative committees and commissions
- conducts the city's intergovernmental affairs
- provides community leadership
- serves on and appoints to commissions and committees to hear perspectives directly from residents

Impact

Decisions made by the mayor impact all citizens in that city.

Municipality	Council Members	Term Years	Next Election Year
Arden Hills			
	Brenda Holden 651-636-2987 bholden@cityofardenhills.org	4	2020
	Fran Holmes 612-599-2457 fholmes@cityofardenhills.org	4	2022
	Dave McClung 651-332-0352 dmcclung@cityofardenhills.org	4	2020
	Steve Scott 651-604-0919 sscott@cityofardenhills.org	4	2022

Municipality	Council Members	Term Years	Next Election Year
Blaine			
Ward 1	Wes Hovland 763-228-1117 whovland@blainemn.gov	4	2022
Ward 1	Dick Swanson 763-370-2557 dswanson@blainemn.gov	4	2020
Falcon Heights			
	Kay Andrews kay.andrews@falconheights.org	4	2023
	Melanie Leehy 651-646-8113 melanie.leehy@falconheights.org 1865 Fairview Ave	4	2021
	Mark Miazga 651-252-5833 mark.miazga@falconheights.org 1898 Pascal St N	4	2021
	Yakasah Wehyee yakasah.wehyee@falconheights.org	4	2023
Gem Lake			
	Gretchen Artig-Swomley 651-260-9742	4	2022
	Leonard (Len) Cacioppo 651-796-3222	4	2022
	Faith Kuny 612-718-4316	4	2020
	James Linder 651-429-7597	4	2020

Municipality	Council Members	Term Years	Next Election Year
Lauderdale			
	Jeffrey Dains 651-645-7068 jeff.dains@lauderdalemn.org	4	2020
	Kelly Dolphin 612-819-2316 kelly.dolphin@lauderdalemn.org	4	2020
	Roxanne Grove 612-402-0219 roxanne.grove@lauderdalemn.org	4	2022
	Andi Moffatt 651-917-3579 andi.moffatt@lauderdalemn.org	4	2022
Little Canada			
	Tom Fischer 651-489-5585 tom.fischer@littlecanadamn.org	4	2022
	Michael McGraw 651-483-3339 michael.mcgraw@littlecanadamn.org	4	2020
	Rick Montour 651-482-8180 rick.montour@littlecanadamn.org	4	2020
	Christian Torkelson 651-395-0983 christian.torkelson@littlecanadamn.org	4	2022
Maplewood			
	Bill Knutson 612-290-9778 William.Knutson@maplewoodmn.gov	4	2020
	Kathleen Juenemann 651-771-3670 Kathy.Juenemann@maplewoodmn.gov	4	2022
	Sylvia Neblett 651-766-3851 Sylvia.Neblett@maplewoodmn.gov	4	2022
	Bryan Smith 651-888-0085 Bryan.Smith@MaplewoodMN.gov	4	2020

Municipality	Council Members	Term Years	Next Election Year
Mounds View			
	William "Bill" Bergeron 763-717-4003 bill.bergeron@moundsviewmn.org	4	2022
	Sherry Gunn 763-717-4005 sherry.gunn@moundsviewmn.org	4	2020
	Al Hull 763-717-4004 al.hull@moundsviewmn.org	4	2022
	Gary Meehlhause 763.717.4007 gary.meehlhause@moundsviewmn.org	4	2020
New Brighton			
	Graeme Allen 612-481-2144 graeme.allen@newbrightonmn.gov	4	2022
	Mary Burg 651-636-7474 mary.burg@newbrightonmn.gov	4	2020
	Emily Dunsworth 651-303-4310 emily.dunsworth@newbrightonmn.gov	4	2022
	Paul Jacobsen 651-493-1549 paul.jacobsen@newbrightonmn.gov	4	2020
North Oaks			
	Rick Kingston 651-490-0446 rkingston@cityofnorthoaks.com	4	2020
	Martin Long 651-484-8849 mlong@cityofnorthoaks.com	4	2020
	Kara Ries 612-825-0442 kries@cityofnorthoaks.com	4	2022
	Katy Ross 651-482-8364 kross@cityofnorthoaks.com	4	2022

Municipality	Council Members	Term Years	Next Election Year
North Saint Paul			
	Candy Petersen 651-249-1981 candy.petersen@northstpaul.org	4	2022
	Tom Sonnek 651-583-4482 tom.sonnek@northstpaul.org	4	2020
	Scott Thorsen 651-503-3824 scott.thorsen@northstpaul.org	4	2022
	Jan Walczak 651-777-5820 jan.walczak@northstpaul.org	4	2020
Roseville			
	Jason Etten 612-508-5915 jason.etten@gmail.com	4	2020
	Wayne Groff 612-867-0915 wayne.groff@cityofroseville.com	4	2022
	Lisa Laliberte 612-242-7485 lisa4roseville@gmail.com	4	2020
	Bob Willmus 651-633-4601 rwillmus@msn.com	4	2022
Saint Anthony			
	Bernard Walker www.savmn.com/244/Council-Member- Bernard-Walker	4	2023
	Jan Jenson www.savmn.com/245/Council-Member- Jan-Jenson	4	2021
	Thomas Randle www.savmn.com/243/Council-Member- Thomas-Randle	4	2023
	Vacant	4	2021

Municipality	Council Members	Term Years	Next Election Year
Saint Paul			
Ward 1	Dai Thao 651-266-8610 ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 310-A City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102	4	2023
Ward 2	Rebecca Noecker 651-266-8620 ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 310-B City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102	4	2023
Ward 3	Chris Tolbert 651-266-8630 ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 310-C City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102	4	2023
Ward 4	Mitra Jalali 651-266-8640 ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 310-D City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102	4	2023
Ward 5	Amy Brendmoen 651-266-8650 ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us 15 Kllogg Blvd W, 320-A City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102	4	2023
Ward 6	Nelsie Yang 651-266-8660 ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 320-B City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102	4	2023
Ward 7	Jane Prince 651-266-8670 ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 320-C City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102	4	2023

Municipality	Council Members	Term Years	Next Election Year
Shoreview			
	Sue Denkinger 651-490-3166 sdenkinger@shoreviewmn.gov	4	2020
	Emy Johnson 763-443-5218 ejohnson@shoreviewmn.gov	4	2020
	Terry Quigley 651-484-5418 tquigley@shoreviewmn.gov	4	2022
	Cory Springhorn 651-403-3422 cspringhorn@shoreviewmn.gov	4	2022
Vadnais Heights			
	Craig Johnson 651-653-8511 craig.johnson@cityvadnaisheights.com	4	2020
	Bob Morse 651-208-8417 bob.morse@cityvadnaisheights.com	4	2020
	Greg Urban 651-248-9830 greg.urban@cityvadnaisheights.com	4	2022
	Patricia Youker 612-790-7577 patricia.youker@cityvadnaisheights.com	4	2022
White Bear Lake			
Ward 1	Bill Walsh 651-373-1819 ward1@whitebearlake.org	4	2023
Ward 2	Douglas Biehn 651-235-2249 ward2@whitebearlake.org	4	2021
Ward 3	Dan Jones 651-283-6097 ward3@whitebearlake.org	4	2023
Ward 4	Kevin L. Edberg 651-307-8420 ward4@whitebearlake.org	4	2021
Ward 5	Steven Engstran 651-777-4488 ward5@whitebearlake.org	4	2023

Township Board Supervisor

Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- has maintained residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election
- has not filed for another office at the upcoming primary or general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota

Responsibilities

- awards contracts to vendors and projects
- authorizes township expenses, including setting compensation levels for all township officers
- adopts ordinances and resolutions
- manages planning and zoning, building projects and negotiations, and town infrastructure
- creates report for annual meeting
- prepares statement of fiscal affairs of the township
- calculates the budget for the following year

Impact

Decisions made by the town board impact all citizens in that town.

White Bear Township

Seat	Board Member	Term Years	Next Election Year
Seat A	Steve Ruzek 651-247-3673 Steve.Ruzek@whitebeartownship.org	4	2022
Seat B	Scott McCune 651-470-8660 scott.mccune@whitebeartownship.org	4	2022
Seat C, Chair	Ed Prudhon 651-429-6772 Ed.Prudhon@whitebeartownship.org	4	2020

School Board Member

Eligibility

- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- has maintained residence in their district for at least 30 days before the general election
- has not filed for another office in the upcoming primary or general election
- eligible to vote in Minnesota
- has not been convicted of an offense for which they are required to register as a predatory offender under M.S. 243.166

Responsibilities

- develops and adopts policies for the operation of the schools
- employs a superintendent to provide educational leadership for the district
- provides materials, equipment, supplies and facilities to support an effective educational program
- represents the views of the school district community on educational issues
- provides equal educational opportunities for every child in accordance with state and federal statutes

Impact

Decisions by the school board affect students and families as well as all residents of the school district.

School District Board Member	Term Years	Next Election Year
I.S.D. 282 St Anthony—New Brighton		
Barry Kinsey, Director 612-789-1493 barrykinsey@comcast.net	4	2021
Laura Oksnevad, Vice Chair 612-788-9527 loksnevad@stanthony.k12.mn.us	4	2021
Cassandra Palmer, Treasurer cpalmer@stanthony.k12.mn.us	4	2023
Ben Phillip	4	2023
Leah Slye, Chair 612-781-3982 leahslye@stanthony.k12.mn.us	4	2021
Lynn Penke Valdes	4	2023

School District Board Member	Term Years	Next Election Year
I.S.D. 621 Mounds View Area		
Shauna Bock 651-621-6082 Shauna.Bock@moundsviewschools.org	4	2021
Heidi Danielson Heidi.Danielson@moundsviewschools.org	4	2023
James DeMay James.DeMay@moundsviewschools.org	4	2023
Diane Glasheen 651-621-6081 Diane.Glasheen@moundsviewschools.org	4	2021
Marre Jo Sager 651-621-6086 MarreJo.Sager@moundsviewschools.org	4	2021
Jonathan Weinhagen, Chair 651-621-6083 Jonathan.Weinhagen@moundsviewschools.org	4	2023
Sandra Westerman, Clerk 651-621-6087 sandra.westerman@moundsviewschools.org	4	2023
I.S.D. 622 North St Paul—Maplewood—Oakdale		
Caleb Anderson, Treasurer caleb_anderson@isd622.org	4	2022
Theresa Auge, Clerk theresa_auge@isd622.org	4	2020
Steve Hunt, Director steve_hunt@isd622.org	4	2020
Benjamin Adam Jarman benjamin_jarman@isd622.org	4	2022
Nancy Livingston, Vice Chair nancy_livingston@isd622.org	4	2020
Becky Neve, Director becky_neve@isd622.org	4	2020
Michelle Yener, Chair michelle_yener@isd622.org	4	2022

School District Board Member	Term Years	Next Election Year
I.S.D. 623 Roseville		
Todd Anderson, Treasurer 651-697-0077 todd.anderson@isd623.org	4	2023
Mike Boguszewski, Clerk 612-963-2431 michael.boguszewski@isd623.org	4	2023
Rose Chu rose.chu@isd623.org	4	2023
Kitty Gogins, Chair 651-481-0500 kitty.gogins@isd623.org	4	2021
Curtis Johnson 651-983-0515 curtis.johnson@isd623.org	4	2021
Frank H Shaw, Director 651-631-3596 frank.shaw@isd623.org	4	2021
I.S.D. 624 White Bear Lake Area		
Scott Arcand Scott.Arcand@isd624.org	4	2023
Deborah Beloyed 330-338-1088 Deb.Beloyed@isd624.org	4	2021
Kim Chapman 651-762-0369 Kim.Chapman@isd624.org	4	2021
Jessica Ellison (763) 639-5377 Jessica.Ellison@isd624.org	4	2021
Don Mullin, Chair 651-707-7403 Donald.Mullin@isd624.org	4	2021
Margaret Newmaster 651-429-0357 Margaret.Newmaster@isd624.org	4	2023
Angela Thompson Angela.Thompson@isd624.org	4	2023
Scott A. Wilson (651) 426-9278 Scott.Wilson@isd624.org	4	2023

School District Board Member	Term Years	Next Election Year
I.S.D. 625 Saint Paul		
Chauntyll Allen Chauntyll.Allen@spps.org	4	2023
John Brodrick, Director 651-645-7500 John.Brodrick@spps.org	4	2021
Zuki Ellis, Chair 651-328-1443 Zuki.Ellis@spps.org	4	2023
Jeanelle Foster, Clerk 763-760-2676 Jeanelle.Foster@spps.org	4	2021
Jessica Kopp Jessica.Kopp@spps.org	4	2023
Steve Marchese, Vice Chair 651-468-5440 Steven.Marchese@spps.org	4	2023
Marny Xiong, Treasurer 651-428-8645 Marny.Xiong@spps.org	4	2021

Ramsey County City and Township Information

Ramsey County Elections manages voter registration for 16 cities and one township, and absentee voting for the cities who contract with us. The bulleted list beneath each city contains the activities we manage for that city. City clerks or administrators are non-elected officials who serve as the main contacts for elections-related activity. Their offices carry out various statutory and city charter requirements:

- maintain council proceedings and official records; assist staff and public in research of records
- publish legal notices and newly adopted ordinances
- coordinate board and commission vacancies
- administer business and other licensing such as tobacco and alcohol
- maintain and respond to inquiries regarding the city code
- act as the responsible authority and compliance official for city data-practices requests

Arden Hills

City Clerk - Julie Hanson jhanson@cityofardenhills.org www.cityofardenhills.org

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judges
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Lauderdale

City Administrator - Heather Butkowski heather.butkowski@lauderdalemn.org www.lauderdalemn.org

Ramsey County manages Voter registration

Mounds View

City Administrator - Nyle Zikmund nyle.zikmund@moundsviewmn.org www.moundsviewmn.org

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judges
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Falcon Heights

City Administrator - Sack Thongvanh sack.thongvanh@falconheights.org www.falconheights.org

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judges
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Little Canada

City Clerk - Heidi Heller heidi.heller@littlecanadamn.org www.littlecanadamn.org

Ramsey County manages Voter registration

New Brighton

City Clerk - Terri Spangrud Terri.Spangrud@newbrightonmn.gov www.newbrightonmn.gov

Ramsey County manages Voter registration

Gem Lake

City Clerk - Gloria Tessier gloria.tessier@gemlakemn.org www.gemlakemn.com

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judges
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Maplewood

City Clerk - Andrea Sindt andrea.sindt@maplewoodmn.gov www.maplewoodmn.gov

Ramsey County manages Voter registration

North Oaks

City Administrator - Mike Robertson mrobertson@cityofnorthoaks.com www.cityofnorthoaks.com

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judges
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

North Saint Paul

Deputy City Clerk - Mary Mills mary.mills@northstpaul.org www.northstpaul.org

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judges
- Candidate filing and campaign
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Saint Paul

City Clerk - Shari Moore cityclerk@ci.stpaul.mn.us www.stpaul.gov

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White Bear Lake

City Clerk - Kara Coustry kcoustry@whitebearlake.org www.whitebearlake.org

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- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Roseville

City Manager - Pat Trudgeon pat.trudgeon@cityofroseville.com www.cityofroseville.com

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- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judges
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Shoreview

Deputy City Clerk - Amy Truhlar atruhlar@shoreviewmn.gov www.shoreviewmn.gov/home

Ramsey County manages Voter registration

Vadnais Heights

Saint Anthony

www.savmn.com

finance

Recounts

City Clerk - Nicole Miller

nicole.miller@savmn.com

Ramsey County manages

Election judges

Petitions filing

Voter registration, absentee

Candidate filing and campaign

voting and Election Day

Asst. City Administrator - Tim Sandvik tim.sandvik@cityvadnaisheights.com www.cityvadnaisheights.com

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- Election judges
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- Recounts

White Bear Township

Clerk-Treasurer - Patrick Christopherson Pat.Christopherson@whitebeartownship.org www.whitebeartownship.org

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ELECTION INFORMATION

Voter Eligibility Requirements

To vote in Minnesota, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence
 You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge has revoked your right to vote.
 You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent.

Time off to Vote

You have a right to take time off work to vote without losing your pay, personal leave, or vacation time in all state and federal elections, and all regularly scheduled local elections.

- Your employer must pay you for the time you need to vote if it falls within your scheduled work time. Your employer cannot require you to use personal leave or vacation time.
- Your employer cannot directly or indirectly refuse, limit, or interfere with this right, including what time you choose to vote.
- Your employer can ask when you will be gone and request that employees coordinate their absences to minimize workplace disruptions.
- Take only as much time as you need to vote, then return to work.

Voting on Election Day

Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. To find your polling place, the districts in which you live, and a sample ballot (when it is available), visit mnvotes.org. The following elections occur in 2020.

Mar. 3, 2020 Presidential Primary

Only participating major party presidential candidates will have a ballot in the presidential party.

Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party Republican Party

Aug. 11, 2020 Primary

If a certain number of people file for office, a primary is necessary; if not, a primary is not necessary and the office would only appear on the Nov. ballot. *Note:* partisan offices (when the office requires affiliation with a political party) have different candidate filing thresholds than nonpartisan offices.

U.S. SenatorPartisan2U.S. RepresentativePartisan2State SenatorPartisan2State RepresentativePartisan2County CommissionerNonpartisan3Roseville City CouncilNonpartisan5	Office	Partisan or Non	# of candidates to require a primary
State Senator Partisan 2 State Representative Partisan 2 County Commissioner Nonpartisan 3	U.S. Senator	Partisan	2
State Representative Partisan 2 County Commissioner Nonpartisan 3	U.S. Representative	Partisan	2
County Commissioner Nonpartisan 3	State Senator	Partisan	2
	State Representative	Partisan	2
Roseville City Council Nonpartisan 5	County Commissioner	Nonpartisan	3
	Roseville City Council	Nonpartisan	5

Nov. 3, 2020 General Election

President & Vice President

U.S. Senator

U.S. Representative Districts 4, 5

State Senator Districts 38, 41, 42, 43, 53, 64, 65, 66, 67

State Representative Districts 38B, 41A, 41B, 42A, 42B, 43A, 43B, 53A, 64A,

64B, 65A, 65B, 66A, 66B, 67A, 67B

County Commissioner Districts 1, 2, 7

Mayor Blaine Mounds View Gem Lake New Brighton

Lauderdale North Oaks
Little Canada Shoreview
Maplewood Vadnais Heights

City Councilmember Arden Hills (2) New Brighton (2)

Blaine (1 in Ramsey County) North Oaks (2)
Gem Lake (2) North Saint Paul (2)

Lauderdale (2)

Little Canada (2)

Maplewood (2)

Roseville (2)

Shoreview (2)

Vadnais Heights (2)

Mounds View (2)

Township Board Supervisor White Bear Township (1)

School Board I.S.D. 622 (4)

Voter Registration Deadlines

Registering before Election Day ensures you will appear on your polling place's roster with current information. To register in advance, submit a voter registration application at least 21 days before Election Day. The following dates are registration deadlines for the 2020 elections.

For the Mar. 3, 2020 presidential primary:

Register by Feb. 11, 2020 (5 p.m. in person and midnight online).

For the Aug. 11, 2020 primary:

Register by Jul. 21, 2020 (5 p.m. in person and midnight online).

For the Nov. 3, 2020 general election:

Register by Oct. 13, 2020 (5 p.m. in person and midnight online).

If you miss registering by these dates, you can still register when you vote with options below.

Register when you vote

Valid ID with current name and address

- Hard copy or receipt for Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, or MN ID
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo, and signature

OR

1) Photo ID and 2) a document with your current name and address

One of these approved photo IDs (all can be expired)

- Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit from any state
- U.S. Passport, U.S. Military or Veteran ID
- Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
- Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
- Minnesota high school ID

One of these documents (electronic or paper)

- Bill, account or start-of-service statement dated 30 days before or after Election Day:
 - Phone, TV or internet
 - Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water
 - Banking or credit card
 - Rent or mortgage
- Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement

OR

Have none of the above? One of the following options may work.

- Registered voter in your precinct who can confirm your address
- Notice of late registration sent to you by Ramsey County
- College student ID and name on student housing list provided to Ramsey County by your college
- Valid previous registration in the same precinct, at a different address or with a different name
- Staff person of a residential facility in which you live, such as a shelter



You can vote by mail or in person beginning 46 days before each election. Voters must submit an application to receive a ballot. Fillable PDF applications can be found at reelections.org.

Vote by mail before Election Day

For 2020, request your absentee ballot by submitting an application:

- Online at mnvotes.org
- In person 90 Plato Blvd W., Suite 160, Saint Paul
- Mail PO Box 64098, Saint Paul, MN 55164
- Email elections@ramseycounty.us
- Fax 651-266-2177

Receiving your absentee ballot

- If you apply before absentee voting begins, your ballot will be mailed to you 46 days prior to the election. If you apply within 46 days of the election, your ballot will be mailed to you within one business day of when we receive your application.
- Please submit your application no later than 2:00 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day, to
 ensure you receive your ballot with time to send it back to us by Election Day.

Returning your voted absentee ballot

Voted ballots must be returned by 3 p.m. on Election Day through standard mail or in person to Ramsey County Elections Office. *Note:* Persons delivering ballots for others may do so for only three voters in each election and they must show ID to elections staff.

To return your ballot, mail all materials in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that was provided with your ballot.

- Ballot must be received by the Elections Office on or before Election Day.
- In Minnesota, mail generally arrives in 1-3 days.
- Outside Minnesota, mail generally arrives in 3-10 days.
- If you do not think your ballot will arrive in time using regular mail, you may choose to pay for an express delivery service. Ballots can delivered to the Elections Office from an express delivery service until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Changing your vote

If we have already accepted your voted absentee ballot (verify at mnvotes.org), you can ask us to replace it until 4:30 p.m. seven days before Election Day.



Vote in person before Election Day

You can complete your application and vote your absentee ballot in person at the Ramsey County Elections Office—or other designated in-person absentee voting locations—beginning 46 days before Election Day. See reelections.org for more voting locations.

You can vote at a countywide early voting location beginning seven days before Election Day. During early voting, Ramsey County voters may cast their ballot directly into the ballot counter at the most convenient early voting location, regardless of where they live. See ramseycounty.us/earlyvoting for locations and hours.

Early voting dates for 2020

For the Mar. 3, 2020 presidential primary: Feb. 25, 2020 to Mar. 2, 2020

For the Aug. 11, 2020 primary: Aug. 4, 2020 to Aug. 10, 2020

Early voting for the Nov. 3, 2020 general election: Oct. 27, 2020 to Nov. 2, 2020







Teams of election judges visit nursing homes and hospitals during the 20 days before the election, providing ballots to eligible residents of the facilities and offering help with the voting process if needed.

At hospitals, the election judges can provide ballots only to voters who live in the city or town where the hospital is located. If you are a resident of another city in Ramsey County, you may be eligible to have someone bring a ballot to you during the seven days before and including Election Day; this is called agent delivery.

Voting via agent delivery

Voters may authorize an individual (agent) to pick up and return an absentee ballot for them. This service is available beginning seven days before an election. Each agent is allowed to deliver and return ballots for a maximum of three voters and must show ID with name and signature to election staff.

You can cast an absentee vote by agent if you are

- a patient in a hospital, residential treatment center or nursing home
- a resident of a group home
- a resident of a battered women's shelter
- a resident of an assisted living facility
- a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of a disability or incapacitating health reasons

How to vote by agent

- 1 Choose someone to be your agent who:
 - Has a pre-existing relationship with you (e.g., friend, family member, co-worker)
 - Is at least 18 years old
 - Is not a candidate in the election
- 2 Complete both of the following before sending your agent to Ramsey County Elections Office:
 - Request for agent delivery of absentee ballot form
 - Absentee ballot application
 - Have your agent bring the completed forms to Ramsey County Elections Office by 2 p.m. on Election Day in order to receive your ballot. Your agent must show an ID with name and signature.
- 3 Your agent will be given your ballot and envelopes to bring to you.
 - Vote your ballot and complete materials according to the enclosed instructions.
 - Have your agent return your voted ballot to the Ramsey County Elections Office by 3 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

Voting While Overseas or in the Military

Military and overseas voters can use a special process to receive and return their ballot. Read the eligibility rules below before you apply. A spouse, parent, sibling or child age 18 and over can apply for you.

Apply for your ballot as soon as you can because unforeseen events or weather issues can delay the return of your ballot through the mail.

- Mail sent to/from Europe usually takes one week each way
- Mail sent to/from East Asia usually takes 7-10 days each way
- Mail sent to/from Africa, South Asia, the Middle East and Latin America can take up to four weeks each way

Eligibility

- Uniformed or military personnel and their dependents
- Citizens overseas temporarily
- Citizens overseas indefinitely (not eligible to vote in state or local elections)

Apply for your ballot

- Apply online at mnvotes.org
- Complete and return a paper application

Emergency Ballot

- Complete a federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB) if you are concerned that you do not have enough time to receive and return a regular absentee ballot. See mnvotes.org to print a FWAB and email a scan to elections@ramseycounty.us.
- For federal offices, you may indicate your choice by writing in a candidate name or political party.
- For state or local offices on the FWAB, you must write the name of the candidate (not just the party) for your vote to be counted.

Receive your ballot

You will need to indicate on your application how you would like to receive the ballot: email, fax or mail.

Ballots are sent out by election officials beginning at least 46 days prior to the election. Until the election, ballots are sent within one day of receiving an application.

If sent by mail, ballots are airmailed to addresses outside the continental U.S. Your ballot can be sent to you by an express mail service if you provide a prepaid envelope to the county elections office.

Submit your voted ballot

You must return your voted ballot by mail or express delivery to Ramsey County. Ballots delivered by package delivery service will be accepted until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Your ballot will not be counted if it is received after Election Day.



Your name and address are public when you register to vote. However, if you have safety or privacy concerns, there are ways to register and vote without your information being public.

Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program

If you have safety concerns, the Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program can help. When you enroll in this program, you vote absentee through the mail with the Safe at Home office. Your name and address are never shared with Ramsey County or any other office.

To be eligible to join Safe at Home, you must:

- reside in Minnesota
- be afraid for your safety or the safety of another person who lives with you

A person who is a registered predatory offender, or a predatory offender required to register in any state, is not eligible.

To enroll in Safe at Home, visit www.sos.state.mn.us/safe-at-home/enroll-in-safe-at-home or call 1-866-723-3035 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Additional options

- You can keep your information private by sending a Request to Withhold Voter Information from Public Information form to Ramsey County Elections. Your name and address will still appear on the list of voters at the polling place but will not be available to the public.
- You can send a Request to Inactivate Voter Record form to Ramsey County. This will
 prevent election officials from seeing the information in the private voter database unless
 specifically looking for your record. Once you inactivate your record, you must re-register
 before voting again.
- You can register again on Election Day, keeping your information private and inactivating your record in one step. Bring copies of both the above forms to attach to your registration application. Your information will be entered in the state's voter database after the election but will be marked as private. To verify the address, Ramsey County will send a verification postcard to verify that you can receive mail. If the card is not returned, the Elections office will inactivate your record as requested.

The forms are available at mnvotes.org or through the Elections office.

Voting With a Criminal Record

Your criminal record does not affect your right to vote in Minnesota unless you are currently serving a felony conviction sentence, including probation, parole or supervised release in any state.

Voting after a felony conviction

You can vote after you finish all parts of your sentence, including any probation, parole or supervised release in any state. As soon as you finish your sentence (are "off-paper,") you can vote. You will need to register to vote.

You can vote if...

- you were charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor
- you are in jail but are not currently serving a felony sentence
- you have been charged with a felony, but you have not been convicted
- you have been given a stay of adjudication
- you finished all parts of your felony sentence

You cannot vote if...

- you are currently serving a felony sentence
- your stay of adjudication was revoked and you are currently serving a felony sentence

Not sure about your legal status?

If you have questions about your record, you can talk to your probation officer/agent or call the Minnesota Department of Corrections at 651-361-7200 and speak with the records department.

Voting While Under Guardianship or With Impairment

As long as a judge did not restrict your right to vote through court order, you have the right to vote when:

- you are under guardianship
- you are under conservatorship
- you gave someone power of attorney
- you have a brain injury
- you have a developmental disability
- you have a cognitive impairment
- you experience memory loss

No one else can make this decision on your behalf, including a spouse, children, attorneys, caregivers, doctors or nurses.



If you are homeless, you can register to vote using the location where you sleep as your address. You may need to go to the polling place with someone (see details below) who can confirm where you are living.

When you register to vote, you must provide your current residence. This is the place where you sleep; so, if you sleep in a shelter, at a friend's house, or outside somewhere, that is your voting residence.

Register before Election Day

If you sleep outside, write a description on your voter registration application; for example, "NW corner of Rice St. & University Ave." If you have a phone number or email, please provide them in case we have questions about where you live.

If you register before Election Day at an outdoor location, your voter record will be marked "challenged" because the county could not mail you a verification card. You will still be able to vote at your polling place on Election Day, but you will be asked to swear under oath that you are living at that location. If you are staying at a shelter or residence where you can receive mail, you may not receive a challenge notification if the county can verify your address.

Register on Election Day

To register on Election Day, you will need to show proof of residence. If you live outside, in a shelter, or are staying at a friend's house, you may not have documents proving you live there. If so, a registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place and sign an oath confirming where you live. If you live in a shelter, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm you live at the shelter.



Serve the community and promote the democratic process!

Election judges staff local polling places for the primary and general election as well as during early voting. You can earn money, meet your neighbors and help ensure that elections are administered in a fair manner.

Eligibility

Election judge

- U.S. citizen eligible to vote in Minnesota
- at least 18 years of age (if you are 16 or 17 years old, see our section on student election judges)
- able to read, write and speak English
- complete a two-hour training

Student election judge

- U.S. citizen
- at least 16 years old
- have approval from your parents and school's principal and complete an application that is signed by both

Positions and pay

Election judges are paid hourly for training and Election Day. If election judges desire, they may choose to volunteer their time and not be paid for service.

Precinct judge (\$10/hour)

Assists with general polling place duties such as setting up and taking down the polling place, greeting and directing incoming voters, processing registered voters, handing out ballots and assisting voters with forms and other needs.

Assistant head judge (\$13/hour)

Must have previous experience serving in a polling place. The assistant head judge assists the head judge, manages the registration table and registers voters.

Head judge (\$14/hour)

Must have previous experience serving in a polling place. The head judge manages the polling place.

Area logistics judge (ALJ) (\$15/hour)

Must have previous experience serving in a polling place. The ALJ monitors 10-12 polling places, assists head judges with issues, delivers supplies and other various duties.

Early voting judge (\$16/hour)

Uses a laptop computer to administer the voting process. For those not interested in working on a computer, judges also greet and direct incoming voters, issue ballots, and assist voters with forms and other needs. Must be willing to work a minimum of four days during the early voting period.

Student judge (\$10/hour)

Student judges perform duties similar to a precinct judge, but may work a shorter day and are limited to certain jobs within the polling place.



For nonpartisan candidate information

Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State

180 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Saint Paul, MN 55155 Metro Area: 651-215-1440 Greater MN: 1-877-600-VOTE (8683)

mnvotes.org

pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us

Ballotpedia

lwvsp.org

ballotpedia.org

651-789-0118

office@lwvsp.org

Party Contacts

Major Parties

Grassroots-Legalize-Cannabis Party

2114 East 35th Street Minneapolis, MN 55407 651-280-7922 info@grassrootsparty.net www.grassrootsparty.net

Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

255 East Plato Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55107 651-293-1200 1-800-999-7457 dfl.org

Minor Parties

Green Party of Minnesota

4200 Cedar Ave S, Suite 8 Minneapolis, MN 55407 651-288-2820 info@mngreens.org www.mngreens.org

Libertarian Party

1710 Douglas Drive N, Ste 225U Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422 612-440-1776 info@lpmn.org www.lpmn.org

Legal Marijuana Now Party

League of Women Voters 75 Fifth Street West, Suite 224

Saint Paul, MN 55102

1835 Englewood Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55104 www.legalcannabisnow.org

Minnesota Republican Party

7400 Metro Blvd, Suite 424 Edina, MN 55439 651-222-0022 info@mngop.com mngop.com

Independence Party

PO Box 40495 St. Paul, MN 55104 651-998-9156 info@mnip.org www.mnip.org



Absentee voting

Period beginning 46 days before Election Day when voters can vote by mail, in person via envelope, or in person via ballot counter (only seven days before Election Day)

Ballot

A list of candidates and proposed laws that voters mark to make choices

Ballot question

A proposed law drafted by citizens and placed on the ballot to be approved or rejected by voters

City

Home rule charter or statutory area based on population

County auditor

Principle county officer charged with duties relating to elections

General election

An election at which the voters choose public officials or presidential electors

Local election official

Municipal clerk or principle officer charged with duties relating to elections

Municipality

Any city or town

Polling place

Place of voting

Polling place roster

Official register for voters to verify name and address, and attest to oath of eligibility by signature

Precinct

A geographical area, boundaries established for election purposes according to state law

Primary

An election at which the voters choose the nominees for the offices to be filled at a general election



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www.mncounties.org/CLIC/County%20Officers/Duties%20of%20a%20County%20Commissioner.pdf

Federal Judicial Center:

www.fjc.gov

Minnesota Association of Townships:

www.mntownships.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/NEW_Afternoon_Duties_2018_handout.pdf

Minnesota County Attorney's Association:

www.mcaa-mn.org/page/overview

Minnesota House Research Department

https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/topics.aspx?topic=9

Minnesota House of Representatives Public Information Services:

www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/govser/GOVSER4.pdf

Minnesota Judicial Center:

www.mncourts.gov

Minnesota Office of the Revisors:

www.revisor.mn.gov

Minnesota Secretary of State, Elections Department:

www.mnvotes.org

Minnesota Senate Information Office:

www.senate.mn/publications/guide.pdf www.senate.mn/departments/info

Minnesota State Legislature:

www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/howbill

Ramsey County:

www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/leadership/board-commissioners www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/leadership/charter-commission

United States House of Representatives:

www.house.gov/the-house-explained

United States Senate:

www.senate.gov/history/origins.htm



