

VOTER GUIDE 2019



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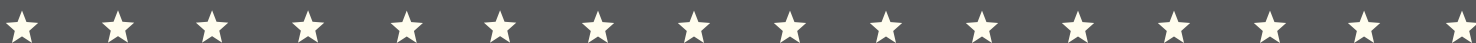


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Ramsey County Voter Guide

The Ramsey County Elections Office has created this guide to engage voters in the foundations of the voting process, from elected officials and the roles of their jobs to specific voting-related topics. Our goal is to serve as a resource to voters looking for information before preparing to cast their ballot. We also aim to support educators teaching students about civics and the impact of voting on our democracy. Through voting, you can select your local, state and national leaders and ensure that your voice is heard.

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

Since this document is living and growing and time-sensitive, 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 eight 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 also 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 are also providing civic programming and education to community partners to help voters (and future voters) become engaged and informed—*coming soon to a library near you!*

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



Federal Government

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. They consider the impact on society as well as legal precedent when making their decisions.

Executive Branch



The executive branch consists of the president, vice president, their advisors, and various departments and agencies. This branch is responsible for enforcing the laws of the land.

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 in diplomatic treaties
- signs bills into law

Impact

The president’s actions impact all American citizens.

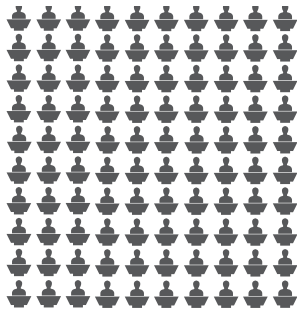
| President Vice President | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| Donald Trump Michael Pence | 4 | 2020 |
| <div><div></div><div>Comments—to leave a message: 202-456-1111</div></div> <div><div></div><div>Switchboard—to speak to someone: 202-456-1414</div></div> <div><div></div><div>whitehouse.gov/contact</div></div> <div><div></div><div>The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500</div></div> | | |

Legislative Branch



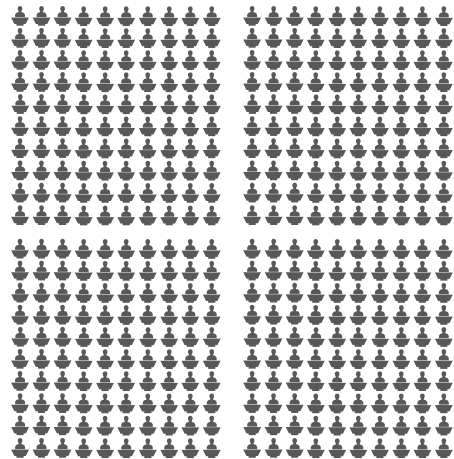
The legislative branch is made up of the Senate and the House of Representatives, known collectively as Congress. Among other powers, the legislative branch makes all laws, declares war, regulates interstate and foreign commerce, and controls taxing and spending.

100 U.S.
senators



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

435 U.S.
representatives



Minnesota has eight representatives in Washington.



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

U.S. Senate



Eligibility







- a United States citizen for at least nine years upon assuming office
- at least 30 years old upon assuming office
- an inhabitant of Minnesota at the 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 |
|---|------------|---------------|
| <div><div>Amy Klobuchar</div><div><div> D.C. office: 202-224-3244 Local: 612-727-5220 Toll free: 1-888-224-9043</div><div> klobuchar.senate.gov/public</div><div> 425 Dirksen Senate Building Washington, D.C. 20510 1200 Washington Ave S Room 250 Minneapolis, MN 55415</div></div></div> <div><div>6</div><div>2024</div></div> | | |
| <div><div>Tina Smith</div><div><div> D.C. office: 202-224-5641 Local: 651-221-1016</div><div> smith.senate.gov/HomePage</div><div> 720 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 60 Plato Blvd E Saint Paul, MN 55107</div></div></div> <div><div>6</div><div>2020</div></div> | | |

U.S. House of Representatives



Eligibility


- a citizen of the United States for the past seven years
- at least 25 years old upon assuming office
- an inhabitant of Minnesota at the 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
- 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 | Betty McCollum | 2 | 2020 |
| Represents most of Ramsey County, excluding Saint Anthony |  D.C. office: 202-225-6631 Local: 651-224-9191 | | |
| |  mcollum.house.gov | | |
| |  2256 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20515 661 LaSalle St, Ste 110 Saint Paul, MN 55114 | | |
| Minnesota District 5 | Ilhan Omar | 2 | 2020 |
| Represents Saint Anthony and parts of Hennepin County |  D.C. office: 202-225-4755 Local: 612-333-1272 | | |
| |  omar.house.gov | | |
| |  1517 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515 404 3rd Avenue North, Suite 203 Minneapolis, MN 55401 | | |

Judicial Branch



The judicial branch consists of the United States Supreme Court and the Federal Judiciary. Federal and supreme court judges are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate, not elected. Knowing more about the judiciary is important for citizens because the judiciary shares power with the executive and legislative branches.

In the Federal Judiciary, 94 district courts are organized into 12 circuits, or regions. Each circuit has its own Court of Appeals that reviews cases decided in U.S. District Courts within the circuit. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit brings the number of federal appellate courts to 13. This court takes cases from across the nation, but only particular types of cases.

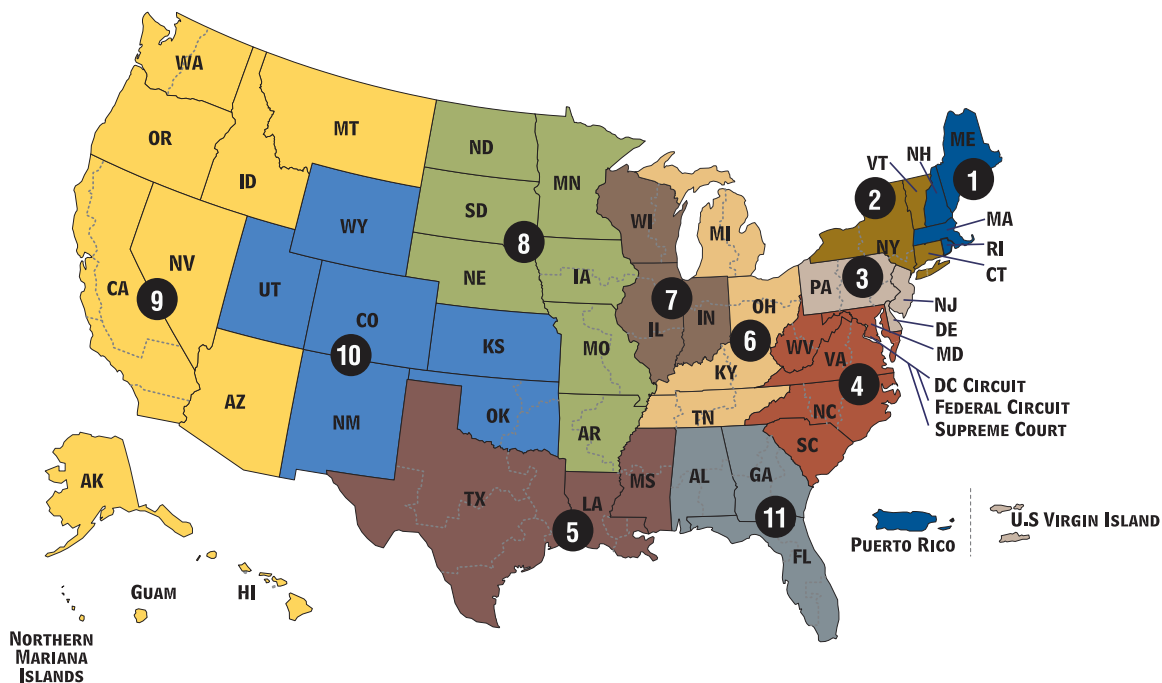
For more information on the Supreme Court:
www.supremecourt.gov

For more information on the Court of Appeals and District Courts:
www.fjc.gov/

E-learning on federal district courts: fjc.adobeconnect.com/plha0wwe1z0f/

Geographic Boundaries

of United States Courts of Appeals and United States District Courts



HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

A representative or senator sponsors a bill.

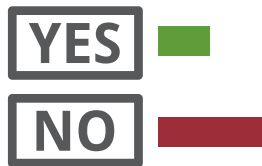


The bill is then assigned to a committee for study.

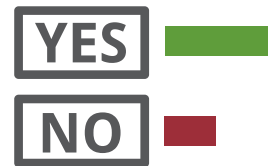


If a committee completes the study and moves the bill forward, it is put on a calendar to be voted on, debated or amended.

The bill may die in committee and not move forward.

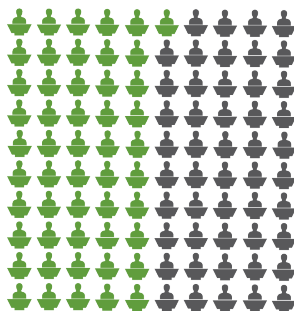


The House and Senate each votes on the bill. They can vote one at a time, or they may vote on their own versions of the same bill at that same time.



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.

Senate 51/100



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House 218/435



If the bill passes through both the Senate and the House, it will go to the president to sign the bill into law. *If they do not sign the bill, they veto it, which sends the bill back to Congress.*



STATE GOVERNMENT

State Government

Overview

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

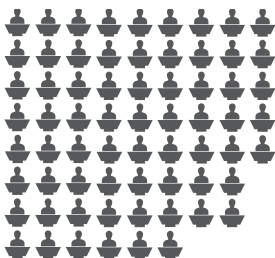
- transportation and infrastructure
- health and human services
- veterans' services
- corrections and criminal justice system
- education
- industry regulation
- state finance
- state parks, trails, rivers and lakes

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.

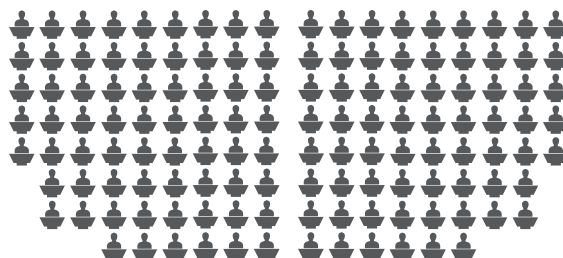
The **executive branch** of state government contains the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor and attorney general. Individuals of these offices are elected by all voters who live in Minnesota.

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 Congress.

MN Senate



MN House



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.

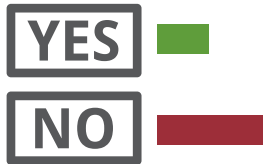


The bill is then assigned to a committee for study.

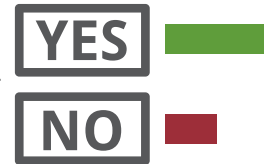


If a committee completes the study and moves the bill forward, it is put on a calendar to be voted on, debated or amended.

The bill may die in committee and not move forward.



The House and Senate each votes on the bill. They can vote one at a time, or they may vote on their own versions of the same bill at that same time.



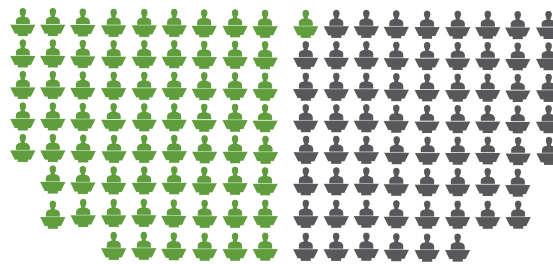
In the Senate, if the bill moves forward from committee and passes by simple majority (34 of 67), the bill moves to the House for a vote. In the House, if the bill moves forward from committee and passes by simple majority (68 of 134), the bill moves to the Senate for a vote.

Senate 34/67



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House 68/134



If the same version of the bill passes through both the Senate and the House, it will go to the governor to sign the bill into law.

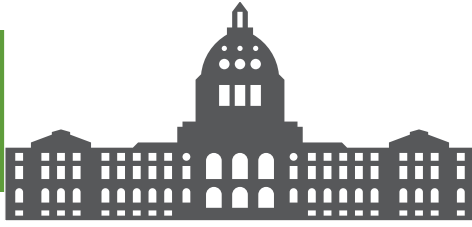
If they do not sign the bill, they veto it, which sends the bill back to the legislature.



SIGN



Executive Branch



Governor and Lieutenant Governor



Eligibility

- a resident of Minnesota for at least one year before the general election
- at least 25 years old upon assuming office
- 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 ☎ 651-201-3400 🌐 mn.gov/governor ✉ 130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155 | 4 | 2022 |

Minnesota 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 |
|  651-215-1440 | | |
|  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

Impact

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

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

Minnesota Attorney General



Eligibility




- at least 21 years old upon assuming office
- maintains residence in their district 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

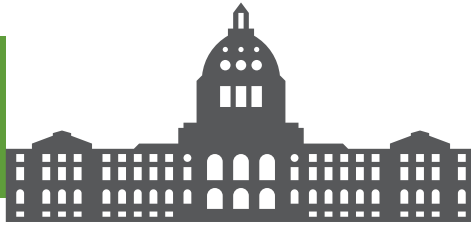
- provides legal services to state government
- represents the state in court cases
- enforces laws concerning charitable organizations
- protects public rights

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 odd-numbered year and convene on a date set by joint agreement of both bodies every even-numbered year.

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

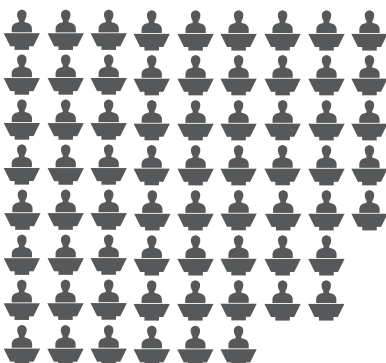
- resolve differences when the House and Senate pass different versions of a bill
- consist of three or five members of each body

For committee members and meeting schedules:

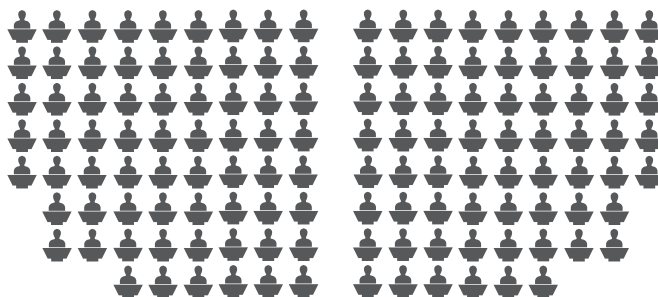
House: www.house.leg.state.mn.us/Committees/Home/91006

Senate: www.senate.mn/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3101&ls=91

Minnesota Senate - 67 seats



Minnesota House - 134 seats



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 | Roger Chamberlain | 4 | 2020 |
| North Oaks | 651-296-1253 | | |
| White Bear Lake City | sen.roger.chamberlain@senate.mn | | |
| White Bear Lake Town | 3225 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155 | | |
| District 41 | Carolyn Laine | 4 | 2020 |
| New Brighton | 651-296-4334 | | |
| | sen.carolyn.laine@senate.mn | | |
| | 2325 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155 | | |
| District 42 | Jason "Ike" Isaacson | 4 | 2020 |
| Arden Hills | 651-296-5537 | | |
| Gem Lakes | sen.jason.issacson@senate.mn | | |
| Mounds View | | | |
| Roseville | 2321 Minnesota Senate Bldg. | | |
| Shoreview | Saint Paul, MN 55155 | | |
| Vadnais Heights | | | |

| Ramsey County State Senators | | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|--|---|------------|--------------------|
| District 43 Maplewood North Saint Paul | Charles “Chuck” Wiger 651-296-6820 sen.charles.wiger@senate.mn 2219 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155 | 4 | 2020 |
| District 53 Maplewood | Susan Kent 651-296-4166 sen.susan.kent@senate.mn 2227 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155 | 4 | 2020 |
| District 64 Saint Paul | Dick Cohen 651-296-5931 sen.richard.cohen@senate.mn 2301 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155 | 4 | 2020 |
| District 65 Saint Paul | 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 | John Marty 651-296-5645 sen.john.marty@senate.mn 2401 Minnesota Senate Bldg. Saint Paul, MN 55155 | 4 | 2020 |
| District 67 Saint Paul | 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
- or 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 state laws
- 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
- responds to the needs and concerns of constituents

Impact

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

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

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

| Ramsey County State Representatives | | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|---|--|------------|--------------------|
| District 65A | Rena Moran | 2 | 2020 |
| Saint Paul | 651-296-5158 rep.rena.moran@house.mn 575 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155 | | |
| District 65B | Carlos Mariani | 2 | 2020 |
| Saint Paul | 651-296-9714 rep.carlos.mariani@house.mn 381 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155 | | |
| District 66A | Alice Hausman | 2 | 2020 |
| Falcon Heights Lauderdale Roseville Saint Paul | 651-296-3824 rep.alice.hausman@house.mn 453 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155 | | |
| District 66B | John Lesch | 2 | 2020 |
| Saint Paul | 651-296-4224 rep.john.lesch@house.mn 563 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155 | | |
| District 67A | Tim Mahoney | 2 | 2020 |
| Saint Paul | 651-296-4277 rep.tim.mahoney@house.mn 365 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155 | | |
| District 67B | Jay Xiong | 2 | 2020 |
| Saint Paul | 651-296-4201 rep.jay.xiong@house.mn 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. Supreme Court justices have a mandatory retirement age of 70.

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.

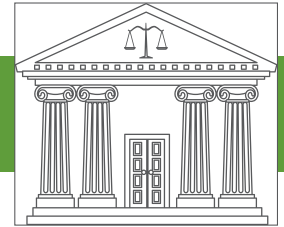
The court of appeals provides an additional review of all final decisions of the trial courts, state agencies, and local governments. The Court of Appeals is led by a chief judge who is appointed by the governor for a three-year term. The chief judge leads 18 Court of Appeals judges.

Minnesota has 294 district court judges, located in each of Minnesota's 87 counties. Minnesota contains 10 judicial districts. Ramsey County 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 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 1.3 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
- 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

- interprets the law and constitution
- hears constitutionality cases
- regulates all courts in the state
- recommends improvements of the judicial system
- oversees law practice and judicial planning
- hears appeals on decisions from the Court of Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, Tax Court and persons convicted of first-degree murder

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.

| Minnesota Supreme Court | | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Chief Justice | Lorie Skjerven Gildea | 6 | 2024 |
| Associate Justice | 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
- 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 |

Second District Court



Eligibility

- at least 21 years old
- 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 civil claims of damages up to \$15,000.

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: 651-222-4786 or email courthousetours@rchs.com.

| Second District Court | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| John H. Guthman | 6 | 2022 |
| Reynaldo Aligada | 6 | 2020 |
| Robert A. Awsumb | 6 | 2024 |
| Shawn M. Bartsch | 6 | 2020 |
| Joy D. Bartscher | 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 |
| JaPaul Harris | 6 | 2020 |
| DeAnne M. Hilgers | 6 | 2024 |

| Second District Court | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 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 | 2020 |
| 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 |
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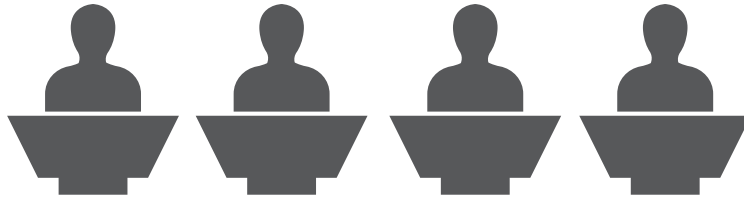
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT



County Commissioner



District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4



District 5

District 6

District 7

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

County Sheriff

County 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

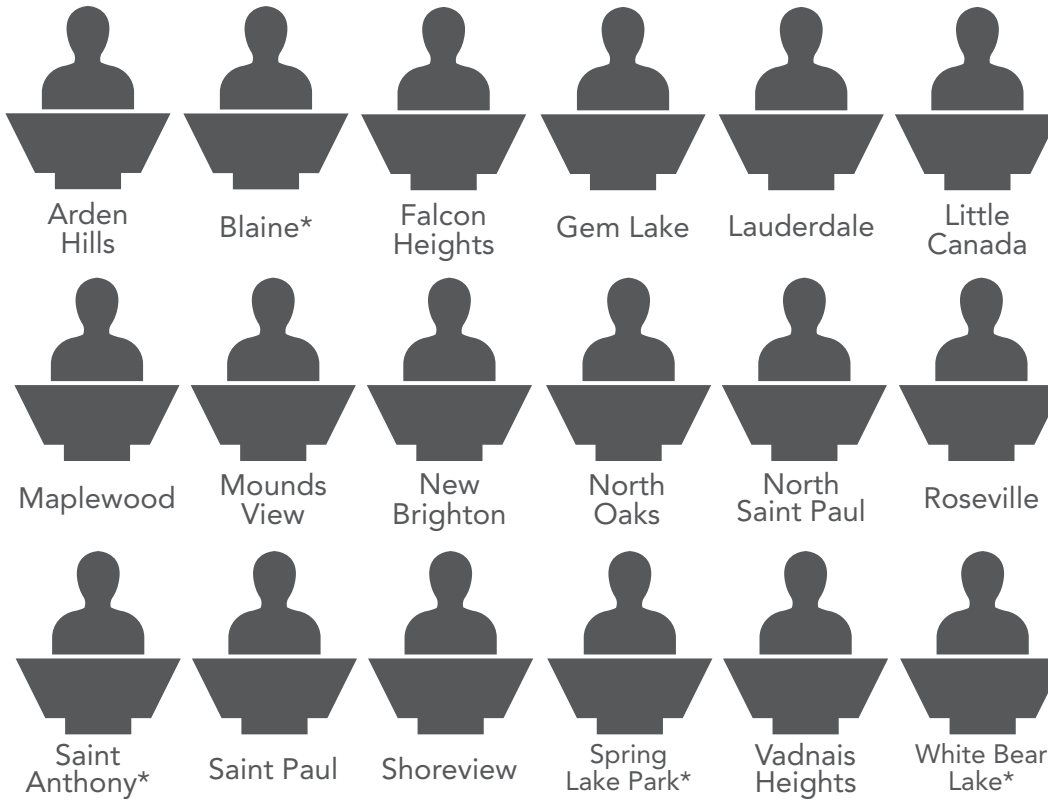
White Bear Lake



I.S.D. 625

Saint Paul

Mayor



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

Township Board White Bear Township



City Council



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

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



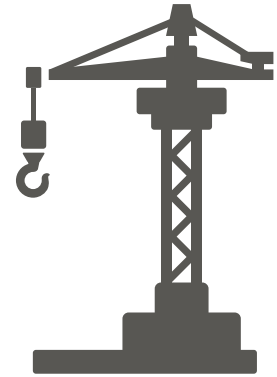
Parks and recreation



Recycling and refuse



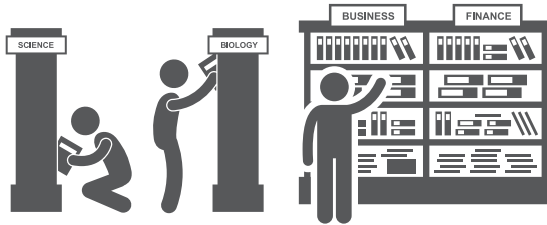
Roads maintenance



Infrastructure



Schools



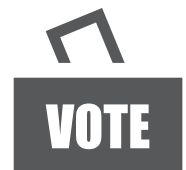
Libraries



Human Services



Veterans Services



Elections and voter services



Law enforcement



Justice system

County Commissioner

Eligibility

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

Responsibilities

- oversees the county's operation, management and administration
- manages the county budget and finances
- approves the annual county budget and determines the county's tax levy
- authorizes personnel rules
- hires the administrative head of the county
- participates in long-range planning initiatives
- develops and adopts county laws on topics such as public health, parks, solid waste management, roads and highways, zoning and land use
- authorizes the receipt and/or application of state and federal grants to pay for mandated state programs
- develops and approves the county's capital improvement budget for improvements to administrative buildings, roads and bridges, and public works facilities
- 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 their own district, but their work impacts county residents in the services they receive: human services, veterans' services, parks and recreation, public health, public safety, titles, records, taxes, elections, etc.

For commissioners' office information and biographies:

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

All commissioners' offices are located:

Ramsey County Board Office
Room 220 Courthouse
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102

| | Ramsey County Commissioner | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|------------|---|------------|--------------------|
| District 1 | Nicole Frethem nicole.frethem@ramseycounty.us *filled in 2019 special election for the duration of the term | 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
- has maintained 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 | 4 | 2022 |
| 651-266-9333 www.ramseycounty.us/contact-us?nid=2091 | | |

County Attorney

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
- 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 651-266-3222 | 4 | 2022 |

Mayor

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

- executes official documents
- makes 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

Impact

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

| Municipality | Mayor | Term Year | 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 | 2021 |
| 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 | Jerry Faust www.savmn.com/FormCenter/Contact-City-Council-12/Send-Mayor-Jerry-Faust-an-Email-58 | 4 | 2019 |
| 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 | Bob Nelson 763-783-1889 rnelson@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 in 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 city council 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 davemcclung@comcast.net | 4 | 2020 |
| | Steve Scott 651-604-0919 | 4 | 2022 |

| Municipality | Council Member | 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 |
| Ward 2 | Jess Robertson 612-964-0503 jrobertson@blainemn.gov | 4 | 2022 |
| Ward 2 | Julie Jeppson 763-354-4709 jjeppson@blainemn.gov | 4 | 2020 |
| Ward 3 | Andrew Garvais 612-229-8890 agarvais@blainemn.gov | 4 | 2020 |
| Ward 3 | Richard Paul 763-390-1499 rpaul@blainemn.gov | 4 | 2022 |
| Falcon Heights | | | |
| | Pamela Harris 651-348-7370 pamela.harris@falconheights.org 1865 Snelling Ave N | 4 | 2019 |
| | 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 |
| | Vacant seat | 4 | 2019 |

| Municipality | Council Member | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|---------------|---|------------|--------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |

| Municipality | Council Members | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|---------------|---|------------|--------------------|
| Little Canada | 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 |
| 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 |

| Municipality | Council Members | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|--------------|--|------------|--------------------|
| 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 | | | |
| | Hal Gray www.savmn.com/244/Council-Member-Hal-Gray | 4 | 2019 |
| | Jan Jenson www.savmn.com/245/Council-Member-Jan-Jenson | 4 | 2021 |

| Municipality | Council Members | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|--------------|--|------------|--------------------|
| | Thomas Randle www.savmn.com/243/Council-Member-Thomas-Randle | 4 | 2019 |
| | Randy Stille www.savmn.com/246/Council-Member-Randy-Stille | 4 | 2021 |
| Saint Paul | | | |
| Ward 1 | Dai Thao 651-266-8610 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 310-A City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102 | 4 | 2019 |
| Ward 2 | Rebecca Noecker 651-266-8620 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 310-B City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102 | 4 | 2019 |
| Ward 3 | Chris Tolbert 651-266-8630 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 310-C City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102 | 4 | 2019 |
| Ward 4 | Mitra Jalali Nelson 651-266-8640 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 310-D City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102 | 4 | 2019 |
| Ward 5 | Amy Brendmoen 651-266-8650 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 320-A City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102 | 4 | 2019 |
| Ward 6 | Kassim Busuri 651-266-8660 15 Kellogg Blvd W, 320-B City Hall Saint Paul, MN 55102 | 4 | 2019 |
| 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 | 2019 |

| 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 |

| Municipality | Council Members | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|-----------------|--|------------|--------------------|
| White Bear Lake | | | |
| Ward 1 | Bill Walsh 651-373-1819 ward1@whitebearlake.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Ward 2 | Douglas Biehn 651-235-2249 ward2@whitebearlake.org | 4 | 2021 |
| Ward 3 | Dan Jones 651-283-6097 ward3@whitebearlake.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Ward 4 | Kevin L. Edberg 651-307-8420 ward4@whitebearlake.org | 4 | 2021 |
| Ward 5 | Steven Engstran 651-777-4488 ward5@whitebearlake.org | 4 | 2019 |

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 | 2019 |
| Andrea Scamehorn, Clerk 612-789-9464 ascamehorn@stanthony.k12.mn.us | 4 | 2019 |
| Leah Slye, Chair 612-781-3982 leahslye@stanthony.k12.mn.us | 4 | 2021 |
| Mike Volna 651-635-9771 email at mdv@iphouse.com | 4 | 2019 |

| 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 |
| Diane Glasheen 651-621-6081 Diane.Glasheen@moundsviewschools.org | 4 | 2021 |
| Bob Helgeson, Treasurer 651-621-6084 Bob.Helgeson@moundsviewschools.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Amy Jones 651-621-6085 amy.jones@moundsviewschools.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Marre Jo Sager 651-621-6086 MarreJo.Sager@moundsviewschools.org | 4 | 2021 |
| Jonathan Weinhausen, Chair 651-621-6083 Jonathan.Weinhausen@moundsviewschools.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Sandra Westerman, Clerk 651-621-6087 sandra.westerman@moundsviewschools.org | 4 | 2019 |
| 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 | 2019 |
| Erin Azer, Director 651-788-7711 erin.azer@isd623.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Mike Boguszewski, Clerk 612-963-2431 michael.boguszewski@isd623.org | 4 | 2019 |
| 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 | | |
| 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 |
| Ellen Fahey, Clerk 651-653-5234 Ellen.Fahey@isd624.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Don Mullin, Chair 651-707-7403 Donald.Mullin@isd624.org | 4 | 2021 |
| Margaret Newmaster 651-429-0357 Margaret.Newmaster@isd624.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Scott A. Wilson (651) 426-9278 Scott.Wilson@isd624.org | 4 | 2019 |

| School District Board Member | Term Years | Next Election Year |
|--|------------|--------------------|
| I.S.D. 625 Saint Paul | | |
| John Brodrick, Director 651-645-7500 John.Brodrick@spps.org | 4 | 2021 |
| Zuki Ellis, Chair 651-328-1443 Zuki.Ellis@spps.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Jeannie Foster, Clerk 763-760-2676 Jeanelle.Foster@spps.org | 4 | 2021 |
| Steve Marchese, Vice Chair 651-468-5440 Steven.Marchese@spps.org | 4 | 2019 |
| John Schumacher, Director 612-719-5250 Jon.Schumacher@spps.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Mary Vanderwert 651-431-8626 Mary.Vanderwert@spps.org | 4 | 2019 |
| Marny Xiong, Treasurer 651-428-8645 Marny.Xiong@spps.org | 4 | 2021 |
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Ramsey County City and Township Information

Ramsey County Elections staff manage voter registration for 16 cities and one township. We also administer absentee voting for the cities who contract with us. In addition, we may perform other elections activities for the cities we serve. 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 all council proceedings and official records such as minutes and resolutions
- publish legal notices and newly adopted ordinances
- serve as election administrator for local, state and federal elections *or* oversee the election contract with Ramsey County
- 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
- assist city staff and the general public in researching information regarding city council actions
- publish ordinances and city actions requiring notification

Arden Hills

City Clerk
Julie Hanson
651-792-7811
jhanson@cityofardenhills.org
www.cityofardenhills.org

Falcon Heights

City Administrator
Sack Thongvanh
651-792-7611
sack.thongvanh@falconheights.org
www.falconheights.org

Gem Lake

City Clerk
Gloria Tessier
651-747-2792
651-747-2790
gloria.tessier@gemlakemn.org
www.gemlakemn.com

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

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Lauderdale

City Administrator
Heather Butkowski
651-792-7657
heather.butkowski@
lauderdalemn.org
lauderdalemn.org/

Ramsey County manages

Voter registration

Little Canada

City Clerk
Heidi Heller
651-766-4047
heidi.heller@littlecanadamn.org
www.littlecanadamn.org/

Ramsey County manages

Voter registration

Maplewood

City Clerk
Andrea Sindt
651-249-2002
andrea.sindt@maplewoodmn.gov
maplewoodmn.gov/

Ramsey County manages

Voter registration

Mounds View

City Administrator
Nyle Zikmund
763-717-4001
nyle.zikmund@moundsviewmn.org
www.moundsviewmn.org

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

New Brighton

City Clerk
Terri Spangrud
651-638-2045
Terri.Spangrud@newbrightonmn.gov
www.newbrightonmn.gov

Ramsey County manages

Voter registration

North Oaks

City Administrator
Mike Robertson
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www.cityofnorthoaks.com

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

North Saint Paul

Deputy City Clerk
Mary Mills
651-747-2403
mary.mills@northstpaul.org
www.northstpaul.org

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Roseville

City Manager
Pat Trudgeon
651-792-7021
pat.trudgeon@cityofroseville.com
www.cityofroseville.com

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Saint Anthony

City Clerk
Nicole Miller
612-782-3313
nicole.miller@savmn.com
www.savmn.com

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Saint Paul

City Clerk
Shari Moore

651-266-8688 or 651-266-8560
cityclerk@ci.stpaul.mn.us
www.stpaul.gov

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

White Bear Lake

City Clerk
Kara Coustry

651-429-8508
kcoustry@whitebearlake.org
www.whitebearlake.org

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Shoreview

Deputy City Clerk
Amy Truhlar

651-490-4614
atruhlar@shoreviewmn.gov
www.shoreviewmn.gov/home

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration

White Bear Township

Clerk-Treasurer
Patrick Christopherson

651-747-2768
Pat.Christopherson@whitebeartownship.org
www.whitebeartownship.org

Ramsey County manages

- Voter registration, absentee voting and Election Day
- Election judge recruitment and training
- Candidate filing and campaign finance
- Petitions filing
- Recounts

Vadnais Heights

Assistant City Administrator
Tim Sandvik

651-204-6013
tim.sandvik@cityvadnaisheights.com
www.cityvadnaisheights.com

Ramsey County manages

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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 (M.S. 204C.04 & 204C.08, subd., 1d).
- Take only as much time as you need to vote, then return to work.
- Your employer cannot directly or indirectly refuse, limit, or interfere with this right, including what time you choose to vote.
- Your employer can ask that you tell them when you will be gone and request that employees coordinate their absences to minimize workplace disruptions.



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 your sample ballot when it is available, visit mnvotes.org.

November 5, 2019 General Election

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Ramsey County | Commissioner District 1 |
| Falcon Heights | Mayor and City Council |
| Saint Anthony | Mayor and City Council |
| Saint Paul | City Council |
| White Bear Lake | Mayor and City Council |
| I.S.D. 282 | Saint Anthony-New Brighton |
| I.S.D. 621 | Mounds View |
| I.S.D. 623 | Roseville |
| I.S.D. 624 | White Bear Lake |
| I.S.D. 625 | Saint Paul |



Voter Registration Deadlines

While you can register to vote at your polling place on Election Day, you can vote more quickly if you are registered in advance. Registering before Election Day ensures you will appear on the roster in your polling place with all your 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 2019 elections.

For the November 5, 2019 general election:

Register by October 15, 2019 (5 p.m. in person and midnight online).

If you miss registering by these dates, you can still register on Election Day.

Registering to Vote on Election Day

To register at your polling place on Election Day, bring one proof of residence listed below.

ID with current name and address

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature

Photo ID and a document with current name and address

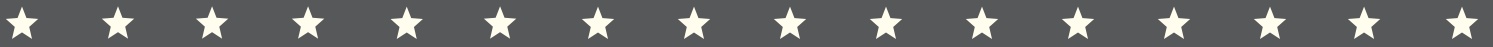
Choose one approved photo ID (can be expired)

- Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit issued by 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

Choose one of the approved 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

[See the following page for more options.](#)



Election Day registration options continued...

Voter from your precinct who can confirm your address

A voter who lives in your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This voter will complete a voucher form as part of your voter registration application. You cannot vouch for others if someone has vouched for you. Vouchers may vouch for only eight voters per election.

College student ID with housing list

Colleges and universities may send election officials a student housing list. If you are on the list at the polling place, show your college photo ID to complete your registration.

Valid registration in the same precinct

If you are registered in the precinct but changed names or moved within the same precinct, tell the election judge your previous name or address and they will confirm.

Notice of late registration

If you registered to vote within 20 days of the election, you may get a Notice of Late Registration in the mail. Bring it with you to use as your proof of residence to register.

Staff person of a residential facility

If you live in a residential facility, a staff person can go with you to the polling place to confirm your address. The staff person will complete a voucher form as part of your voter registration application. A staff person can vouch for all eligible voters living in the facility. The staff person must prove they work at the facility, such as by showing an employee badge or providing election judges with a staff list printed on the facility letterhead.



Vote Before Election Day

To vote before Election Day, you can vote by mail, in person beginning 46 days before Election Day, or during early voting (one week before Election Day).

Vote by mail

For 2019, submit your absentee application:

- **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

In state election years (even years), voters have an additional option to complete an application online at mnvotes.org.

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 mail or in person.

Return by mail

Mail your ballot back in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that was provided with your ballot materials.

- 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 be delivered to the Elections Office from an express delivery service until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Return in person

You may return your ballot in person to Ramsey County Elections by 3 p.m. on Election Day.

Note: Persons delivering ballots for others may do so for only three voters in each election and they must show ID to elections staff.

Changing your vote

If we have already accepted your voted absentee ballot (this can be verified at mnvotes.org), you can ask us to replace it until 4:30 p.m. seven days before Election Day. Please call the Elections office to discuss your voting options.

Vote absentee in person

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 rcelections.org for more locations.

Vote early

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.

Early voting for the November 5, 2019 municipal general election:

October 29, 2019 to November 4, 2019





Ranked Voting in Saint Paul

The City of Saint Paul employs the ranked choice voting method for municipal offices. In 2019, Saint Paul voters can rank up to six different candidates for Saint Paul city council. Your first choice is the candidate you would most like to see elected. If you wish to rank your second choice, you will select that candidate in the corresponding second and column on the ballot. Continue this process to pick your remaining choices.

How to Mark Your Ballot for City Council

Pick your first choice by completely filling in the box next to that candidate's name.

If you have a second choice, fill in the box next to that candidate.

Continue this process to pick your remaining choices, if you have any.

| 1st choice Select one | 2nd choice (if any) Select one | 3rd choice (if any) Select one |
|---|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate 2 |
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Winning the election

Candidates win the election by getting a majority of first choice votes cast on election night (50% of votes plus one additional vote).

If no candidate receives a majority of first choice votes, a reallocation occurs. The candidate who receives the fewest number of first choice votes will be eliminated. Votes from the eliminated candidate will then be reallocated to the remaining candidates based on the voter's next highest choice.

The counting and reallocation continues in rounds until one candidate receives a majority of votes. If only two candidates remain and neither has received a majority of votes cast, then the candidate with the most votes is the winner. To see a video of the reallocation process, visit rcelections.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I required to rank more than one candidate when voting?

No, you have the option to rank only one candidate.

How many candidates can I rank?

You can rank up to six candidates.

Can I have more than one first choice?

No, you can only rank one first choice candidate.

How do I vote for school board candidates?

School board candidates are elected using the traditional voting method.

When will we know who has won the election?

The winner of the election will be known on election night if a candidate gets a majority of first choice votes. If additional counting is required, the official winner will be known no later than two weeks after the election.



Voting While in a Nursing Home or Hospital

Teams of election judges visit nursing homes and hospitals during the 20 days before the election, providing ballots to eligible residents of the facility 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 through 2 p.m. on Election Day. Each agent is allowed to deliver and return ballots for a maximum of three voters and must show ID 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:
 - *Request for agent delivery of absentee ballot form*
 - *Absentee ballot application*
- 3 Have your agent bring the completed forms to Ramsey County Elections to pick up your ballot. **Your agent can pick up a ballot until 2 p.m. on Election Day.**
- 4 Your agent will be given your ballot and envelopes to bring to you.
- 5 Vote your ballot and complete materials according to the enclosed instructions.
- 6 Have your agent return your voted ballot to the office where they picked it up.
 - Your agent must show an ID with name and signature
 - Voted ballots must be returned 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.
- 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: by email, fax or mail.

Ballots are sent out by election officials 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 will be sent to you by an express mail service if you provide a prepaid envelope to the county elections office.

Submit your voted ballot

Regardless of how you received the 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.



Voting If You Fear for Your Safety

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

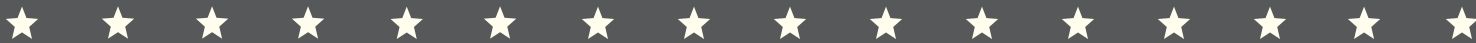
A person who is a registered predatory offender, or a predatory offender required to register in any state, is not eligible.

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 Experiencing Homelessness

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.

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.



Election Judge Information

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

- at least 16 years old
- have approval from their parents and their school's principal
- submit a written request to their principal at least 10 days before Election Day
- complete an application that is also signed by parents/guardians and principal

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)

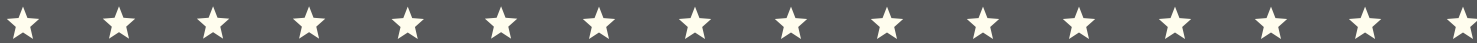
Must have previous experience serving in a polling place. The ALJ monitors 10-12 polling places, assists head judges with issues, delivers supplies and other various duties.

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.



Candidate Information

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

League of Women Voters

75 Fifth Street West, Suite 224
Saint Paul, MN 55102

651-789-0118

office@lwvsp.org
lwvsp.org

Ballotpedia

ballotpedia.org

Party Contacts

Grassroots Legalize Cannabis Party

2114 East 35th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55407

651-280-7922

info@grassrootsparty.net
www.grassrootsparty.net

Legal Marijuana Now Party

1835 Englewood Ave.
Saint Paul, MN 55104

www.legalcannabisnow.org

Independence Party

PO Box 40495
St. Paul, MN 55104

651-998-9156

info@mnip.org
www.mnip.org

Libertarian Party

1710 Douglas Drive N, Ste 225U
Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422

612-440-1776

info@lpmn.org
www.lpmn.org

Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

255 East Plato Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55107

651-293-1200
1-800-999-7457

dfl.org

Minnesota Republican Party

7400 Metro Blvd, Suite 424
Edina, MN 55439

651-222-0022

info@mngop.com
mngop.com



Glossary

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.mncourts.gov

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www.revisor.mn.gov

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www.mnvotes.org

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www.senate.gov/history/origins.htm



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