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NONPARTISAN VOTERS GUIDE

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**GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

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## To Be Able to Vote in Minnesota You Must Be:



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

## Voting Information and Where to Find It:

Go to **Minnesota Secretary of State — Elections & Voting** at [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) or call 311 to learn about:

- Registering to vote
- Requesting a voter registration application
- Requesting a mail (absentee) ballot
- Locating your polling place
- Requesting a sample ballot

## Other Ways to Vote:

**For TTY/TTD Closed Caption Communication:** contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 or 711.

**For Safe at Home:** If you participate in Minnesota's Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program do not register online; call 1-866-723-3035.

**For voting information in additional languages** visit [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org). For help translating go to: [vote.minneapolismn.gov](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov), call 311 or 612-673-3000.

- **For voter registration in multiple languages go to:** <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/>
- Para obtener información sobre la votación en español, visite [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org). Para obtener ayuda para traducir [vote.minneapolismn.gov](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov) llame al 311 o al 612-673-3000.
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Go to [LWVMpls.org](https://LWVMpls.org) or [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org) for more in-depth information on voting and how to prepare for the November 8 elections.

# Important Dates



**October 18** **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES**  
Pre-registration by mail ends at 5 pm. Online pre-registration ends at 11:59 p.m.

**Oct 19-Nov 7** Register in person (with proof of residence) at Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Ave, 55414, or register when you vote by mail. If you are not registered and apply to vote by mail, you will automatically be mailed a voter registration application to complete and mail back with your filled-in ballot.

**November 8** Register at your polling place **(with proof of residence)**

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## VOTING DEADLINES

**Sep 23-Nov 7** Early voting in person or by mail

**November 8** **Election Day 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.**  
Vote in person at your assigned polling place. Find your polling place at: [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us)

OR

Return your mail (absentee) ballot in person by 3 p.m. to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, 55414.  
**Mail (absentee) ballots cannot be dropped off at polling places.**

*Note: Voting by mail takes time. Apply for your mail (absentee) ballot as soon as possible to allow for mailing delays. Refer to **How to Vote by Mail** in this guide.*

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## Accepted Proof of Residence:

- **Photo ID with current address** (driver's license, learner's permit, state ID card, tribal ID, U.S. Military or veteran ID)
- **Photo ID plus a document with current address** (Photo ID can include a U.S. passport, MN university ID, a MN technical college ID, and a MN high school ID. An additional document that shows your name and current address can include a recent utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, residential lease, student fee statement, or any government document.)
- **A registered voter from your precinct who will vouch for your residency.** (A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you.)
- **Go to [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) for additional Election Day Registration and voting information.**

# How to Vote in Person

## Early voting (Begins September 23 and ends November 7 at 5 p.m.)

You may vote early in person at Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis 55414 or at the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S 6th Street, Minneapolis, 55415. **For early voting hours at the above addresses, go to [vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person).**

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## On Election Day (November 8, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

To find your polling place go to [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) or call 311. You can also call 651-215-1440, or Safe at Home at 651-201-1399.

You will need to bring proof of residence if:

- You are not registered to vote
  - You have moved since you last voted and have not registered the change
  - You have changed your name since the last election and have not registered the change
  - You have not voted in the last four years
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## If You Need Help With Your Ballot

Beginning September 23, you can ask almost anyone you choose who is at least 18 years old and who is not a candidate, an employer, or a member of your union, to help you vote, drop off, or mail your ballot. This person can help drop off or mail ballots for no more than three people. **If you drop off a ballot for someone else, you must show identification with your name and signature.**

Between November 1 and November 8, in a few cases (such as living in a nursing home) an “agent” can pick up your blank ballot from the city, bring it to you to complete, and then mail it or drop it off for you. The agent must be at least 18 years old, have a pre-existing relationship with you and cannot be a candidate. The agent can pick up your ballot starting 7 days before the election and up until 2pm on election day, November 8. It must be returned no later than 3pm on November 8 to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Ave, **not to your polling place. The agent must show identification with their name and signature when returning a ballot.**

Go to [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) for more information, to see if you and your agent qualify, or to get materials in other languages or formats.

**Curbside Voting:** If you cannot enter the polling place on election day, you can register and vote from the curb.

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## Track your Ballot

You can track the status of your ballot at [mnvotes.org](https://mnvotes.org).

# How to Vote by Mail (Absentee)

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## Apply for a Mail (Absentee) Ballot

You can apply for a mail (absentee) ballot anytime, but the City of Minneapolis recommends applying at **least 14 days before the election**. If you are not registered when you request your mail (absentee) ballot, you will automatically receive a voter registration form along with your ballot. Both forms can be completed and returned together. **You can print an application at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) or call 311 to request a paper copy to be mailed to you (allow extra time for possible mailing delays).**

### RETURN YOUR PAPER APPLICATION VIA EMAIL, FAX, OR MAIL

**Email:** [minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:minneapolisabsentee@minneapolismn.gov)

**Fax:** 612-673-2756

**Mail:** Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414-1314. Mail (absentee) ballots will be sent beginning September 23.

**Allow 7-10 days for your ballot to arrive.**

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## Vote!

### ASSEMBLE YOUR BALLOT MATERIALS

- You will need a witness when you sign your mail (absentee) ballot.
- Your witness must be a registered Minnesota voter, a notary, or an election official.
- Once you complete your ballot, place and seal it in the tan envelope.
- Place the tan envelope into the white signature envelope. **You must sign the white signature envelope and provide your driver's license number or the last 4 digits of your social security number. A witness must also provide their name and address and sign the witness signature box.** If registering to vote at the same time, place the voter registration inside the white signature envelope. Finally, seal the white signature envelope.



## Return Your Ballot

### MAIL YOUR BALLOT

Place the white signature envelope into the white mailing envelope. This envelope does not need a stamp. **You are encouraged to mail your ballot as soon as you fill it out, but the City of Minneapolis recommends returning it at least 7 days before the election.** To be counted, mail (absentee) ballots must be received in the mail by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8.

### OR RETURN YOUR MAIL (ABSENTEE) BALLOT IN PERSON

to Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services, 980 E Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis, 55414, or to the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S 6th St, Minneapolis, 55415.

- You can deliver your ballot Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. between September 23 and November 7.
- On Election Day, ballots may be delivered to the Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services office or to the Hennepin County Government Center no later than 3 p.m.
- **Mail (absentee) ballots cannot be dropped off at a polling place.**
- If you have questions, call 311.



## Redistricting: Why and How

This year you may find that your voting district and polling place have changed. What's happened?

In 2022 many people experienced this change in their voting area. This process, redistricting, happens every ten years as states, counties, and cities across the country adjust their political boundaries to fit new census numbers. Because the population of Minnesota has changed, the size and boundaries of congressional, state, and local districts change so that each has approximately the same number of people. That way the value of each vote is equal.

In Minnesota the process starts with the legislature and governor. The political parties redraw maps for our eight congressional, state legislature, and metropolitan council districts. It can be tempting for parties to try to design these areas for their own particular advantage, sometimes resulting in weird shapes and unusual inclusions. This is called gerrymandering.

Our system in Minnesota is set up to avoid gerrymandering. Here, when the parties and the governor don't agree, as has happened for all of the past 50 years, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints a redistricting panel to draw new boundaries. The panel completed its work in February, 2022.

With congressional and state legislative boundaries determined, local redistricting begins. Cities, county boards, and school districts set their own local boundaries. In Minneapolis our Charter Commission, with the help of an advisory group and input from the community, draws the maps for Park Board districts and the city's wards and precincts.

Groups charged with adjusting voting districts are subject to specific rules, such as creating districts that are convenient for voting and are approximately equal in population. They also are charged with making sure that voters who belong to communities of color or Native American tribes are able to fairly elect their representatives.

When local maps are completed and approved by the Minneapolis City Council and the Park Board, notices of updated polling places are sent to all registered voters. Before the primary election, we know if our district and precinct have changed, and we are notified as to where we can vote. The process itself, with all of its approvals and bipartisan committees, ensures that our vote is equal to a vote in any other part of the state. It's good to know that each person has as much clout as every other voter.

# Be An Informed Voter – Know the Office, Know the Candidates

## U.S. House of Representatives – District 5 (Entire City of Minneapolis) ★

The U.S. House of Representatives makes and passes federal laws. The U.S. House is one of Congress's two chambers (the other is the U.S. Senate), and part of the federal government's legislative branch. The number of voting representatives in the U.S. House is fixed by law at no more than 435, proportionally representing the population of the 50 states.

**Length of term:**  
Two years  
**Salary:** \$174,000

### OFFICIAL DUTIES

- Sponsors bills and resolutions
- Has the power to initiate bills to collect tax money and other revenue
- Serves on committees
- Offers amendments
- Has the ability to impeach federal officials

For more information: <https://www.house.gov>

## US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES

### ILHAN OMAR (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL  
[Ilhanomar.com](http://Ilhanomar.com)

### CICELY DAVIS

Party: Republican  
[cicelydavis.com](http://cicelydavis.com)

## Public Safety Is On the Ballot Again This Year

This November, you won't see an obvious question on the ballot like last year's City Question #2. But almost every federal, state and local public office in the General Election affects policing and public safety in Minneapolis. The Mayor and Police Chief have direct authority over the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD), but those powers are limited by state and federal policies.

When you vote, think about how some of these elected offices impact equity in public safety and policing in Minneapolis:

- Congress protects public employees with "qualified immunity".
- The Governor and State Legislature set the parameters for police union contracts.
- The County Attorney decides which crimes are prosecuted.
- The Sheriff serves warrants, subpoenas and orders of protection.
- The School Board oversees safety personnel and systems on school property.
- Judges oversee criminal trials and civil lawsuits.

# MN Governor & Lieutenant Governor ★

The governor of Minnesota is the head of the government of the U.S. state of Minnesota, leading the state's executive branch. The Lieutenant Governor represents the governor, and assumes the governor's responsibilities in the governor's absence, death, or resignation.

**Length of term:**  
Four years  
**Salary:** \$127,629  
(Lt. Gov: \$82,959)

## OFFICIAL DUTIES

- Administers laws and affairs of the state
- Appoints a cabinet consisting of the leaders of various state departments
- Appoints over 130 boards, commissions, task forces, and advisory councils
- Proposes a state budget
- Approves or vetoes bills passed by the legislature
- Calls emergency legislative sessions
- Appoints judges to vacancies in District, Appeals, and Supreme Courts

For more information: [mn.gov/governor/](http://mn.gov/governor/)

## MN GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES

### **TIM WALZ and PEGGY FLANAGAN (INCUMBENTS)**

Party: DFL  
[walzflanagan.org](http://walzflanagan.org)

### **SCOTT JENSEN and MATT BIRK**

Party: Republican  
[drscottjensen.com](http://drscottjensen.com)

### **STEVE PATTERSON and MATT HUFF**

Party: Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis  
[patterforgov.com](http://patterforgov.com)

### **JAMES MCCASKEL and DAVID SANDBECK**

Party: Legal Marijuana Now  
[james4mn.com](http://james4mn.com)

### **HUGH MCTAVISH and MIKE WINTER**

Party: Independence – Alliance  
[mctavish4mn.org](http://mctavish4mn.org)

### **GABRIELLE M. PROSSER and KEVIN A. DWIRE**

Party: Socialist Workers  
[themilitant.com](http://themilitant.com)



## MN Secretary of State ★

The MN Secretary of State oversees statewide elections and operates the statewide voter registration system. The office reviews and approves the filings for all businesses and organizations operating in the state. It also processes notary public applications, preserves documents filed with the state, and administers the Safe at Home program. The Secretary of State is the keeper of the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota, and is also the keeper of the original chapter laws passed and signed each legislative session.

**Length of term:**  
Four years  
**Salary:** \$95,722

### DIVISIONS

- Elections
- Business Services
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Notary and Apostille Services
- Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program
- Boards & Commissions

**For more information:** [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

## MN SECRETARY OF STATE CANDIDATES

### STEVE SIMON (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL  
[stevesimonmn.com](http://stevesimonmn.com)

### KIM CROCKETT

Party: Republican  
[kimsos.com](http://kimsos.com)

## MN State Auditor ★

The MN State Auditor oversees local government financial activity in Minnesota by performing audits of local government financial statements and by reviewing documents, data, reports, and complaints reported to the Office. The financial information collected from local governments is analyzed and serves as the basis of statutory reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor.

**Length of Term:**  
Four years  
**Salary:**  
\$108,485

### DIVISIONS

- Audit Practice
- Constitutional Office
- Government Information
- Legal/Special Investigations
- Pension
- Tax Increment Financing

**For more information:** [www.osa.state.mn.us](http://www.osa.state.mn.us)

## MN STATE AUDITOR CANDIDATES

### JULIE BLAHA (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL  
[blahaforauditor.org](http://blahaforauditor.org)

### WILL FINN

Party: Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis  
[Linktr.ee/willfinn2022](http://Linktr.ee/willfinn2022)

### TIM DAVIS

Party: Legal Marijuana Now  
763-742-6198

### RYAN WILSON

Party: Republican  
[wilson4mn.com](http://wilson4mn.com)

# MN Attorney General ★

The MN Attorney General provides legal representation to over 100 state agencies, boards, and commissions, and represents the State of Minnesota in state and federal court and administrative hearings. In some cases, the Office provides legal assistance to rural county prosecutors in major felonies and criminal appeals. The Office enforces state consumer protection and antitrust laws, regulates charitable institutions, and advocates for people and small businesses in utilities matters.

**Length of Term:**  
Four years  
**Salary:**  
\$121,248

## OFFICIAL DUTIES

- Provides legal services to state government
- Enforces laws concerning charitable organizations and public rights
- Represents the state in court cases

**For more information:** [www.ag.state.mn.us](http://www.ag.state.mn.us)

## MN ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATES

### KEITH ELLISON (INCUMBENT)

Party: DFL  
[Keithellison.org](http://Keithellison.org)

### JIM SCHULTZ

Party: Republican  
[Jimformnag.com](http://Jimformnag.com)

# MN State Senate ★

The MN Senate is the upper chamber of the Minnesota State Legislature. At 67 members, half as many as the MN House of Representatives, it is the largest upper house of any U.S. state legislature. Each single-member Senate district represents approximately 80,000 constituents. In addition to its legislative powers, to enact and revise laws at the state level, certain appointments by the governor are subject to the Senate’s advice and consent. Both legislative houses meet each year between January and May. The number of days per biennium is not to exceed 120.

**Length of term:**  
Four years  
**Salary:** \$46,500

**For more information:** [www.senate.mn](http://www.senate.mn)

## MN STATE SENATE CANDIDATES

### District 59

**BOBBY JOE CHAMPION**  
Party: DFL  
[champion4change.org](http://champion4change.org)

### District 61

**SCOTT DIBBLE**  
Party: DFL  
[Scottdibble.com](http://Scottdibble.com)

### ANDREW SCHMITZ

Party: Republican  
651-222-0022

### District 60

**KARI DZIEDZIC**  
Party: DFL  
[Kari4senate.com](http://Kari4senate.com)

### District 62

**OMAR FATEH**  
Party: DFL  
[omarfateh.org](http://omarfateh.org)

### District 63

**ZAYNAB MOHAMED**  
Party: DFL  
[zaynabmohamed.org](http://zaynabmohamed.org)

### SHAWN HOLSTER

Party: Republican  
[shawnholster.com](http://shawnholster.com)

# MN State House of Representatives ★

The MN House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the Minnesota State Legislature. Alongside the MN State Senate, it forms the legislative branch of the Minnesota state government and works alongside the governor of Minnesota to create laws and establish a state budget. Legislative authority and responsibilities of the MN House of Representatives include passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes.

**Length of term:**  
Two years  
**Salary:** \$46,500

For more information: [www.house.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us)

## MN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES

### District 59A

**FUE LEE**

Party: DFL

[Fuelee.org](http://Fuelee.org)

### District 59B

**ESTHER AGBAJE**

Party: DFL

[estheragbaje.com](http://estheragbaje.com)

### District 60A

**DIANA HALSEY**

Party: Republican

651-222-0022

**SYDNEY JORDAN**

Party: DFL

[sydneyjordan.org](http://sydneyjordan.org)

### District 60B

**MOHAMUD NOOR**

Party: DFL

[Mohamudnoor.org](http://Mohamudnoor.org)

### District 61A

**FRANK HORNSTEIN**

Party: DFL

[Frankhornstein.org](http://Frankhornstein.org)

### District 61B

**JAMIE LONG**

Party: DFL

[Jamielong.com](http://Jamielong.com)

### District 62A

**AISHA GOMEZ**

Party: DFL

[aishagomez.com](http://aishagomez.com)

### District 62B

**TAYLOR HAMMOND**

Party: Republican

651-222-0022

**HODAN HASSAN**

Party: DFL

[HodanforHouse.com](http://HodanforHouse.com)

### District 63A

**KYLE BRAGG**

Party: Republican

651-222-2022

**SAMANTHA SENSER-MURA**

Party: DFL

[sencer-mura.org](http://sencer-mura.org)

### District 63B

**EMMA GREENMAN**

Party: DFL

[emmagreenman.com](http://emmagreenman.com)

# Hennepin County Commissioner ★

Hennepin County Commissioners set countywide policy and influence regional policy by working with local city councils, park boards, mayors and the Metropolitan Council. Statewide, County Commissioners approve legislative proposals and platforms that the County lobbies for at the State Legislature. Commissioners are responsible for property tax assessment, tax administration, elections, record keeping, transportation, planning and zoning, solid waste management, environmental issues, parks and water management, law enforcement, the court system, and health and human services.

**Term Length:**  
Four years  
**Salary:**  
\$113,566

## OFFICIAL DUTIES

- Manages the county's \$2.4B Budget
- Appoints CEO of Hennepin County
- Creates and passes programming that reflects values of county residents
- Represents county in inter-jurisdictional collaborations

For more information: [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us)

## HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

### District 2

**IRENE FERNANDO**  
[voteirene.com](http://voteirene.com)

### District 3

**ASHLEY BOLDIN**  
[voteboldin.com](http://voteboldin.com)

### District 4

**ANGELA CONLEY**  
[voteconley.com](http://voteconley.com)

**MARION GREENE  
(INCUMBENT)**  
[mariongreene.org](http://mariongreene.org)

# Hennepin County Sheriff ★

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office serves the county's 1.2 million residents. State law mandates most of the duties of the sheriff's office, including managing the county jail and providing security to the district court. The sheriff's office administers and executes arrest warrants, commitments, and other court orders for persons wanted in Hennepin County. The office handles approximately 3,000 new warrants each month and resolves about the same number. The sheriff's office also creates initiatives including undercover narcotics investigations and homeland security activities in line with the office's mandate to "keep and preserve the peace of the county."

**Term Length:**  
Four years  
**Salary:**  
\$185,775

For more information: [www.hennepinsheriff.org](http://www.hennepinsheriff.org)

## HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATES

**JOSEPH BANKS**  
[banks4sheriff.com](http://banks4sheriff.com)

**DAWANNA WITT**  
[wittforsheriff.com](http://wittforsheriff.com)

# Hennepin County Attorney ★

The goal of the Office of the Hennepin County Attorney is to serve justice and provide public safety through a commitment to ethical prosecution and crime prevention. The Civil Divisions provide legal representation to Hennepin County government and the board. The Criminal Divisions handle all adult felony cases and all juvenile offenses in Hennepin County. The deputies are responsible for managing the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the office.

**Term Length:**  
Four years  
**Salary:**  
\$182,025

For more information: [www.hennepinattorney.org](http://www.hennepinattorney.org)

## HENNEPIN COUNTY ATTORNEY CANDIDATES

**MARTHA HOLTEN DIMICK**  
[marthaforhennepin.com](http://marthaforhennepin.com)

**MARY MORIARTY**  
[maryforhennepin.com](http://maryforhennepin.com)

# Minneapolis School Board ★

The Minneapolis Board of Education (School Board) is the elected policy-making body responsible for overseeing the district's budget, curriculum, personnel, facilities, and for selecting the Superintendent. The School Board acts in the interests of the entire district and all of its students.

**Length of Term:**  
Four years  
**Salary:**  
\$62,533

For more information: [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov)

## MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

**District 1**  
**ABDUL ABDI**  
[abdulforschools.org](http://abdulforschools.org)

**District 3**  
**FATHIA FEERAYARRE**  
[ffeerayarre.com](http://ffeerayarre.com)

**District 5**  
**LORI NORVILL**  
[norvell4schoolboard.com](http://norvell4schoolboard.com)

**LAURELLE MYHRA**  
[myhra4schoolboard.com](http://myhra4schoolboard.com)

**At-Large**  
**KERRYJO FELDER**  
[kerryjo4schoolboard.com](http://kerryjo4schoolboard.com)

**COLLIN BEACHY**  
[beachy4schoolboard.com](http://beachy4schoolboard.com)

**SONYA EMERICK**  
[sonyaformps@gmail.com](mailto:sonyaformps@gmail.com)

**LISA SKJEFTE**  
[Lisa.Skiefte@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.Skiefte@gmail.com)

# Minnesota Judicial Elections ★

## THE MINNESOTA SUPREME COURT

The Minnesota Supreme Court is the court of last resort in the state of Minnesota. It consists of seven justices who are elected in nonpartisan elections for six-year terms. Interim vacancies are filled by gubernatorial appointment. There is no trial by jury in the Supreme Court.

For more information: [Ballotpedia.org/Minnesota\\_Supreme\\_Court\\_elections\\_2022](https://Ballotpedia.org/Minnesota_Supreme_Court_elections_2022)

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## THE MINNESOTA COURT OF APPEALS

The Minnesota Court of Appeals was designed to relieve the volume of cases that go to the Minnesota Supreme Court. Each judge hears approximately 300 cases a year. The 19 judges of the Minnesota Court of Appeals are elected to six-year terms in nonpartisan elections. In the event of a vacancy, the governor appoints a replacement.

For more information: [Ballotpedia.org/Minnesota\\_intermediate\\_appellate\\_court\\_elections\\_2022](https://Ballotpedia.org/Minnesota_intermediate_appellate_court_elections_2022)

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## MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURTS

The Minnesota District Courts handle criminal, civil and family cases in each of the state's 87 counties. Each county is divided into ten judicial districts. These nearly 300 judges are elected to six-year terms in non-partisan elections. Interim vacancies are recommended by the Minnesota Commission of Judicial Selection and selected by the governor.

For more information: [Ballotpedia.org/Minnesota\\_District\\_Courts](https://Ballotpedia.org/Minnesota_District_Courts)

**FOR MORE IN-DEPTH INFO ON ALL OF THE CANDIDATES  
GO TO: [VOTE411.ORG](https://VOTE411.ORG)**

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# League of Women Voters Minneapolis

## OUR MISSION

We are a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in all levels of government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## Who Votes, Who Doesn't, and Why

Recent Supreme Court rulings have exposed the reality that government representatives often don't act in accordance with the will of the people. Polls indicate, for example, that the majority of Americans support access to abortion, yet the highest court in the land rescinded that right. Why? It's all about voting – who votes and who doesn't.

Among the pool of eligible voters in the U.S., 1 out of 3 did NOT vote in the 2020 Presidential election. The top three reasons that these 77 million Americans did not vote were 1) lack of interest in politics 2) they didn't like the candidates and 3) they didn't think their votes would matter. And there are many logistical barriers (childcare, transportation, disability) which can make voting challenging, if not impossible.

In Minnesota, every vote for regional and state-wide office, counts equally. Registering to vote is easy with mail-in, online, and same-day registration options. Elections are won and lost by very slim margins. If every Minnesotan exercised their right to vote, the values and priorities of elected officials might better reflect those of the people they represent.

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## We've Cast Our Ballots; Then What?

When voting at the polls ends at 8 pm on election night, the election judges at each of Minneapolis' 137 precincts bring materials to the city clerk staff at two receiving sites. There, election judges check and re-check that the precinct judges have signed off on every item returned - envelopes containing election day registrations, number of spoiled ballots, and the ballots themselves. Also included are tapes containing numerical results and a memory stick which registers the number of votes in each category. Absentee ballots are entered into a high-speed tabulator starting seven days before election day.

Memory sticks from all the machines are sent to Hennepin County where certified staff handle the ballot information on them and submit unofficial vote totals to the Secretary of State's office. These unofficial results are posted on election night or shortly thereafter by the State and also on the Minneapolis elections website. Results are official only after they are approved by a canvassing board in the weeks following an election.

Our ballots, along with other materials collected from the precincts, are organized by ward and precinct and locked safely in a vault at Minneapolis elections headquarters. Should there be a question about voting results, or if a vote is so close that Minnesota law demands a recount, the paper ballots provide a necessary backup. The memory sticks are securely stored at Hennepin County Elections offices.

# Make a pledge to vote!

**TEXT MNVOTE TO 33222 TO RECEIVE VOTING TEXT REMINDERS.**

## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of Minneapolis compiled the material in this guide from available websites and internet resources. The guide's purpose is to help citizens be informed about their government so that they can be active and involved. The League is nonpartisan: we do not support or oppose any political parties or candidates.

At the time of this printing the information provided was up to date.

We encourage voters to:

- Review candidate websites in full
- Seek additional candidate information to make reasoned choices when voting

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Para obtener información sobre la votación en español, visite [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). Para obtener ayuda para traducir [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov) llame al 311 o al 612-673-3000

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## FOR VOTING INFORMATION IN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES:

visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org). For help translating [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov) call 311 or 612-673-3000

## FOR VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES GO TO:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/>

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The Minneapolis League of Women Voters invites you to become a member. Visit <https://lwvmppls.org>, call 612-333-6319, or email [vote@lwvmppls.org](mailto:vote@lwvmppls.org)

For all voting information use the QR code or go to [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org)

