

## How can I become an election judge?

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*Election judges are vital to efficient  
and honest elections.*

## What are Minnesota's major political parties?

Following is a list of the two major political parties in Minnesota.

### Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

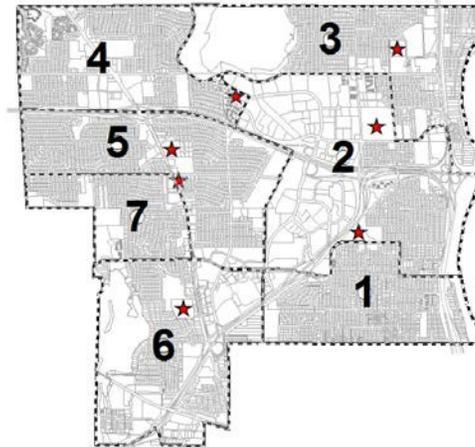
255 East Plato Boulevard  
St. Paul, MN 55107  
651-293-1200 [www.dfl.org](http://www.dfl.org)

### Republican Party

525 Park Street, Suite 250  
St. Paul, MN 55103  
651-222-0022 [www.mngop.com](http://www.mngop.com)

## Where are the Brooklyn Center polling locations?

- Precinct 1** Earle Brown Elementary School  
1500 59th Avenue North
- Precinct 2** Brooklyn Center High School  
6500 Humboldt Avenue North
- Precinct 3** Evergreen Park Elementary School  
7020 Dupont Avenue North
- Precinct 4** Spiritual Life Church  
6865 Shingle Creek Parkway
- Precinct 5** Garden City Elementary School  
3501 65th Avenue North
- Precinct 6** Northport Elementary School  
5421 Brooklyn Boulevard
- Precinct 7** West Fire Station  
6250 Brooklyn Boulevard



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**Serve Your  
Community  
And  
Your Country**

**Be An  
Election Judge**

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## What are election judges?

Election judges are officials who staff local polling places, administer election procedures, and ensure that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Election judges are essential to our democracy. Serving as an election judge provides an opportunity to learn about the elections process and is a great service to our community.

## Who is eligible?

To be an election judge, you must meet all of the following qualifications:

- ★ You must be eligible to vote (U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, maintain residence in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election)
- ★ You must be able to read, write, and speak English
- ★ You must not be a candidate on the ballot in that precinct or the spouse, parent, child, stepchild, sibling, or stepsibling of another election judge serving in the same precinct or of a candidate on the ballot in that precinct
- ★ You must not be domiciled, either permanently or temporarily, with any candidate on the ballot at that election

## Impartiality

Election judges must remain impartial at all times while on duty. They must carefully avoid any action that may influence a voter. This includes asking, seeking to persuade, or inducing a voter to vote for or against a particular party, candidate, or question.

## Time off from employment to serve

You may take time off from work to serve as an election judge. Before doing so, you must give your employer at least 20 days written notice. The City Clerk can provide a form that shows the hours you will work and the hourly pay rate. You should attach this form to the written notice submitted to your employer. Your employer can reduce your salary or wages by the amount of compensation you are paid as an election judge during hours away from work. An employer can also restrict the number of persons serving to less than 20 percent from any single work site.

## How are judges selected?

Appointments are made by the City Council. All appointments must be made at least 25 days before the election.

## What happens after being appointed?

All election judges are required to attend a paid training session (2 to 3 hours), which will be held in late-July or early-August. You will be assigned to work with several other election judges in a polling place. Election judges typically serve in the polling place where they live, but if shortages occur, they may be asked to serve in another polling place.

## Are election judges paid?

Yes. The hourly pay for 2016 is \$12.00.

## What are some of the duties of election judges?

- ★ Open and close the polling place (judges work from 6 a.m. to approximately 9 p.m.)
- ★ Operate voting equipment
- ★ Direct voters to the correct line
- ★ Register individuals to vote
- ★ Ensure all qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote only once
- ★ Demonstrate how to vote
- ★ Distribute ballots to voters
- ★ Help voters requiring assistance
- ★ Maintain order in the polling place throughout the day
- ★ Certify the polling place results

<b>Elections 2016</b>	
<b>Primary</b> <b>August 9</b>	<b>Polls Open</b> <b>7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</b>
<b>General</b> <b>November 8</b>	