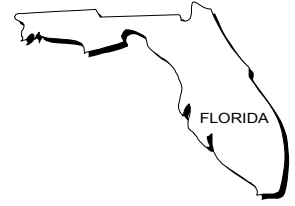




# How to become a member of Your Local Party Committee

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The most local level of organization for **both political parties** in Florida is the **County Executive Committee**. Each County Executive Committee is comprised of at least one man and one woman from each precinct in the county. If a precinct has more than 1000 registered voters, it elects one man and one woman per 1000 voters in the precinct.

Members of this committee are called **Precinct Committeemen** and **Precinct Committeewomen** (or **Precinct Committee members**), and are elected to **4-year terms** during **August of Presidential election years**.

The next election will be in **December 2008**.

The filing deadline to run during that election will be **early July 2008**.

## **To become a member of this committee through the regular election process:**

1. You must be at least 18 years old, registered to vote as a member of the party whose committee you wish to join, a resident of the appropriate county, and the precinct which you hope to represent.
2. You must declare your interest in becoming a member by filing a simple form with the County Supervisor of Elections not earlier than noon on the 57<sup>th</sup> day, nor later than noon of the 53<sup>rd</sup> day, preceding the first primary election.
3. **Republicans only:** you must also be nominated by a current committee member and file with the Republican Party of Florida. For more information, contact your County Chair or County Membership Committee Chair.
4. You must receive sufficient votes on the ballot in the August Primary election

## **It is often possible to join the committee between regular elections:**

- **Mid-term vacancies** are filled through election by the respective committee. After the announcement of a vacancy, the chair or vice chair of the committee calls for an election and 45-day notice given to party members for the interim election.
- **There are often other opportunities** to get involved without yet being a formal member of the committee – volunteer to help, people will come to know you, and you will increase your chances of becoming a member through the next regular election.

**Democratic** Party of Florida website: [www.fladems.com](http://www.fladems.com)

To find contact information for your County Committee, click on “County Parties” then choose your county from the pull-down menu or click on your county on the map.

**Republican** Party of Florida website: [www.rpof.org](http://www.rpof.org)

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