



THE CAUCUS

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definition & frequently asked questions

WHAT IS A CAUCUS?

Colorado's caucuses are where our elections begin! Political parties in each county officiate the gathering of registered party members by precinct for the purpose of forming a representative republican government. Each Precinct Caucus will elect for a two-year term two Precinct Committee People (PCP) to be the representative of the party in their precinct and organize their precinct to elect Republicans. The caucus attendees will elect delegates to the County Assembly and discuss with their neighbors candidates, ballot issues, and Party resolutions. At the County Assembly, candidates are nominated for county government offices and for the State Senate and House Districts whose boundaries are completely inside the County. Delegates are elected to go on to the Colorado State Assembly where the process continues - candidates are nominated, issues and resolutions are discussed, and delegates are elected to go to the National Convention.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who can attend?

Everyone (Colorado's caucuses are open to the public).



2. Who can vote in a precinct caucus of a political party?

Electors who have resided in that precinct for at least 30 days, who have registered to vote no later than 29 days before the caucus, and who have affiliated with the party holding the caucus at least 2 months before the caucus.



3. What do you do at a Republican caucus?

(1) Meet neighbors who are also affiliated as Republicans. (2) Elect for a two-year term two Precinct Committee People (PCP), who will be your precinct's representatives to the Boulder County Republicans and help organize your precinct to elect Republicans. (3) Elect delegates and alternates to the County Assembly. (4) Discuss with your neighbors the candidates, ballot issues, and resolutions to the Republican platform. (5) Sign up if you'd like to be hired by the county as a Republican Election Judge. (6) And sign up if you'd like to volunteer as an Election Watcher for the Republican Party.



4. What are the next meetings?

Please see next page on the caucus process from A-Z, which will illustrate the meeting tiers. During County Assemblies, and Senate District (SD) and House District (HD) Assemblies, candidates are formally nominated. Remember, the best person to run for a seat may be you. You can nominate yourself!

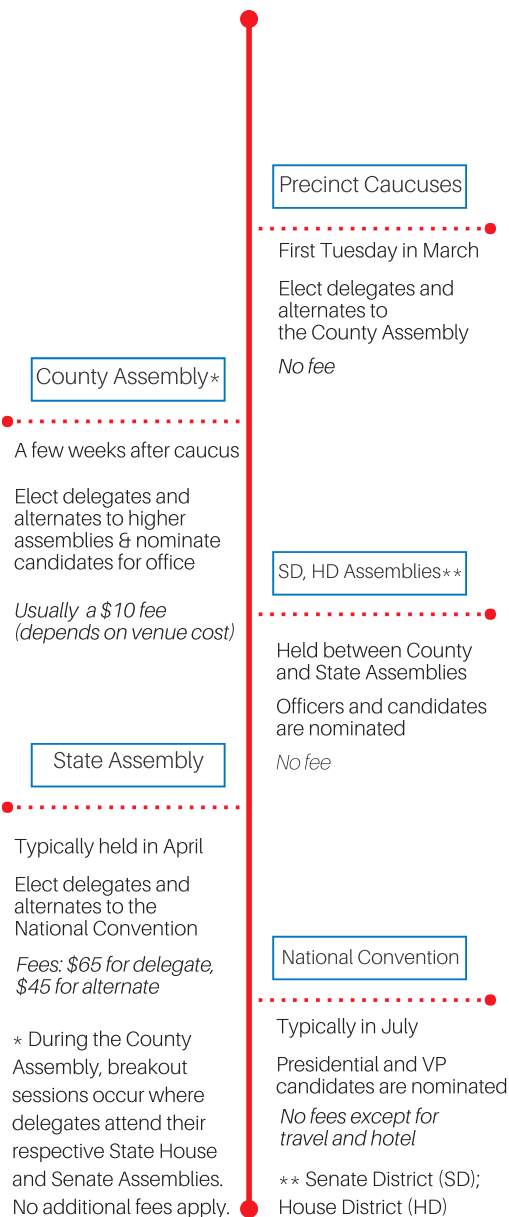


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the caucus process from A-Z & definitions

THE CAUCUS PROCESS FROM A-Z

DEFINITIONS



PCP (Precinct Committee Person)

A person who is one of two people in each precinct elected at caucus or appointed later who organizes their precinct for political purposes

DC (District Captain)

A person who supervises a group of Precinct Committee People (PCPs)

Delegate

A person who is elected to represent his or her precinct or county at a higher assembly

Alternate

A person who is elected to replace a delegate if the delegate cannot attend the higher assembly

District

A group of precincts. This could be precincts under a DC or a SD, HD or JD.

County Assembly

An assembly of delegates elected at caucus to represent their precincts, to elect people to higher assemblies, and to vote on other matters

State Assembly

An assembly of delegates elected at their County Assembly to represent their county, to elect people to the National Convention, and to vote on other matters

WHY CAUCUS STILL MATTERS

IT'S WHERE ELECTIONS BEGIN

From Why You Should Vote No on Prop. 107 and 108, About Primaries and the Caucus, interview with John Wren of Save the Caucus

[Mr. Wren on why he supports the caucus] The the caucus is the best way, especially for people new to Colorado and the Colorado political process, to make a real difference in determining who their representatives are, and also who the party leaders are. [The caucus is also a great] networking event. Over 6,000 meetings across the state [occur]. It's the chance for people to exercise leadership ability. [It's] where the minnows are born. People got better local representatives because of the caucus.

[Mr. Wren on why the caucus is superior to a primary system when it's at its best] Caucuses are like jazz music. Sometimes when people hear jazz music, they think, "I never want to hear jazz music again!" But there's bad jazz and there's good jazz, and caucuses are like that. There are 6,000 meetings held every two years, and if you didn't like it last time, come back again. And you can also come back with friends and take it over. It's a way to have a revolution at the local level. Here's why it's different. If you go and it's well run, you don't vote on a candidate. You discuss candidates and then you vote directly on delegates. Everybody from the neighborhood has a chance to show up.

[Mr. Wren on responding to last year's chaotic caucus and how the caucus process can be fixed rather than scrapped] The caucus is a messy process. It's the worst system in the world except for all the rest. It brings people together. Every two years, you have a statewide civic lesson. But the political leaders don't like it. People have lost their lives so this process would be in place. They wouldn't allow this kind of process in places where the leadership tells the people what to do. Of course, that's why the leadership here that wants to tell people what to do, they're all for getting rid of the caucus.

[Mr. Wren on why he believes party leaders favor primaries] A primary sounds [appealing], because more people do it. But it's a big lie to say it's better for the average, ordinary person. The best chance the average, ordinary person has of serving in elected public office or helping a good person they know get elected is this caucus system we have right now.

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