

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who is eligible to be an election judge?**

Any Minnesota resident who is eligible to vote and also read, write and speak English can be an election judge. The City Council / Township Board makes the final approval for the election judges who will be working within their precinct, depending on the needs for each election.

### **Do I need to be trained?**

Yes. Training is required for all election judges every two years. Training is typically 2 hours in length and election judges are paid to attend the online training class.

### **Where will I be an election judge?**

You can be an election judge at your local precinct or travel anywhere in the state if election judges are needed in other precincts to ensure party balance at the polls.

### **Are election judges paid?**

Yes. Election judges have the option of being paid or volunteering their time. Those that choose to be paid are paid an hourly wage for training and the hours they work on Election Day (s). The hourly rate for election judge pay varies by City/Township.

Minnesota Statute 204B.195 allows individuals to take time off from work, without penalty or loss of wages, to serve as an election judge on election days. A 20-day written notice requesting to be absent from work for this purpose must be submitted to the employer. The request must be accompanied by a certification from your City or Township indicating the days and hours the employee will serve as an election judge.

Employers may reduce the salary of the employee by the amount received for working as an election judge for hours the employee would normally work. This is an optional decision for the employer based on Minnesota Statute.

### **What if I sign up to be an election judge and never hear from anyone?**

After you have signed up to be an election judge, follow up directly with your City/Township clerk to let them know you have signed up. Follow up with them again 25 days before Election Day to find out if your name is on their final list of election judges. See the next page for a listing of the Chisago County City and Township clerks.

If you are not on the final list of selected judges and are willing to serve in another precinct, please send an email to [elections@chisagogop.org](mailto:elections@chisagogop.org). We will give you instructions how to contact other precincts to see if an election judge is needed. Republican election judges are typically needed in many parts of the Twin Cities Metro area.

Precinct	Clerk	Phone	Email
Amador	Terri Lind	651-583-3108	talind2003@aol.com
Center City	Dana Miron	651-257-5284	cityclerk@centercitymn.us
Chisago City A	John Pechman	651-257-7630	jpechman@ci.chisago.mn.us
Chisago City B	John Pechman	651-257-7630	jpechman@ci.chisago.mn.us
Chisago Lake N	Jeanette Peterson	651-257-6906	chisagolakestownship@yahoo.com
Chisago Lake S	Jeanette Peterson	651-257-6906	chisagolakestownship@yahoo.com
Fish Lake	Andrea Nekowitcsh	651-674-7709	clerk@fishlaketownship.com
Franconia	Karen Anderson	651-257-4830	officialtownclerk@gmail.com
Harris	Shannon Geier	651-674-7546	clerk@harrismn.com
Lent	Tanya Smolke	651-462-3009	clerk@lenttownship.com
Lindstrom	Missy Glenna	651-257-0805	Cityoflindstrom.us
Nessel	Heather Sward	320-396-2702	nessel1234@yahoo.com
North Branch B	Renaef Fry	651-277-5229	renaef@ci-north-branch.mn.us
North Branch C	Renaef Fry	651-277-5229	renaef@ci-north-branch.mn.us
North Branch A	Renaef Fry	651-277-5229	renaef@ci-north-branch.mn.us
Rush City	Sue Hochstatter	320-358-4743	shochstatter@ci.rush-city.mn.us
Rushseba Township	Debi Erickson	320-358-3543	rushsebatown@yahoo.com
Shafer City	Valerie Fox	651-257-4726	cityhall@shafermn.com
Shafer Township	Faith Lichtscheidl	651-583-2168	shafertownship@outlook.com
Stacy	Sharon Payne	651-462-4486	cityclerk@stacymn.com
Sunrise Township	Wendy Kowalke	651-270-5181	wskowalke@sunrisetownship.com
Taylors Falls	Mary Tomnitz	651-465-5133	clerktreasurer@taylorsfalls.org
Wyoming A	TBD		
Wyoming B	TBD		