

# FROM THE OFFICE OF ITASCA COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE - ELECTIONS

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In March 2020, Minnesota will hold a presidential nomination primary to vote for each major party's nominee for President.

MARCH 3, 2020

- Polling place hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. unless otherwise listed.
- Visit [mnvote.org](http://mnvote.org) for polling place information, voting early in person or by mail and register to vote.
- Early voting begins January 17, 2020

## THE BALLOT

- Only major political parties will participate; each party has its own ballot with only their candidates listed. Parties included are:
  - A. Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party
  - B. Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party
  - C. Legal Marijuana Now Party
  - D. Republican Party of Minnesota
- You will be required to request only one party's ballot when you vote absentee or in-person at your polling place.
- Mail ballot precincts will be mailed a ballot from each major political party. You will be required to check a box by the signature line of what ballot you voted and mail back. All other ballots to be thrown away. **Please read instructions carefully!**
- A record of which party's ballot you selected will be made available to the major political parties.
- Each major party chair will submit a list of candidates for their party by December 31, 2019.
- The presidential nomination primary results will determine Minnesota's delegates for each major party.
- **BALLOTS WILL NOT BE FORWARDED!** If you plan on being away during the winter months, please contact Itasca County Auditor's office at 218-327-2849 or [elections@co.itasca.mn.us](mailto:elections@co.itasca.mn.us) to request an absentee ballot. This includes registered voters in mail ballot precincts.

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### WHAT HAPPENED TO PRECINCT CAUCUSES?

- Precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will still take place for other party business.
- Precinct caucuses are meetings run by state political parties. They are the first in a series of meetings where parties may endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and priorities (party platforms).
- 2020 precinct caucuses will be held on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Caucus locations will be posted at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) shortly before the caucus date.

### WHY THE CHANGE?

- In 2016, the Minnesota legislature passed a law establishing a presidential nomination primary (*Minnesota Statutes* Chapter 207A and Minnesota Rules Chapter 8215).
- The State Primary Election will be held **August 11, 2020** for offices other than President.
- The State General Election will be held **November 3, 2020**.

### QUESTIONS?

- Visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) for more information on voting and elections.
- Contact Vicki Martin, Itasca County Election Administrator at 218-327-2849 or [vicki.martin@co.itasca.mn.us](mailto:vicki.martin@co.itasca.mn.us).
- Minnesota Secretary of State: 651-215-1440 or [elections.dept@state.mn.us](mailto:elections.dept@state.mn.us).

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