

# PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY



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*In March 2020, Minnesota will hold a presidential nominating primary to vote for major party nominee for President.*

## **MARCH 3, 2020**

- Polling place hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at most locations.
- Find your polling place and learn how to vote early in person or by mail at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org).
- Early voting begins **January 17, 2020**.

## **THE BALLOT**

- Only major political parties will participate; each party has its own ballot with only their candidates.
- You will be required to request only one party's ballot when you vote.
- Your ballot will only list nominees for President for the party you request.
- A record of which party's ballot you select will be made available to the major political parties.
- Each major party chair will submit a list of candidates for their party at least 63 days before the election, and will decide if there will be a write-in space on their party's ballot.
- The presidential nomination primary results will determine Minnesota's delegates for each major party.

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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. Voting 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.

## **QUESTIONS?**

- Visit [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) for more information on voting and elections
- Contact your county Election Office (list available at [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org))
- Minnesota Secretary of State: 651-215-1440 or [elections.dept@state.mn.us](mailto:elections.dept@state.mn.us)

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