



Running for your Local Ward or Town Committee

Political parties in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are organized, on a basic level, through ward and town committees. Registered voters in Massachusetts are free to run for a position on their local committee and would appear on their party's presidential primary ballot.

- All ward and town committees are required to notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the number of members they wish to have elected to the committee on the presidential primary ballot by **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**
- Nomination papers will be available to all potential candidates at the Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office (1 Ashburton Place, Boston) on **Tuesday August 8, 2023**
 - Candidates for local committee may run as individuals or as part of a slate with at least two other candidates. Slates will be listed before individuals on the ballot.
 - Candidates for local committees must have been a registered voter in their town or ward and enrolled in their party for at least 90 days prior to the filing deadline or be a recently registered voter in that party. This means that candidates must be enrolled in their party by **Wednesday, August 23, 2023**. Candidates must not have been enrolled in a different party within the last year.
- Candidates must submit nomination papers with the appropriate number of signatures with their local board of registrars or election commissioners by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023** in order to be certified.
 - 5 signatures are required from registered party members from the relevant town or ward in order for a candidate or slate to appear on the ballot. It is recommended that candidates acquire more than the required number of signatures.
- Nomination papers must be picked up from local boards of registrars or election commissioners and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023**.
- The presidential primary, at which candidates for local committees will be elected, will be held on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**