



## Precinct Committeeman Qualifications and Duties

Precinct committeemen play a vital role in local politics, serving as a bridge between the community and the political party. The qualifications for precinct committeemen are as follows:

### Qualifications

1. **Voter Registration:** Committeemen to be registered voters within their county.
2. **Residency:** Precinct committeemen are required to be residents of the precinct they represent.
3. **“Republican in Good-Standing”:** Republican in Good-Standing” shall be defined as a Republican who supports Republican nominees and who does not actively or openly support another candidate against a Republican nominee. [IRSC Rule 1-25](#)
4. **“Qualified Primary Republican”:** A “Qualified Primary Republican” is a voter who cast Republican Party ballot at the two (2) most recent primary elections in Indiana which the voter voted, and who is a Republican in Good-Standing. [IRSC Rule 1-24](#)

Resource: [Indiana Republican Party Rules](#)

Precinct committeemen serve as the face of their political party at the grassroots level, actively engaging with voters and shaping the direction of the party within their precinct and their community.

### Duties

There are 3 main duties that the elected Precinct Committeeman has during a 4 year term.

1. **Appoint his/her Vice PC:** The elected PC will appoint a VPC that lives in the precinct within 30 days of being elected. [IRSC Rule 3-9](#)
2. **Elect Officers:** The elected PC and VPC will elect the county party officers on reorganization day, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The following officers will be elected, Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
3. **Participate in Caucuses:** If an elected official resigns, moves out of district, or dies it is the duty of the party the elected official is a part of, to fill that vacancy. This applies to a ballot vacancy as well. When filling a vacancy for public office or ballot vacancy by caucus, only precinct committeemen who meet the statute requirements are eligible to vote.

## Duties-That are Nice to Have

As a precinct committeeman, your duties are rooted in a tradition that dates back over 150 years, with Abraham Lincoln's principles serving as a timeless guide. The four main responsibilities outlined by President Lincoln remain the cornerstone of your role:

4. **Organize Small Districts:** Divide the county into manageable districts and appoint committees to efficiently coordinate efforts which is the *Precinct Committeeman*.
5. **Identify: List Building.** Create a list of supportive voters and actively engage with them. While technology, including computers, websites, and social media, is essential in the modern era, personal contact through calls and notes remains crucial.
6. **Engage Voters: Knocking Doors.** Talk to these voters.
7. **Mobilize Voters on Election Day: Turn out the Vote.** Ensure the turnout of all favorable voters to the polls on Election Day, employing various strategies to get Republicans to vote and recognizing potential allies among independents and coalition groups.

Beyond Lincoln's original framework, additional responsibilities might include:

1. **Register New Voters:** Set and increase annual goals for registering new voters in your precinct, adapting to the changing demographics that believe the parties core beliefs. [Republican Party Platform](#)
2. **Fill Election Boards:** Ensure knowledgeable individuals fill positions on local election boards, well-versed in election laws, regulations, and fraud detection. Note: Not all county chairs require you to do this due to the county being a vote center.
3. **Elect Local Party Leadership:** Every four years, contribute to the election of county officers, selecting individuals with leadership qualities, special skills, and creativity to guide the local party.

Resource: [Precinct Committeeman Handbook](#).

In conclusion, as a precinct committeeman, you carry the torch of a legacy that traces back to Abraham Lincoln's timeless principles, adapting them to the challenges and opportunities of the modern political landscape.

By fulfilling the extended responsibilities beyond Lincoln's original list, from voter registration to active participation in party events, you not only strengthen the party's foundation but also foster a vibrant and engaged community. In essence, your commitment to participate as a precinct committeeman ensures that the voices of your neighbors are heard, and the principles of the Republican Party are upheld.

Through your unwavering efforts, you contribute significantly to the vitality of your precinct and the enduring success of the Republican Party.