

Q: Which states use the Caucus method for the election of Republican County Committee Members?

A: [Iowa](#), [Utah](#), [Colorado](#), [New Mexico](#), [Maine](#), [Connecticut](#), and [Vermont](#) are among the primary states where Republican County Committee members (frequently called precinct committeemen, precinct committee persons, or town committeemen) are elected using a localized caucus or party-administered meeting system. [1, 2, 3]

While the majority of states use a state-run primary election ballot to select these local party officials, the Republican Party in caucus states utilizes a grassroots meeting structure. Because local party structures are determined by varying state statutes and individual state GOP bylaws, the implementation of the caucus method looks different depending on the jurisdiction: [4, 5]

States Utilizing Caucuses for County Party Selection

[Iowa](#): Registered Republicans gather biennially in neighborhood precinct caucuses to directly elect county central committee members and choose delegates for the county conventions. [6]

[Utah](#): The state GOP utilizes a unique caucus-convention system. Registered Republicans meet at the precinct level every two years to elect precinct officers and county/state delegates who manage the party apparatus. [7, 8, 9, 10, 11]

[Colorado](#): Local party rules dictate that the organizational structure begins at precinct caucuses, where members vote directly on precinct committee persons and local committee leaders who manage the county party infrastructure. [2]

[New Mexico](#): Under the Republican Party of New Mexico's uniform state rules, precinct-based counties elect their local precinct officers directly through a localized Republican precinct caucus. [1]

[Maine](#): Under Maine state law and GOP rules, local municipal caucuses are held every two years where registered Republicans select their county committee members and elect delegates to the state convention.

[Connecticut](#): Local town and district rules allow for enrolled Republican party members to hold localized caucuses to choose town and county-level committee representatives rather than placing them on a primary ballot. [12]

[Vermont](#): The state GOP utilizes localized town and district caucuses to elect the county committee members who direct the regional party infrastructure.

Why the Method Varies

In most populous **primary states**—such as [New York](#), [Pennsylvania](#), and [New Jersey](#)—county committee members must **collect voter signatures** and win their seats via a traditional government-administered **primary election ballot**. Conversely, in **caucus-system states**, the election is shifted entirely into an **in-person, party-administered evening meeting**. This system gives local activists direct control over the party's grassroots leadership. [4, 13, 14, 15]