

## **Precinct Political Party Caucuses on February 7**

Precinct caucuses are meetings organized by Minnesota's political parties to begin the process of selecting candidates for the 2012 election and policy positions to shape the party platform. Caucuses are a great opportunity to engage directly in the political process at the "grassroots" level.

Precinct caucuses are open to the public and participation is encouraged by the political parties. In order to vote, offer resolutions or become a delegate at a precinct caucus, attendees must be eligible to vote in the 2012 election, live in the precinct and be in general agreement with the principles of the political party. This year political parties will conduct a straw poll to gauge caucus attendees' presidential candidate preference.

The Republican, Independence, Green, Democratic-Farmer-Labor, and Constitution Parties will hold caucuses on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7 p.m. The Libertarian and Grassroots Parties will not hold caucuses in 2012.

A precinct caucus brochure that provides general information about the upcoming caucuses as well as contact information for each of Minnesota's six political parties is available online at: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=886>.

## **Caucus Finder: The Online Way to Locate Your Precinct Caucus**

Caucus Finder is an online application that assists Minnesotans in locating the major party precinct caucus meeting of their choice. Caucus Finder is scheduled to be available in mid-January, and will be linked to this office's homepage at: [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org).