

# ELBERT COUNTY - CAUCUS MADE EASY

*A citizen's guide to participating in the political process in 2012*

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## **Where & When**

The county caucuses, for each of Elbert's 18 precincts, is now scheduled for **Tuesday, February 7, 2012**. There are a total of 10 different locations for these caucus's, with several being held together at the same location. You can determine where you caucus, by precinct will be held by referring to the attached schedule. **All caucuses will begin at 7:00 P.M.**

## **Why is it important?**

The County Caucus is where the voters and citizens will determine who will go on to represent their precinct in the County Assembly, scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2012. Each precinct has a pre-determined number of delegates (see attached schedule) that will be elected at caucus by everyone in attendance, a total of 144 going on to Assembly, where they will determine who will be placed on the primary ballot. Candidates need to get at least 30% of the delegate vote at Assembly to be placed on that primary ballot.

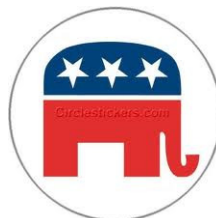
## **Who can participate in Caucus?**

If you are a registered Republican and reside in Elbert County you are eligible to participate in this very important process.

## **How do I participate?**

Caucus is easy, and fun. Here are the simple steps to becoming part of the solution for Elbert County.

1. You simply show up at your Caucus location by 6:45 P.M. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, the meeting will be called to order and begins at 7:00 P.M.
2. If your caucus location is for more than one precinct you will be split up into your precinct's group.
3. Following other procedural processes, at some point you will be asked to stand or raise your hand if you want to become a delegate for the County Assembly to be held on March 24, 2012. This is the main event, and you should make it known you want to be a delegate.
4. Depending on the number of delegates to be chosen for your precinct, the entire group will then vote for those standing to be delegates and the number of votes received by each will be used to elect the number of delegates needed for that precinct.
5. You will need to be prepared to speak briefly to explain to everyone why you want to be a delegate.
6. A final tally will take place, and the delegates, and alternates will be announced.
7. It is recommended that you have a pen and paper ready and write down the names of those who are voted and will serve as delegates with you.
8. It's really that simply, you and the other elected delegates for your precinct are now in position to go to the Assembly on March 24, 2012 and vote for those you wish to be placed on the primary ballot for Commissioner District 1 and 3, State House Representatives and other open public offices.



## What is the purpose and what is the strategy?

1. This is grassroots local politics at its finest, and there are several things you should also do to make your participation more meaningful and to provide your chosen candidates the best opportunity to be placed on the ballot and to ultimately win the election.
2. While you will not be asked or required to represent or disclose your choice of candidate for any race to become a delegate to the Assembly, there are strategies that are important.
3. Talk to your neighbors, friends and acquaintances who are like minded and that also live in your precinct. Explain to them this simply process and encourage them to join with you to go to caucus. They can also choose to stand and run to be a delegate, and it's important that you have as many supporters to vote for your candidates to full as many of the available delegates slots as possible. These folks can also vote, not just for themselves but for you and any others in your group.
4. If someone agrees to go to caucus, but does not want to be a delegate, make sure they know that you are running, as well as any others in your group and have them vote for you and those others when the vote for delegates is called.
5. At Assembly in March, each candidate, seeking to get on the primary ballot must receive a minimum of 30% of the available 144 delegates, from the 18 precincts in Elbert County to make it to the ballot and go on to the primary election in June 2012.
6. That's it, you will determine if the candidate(s) you want to see elected as County Commissioner, Colorado House Representative, District 64 and others make it to the ballot and get a chance to represent you for the next four years.

### **Elbert County Republican Caucus**

**Tuesday, Feb 7, 2012**

**7:00 P.M.**

Precient #	Location of Caucus	Address	Town	Delegates
7	Rattlesnake Training	46220 Coal Creek Dr.	Elizabeth	10
16	Singing Hills Elem	41012 Madrid Dr	Parker	10
8	Singing Hills Elem	41012 Madrid Dr	Parker	10
15	Singing Hills Elem	41012 Madrid Dr	Parker	8
17	Singing Hills Elem	41012 Madrid Dr	Parker	11
1	Running Creek Elementary	900 S. Elbert St	Elizabeth	5
10	Running Creek Elementary	900 S. Elbert St	Elizabeth	9
12	Running Creek Elementary	900 S. Elbert St	Elizabeth	10
18	Running Creek Elementary	900 S. Elbert St	Elizabeth	9
14	Running Creek Elementary	901 S. Elbert St	Elizabeth	9
3	Kiowa Middle School	375 Comanche St	Kiowa	8
13	Senior Center	428 Comanche St.	Kiowa	10
2	Bijou Baptist Church	38253 Ridge Rd	Agate	4
4	Elbert School	24489 Main St	Elbert	5
5	Big Sandy School	619 Pueblo Ave	Simla	8
6	Central Bible Church	42931 County Rd 30	Matheson	4
9	Rattlesnake #52	7119 Sun Country Dr	Parker	8
11	Elbert School	24489 Main St	Elbert	6
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