

PRECINCT CONVENTIONS

What is a precinct?

A precinct is part of a beat. It is the smallest political unit. Everyone lives in a precinct.

What is a precinct convention?

A precinct convention is a meeting in the precinct. It is held by the Mississippi Democratic Party.

Who can go?

Any registered voter. This year the Council of Federated Organizations is asking Negroes to go to the conventions. People who are not registered can go, although they may not be allowed to come in the meeting.

When is a precinct convention held?

A precinct convention is held on Tuesday, June 16, at 10 A.M. this year.

Where is it held?

It is held at the place where you vote.

What do people do at a precinct convention?

They elect delegates to go to other meetings. These delegates go to a county meeting where they elect other delegates to go to a District and a State Convention. These people select delegates to go to a National Convention where they decide who will run for President of the United States.

Who runs the precinct convention?

A temporary chairman opens the meeting and then the people elect a chairman to run the meeting.

Why are we going to these meetings?

We are going to these meetings to show we want to be full citizens. The people who run these meetings have been the same people that keep Negroes from being able to vote. We are setting up our own party, the Freedom Democratic Party---a party for all the people. We want to see if the other Democratic Party is a party for all the people, too.

Will the people running the meeting let us in to their meeting?

We don't know. But we want to show that we want to go, even if they won't let us in.

What should we do after the meeting?

We should call the COFO office and let them know what happened at the meeting so they can help us tell everyone that Mississippi wants to be free.

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