

Minnesota Primary Election Preview



What?

The primary election determines which candidates will be the DFL and Republican nominees on the ballot in the November general election.



When?

August 11, 2020 Primary Election
November 3, 2020 General Election



Who?

23 Minnesota House of Representatives Seats

**all 134 seats will be on the ballot in the November general election*

17 Minnesota Senate Seats

**all 67 seats will be on the ballot in the November general election*

President

Minnesota had their presidential primary on Super Tuesday (March 3) President Donald Trump won the GOP Primary and former Vice President Joe Biden won the DFL Primary

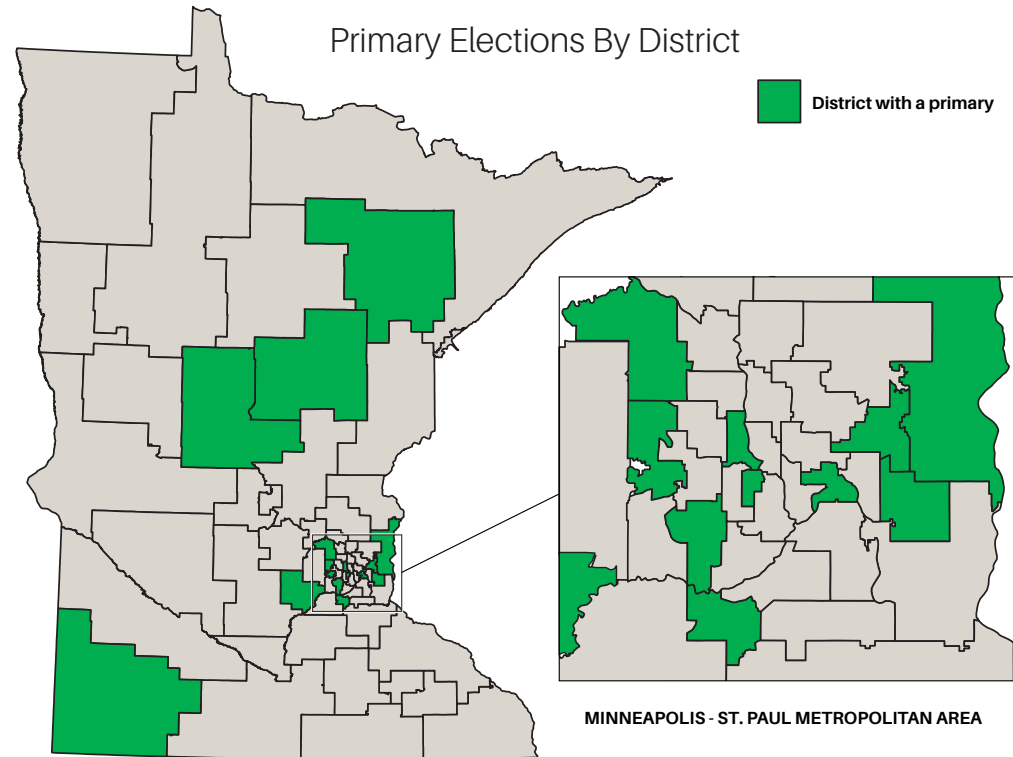
U.S. Senate Seat

Current Senator Tina Smith faces off against 4 challengers in the primary. The GOP will have to decide between 5 challengers to face Sen. Smith. Former U.S. Congressman Jason Lewis is the GOP favorite.

All 8 Congressional Seats

DFL has primaries in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th congressional districts (all have DFL incumbents that are being challenged) GOP has primaries in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th (the 6th and 8th have Republican incumbents that are being challenged).

Minnesota Senate



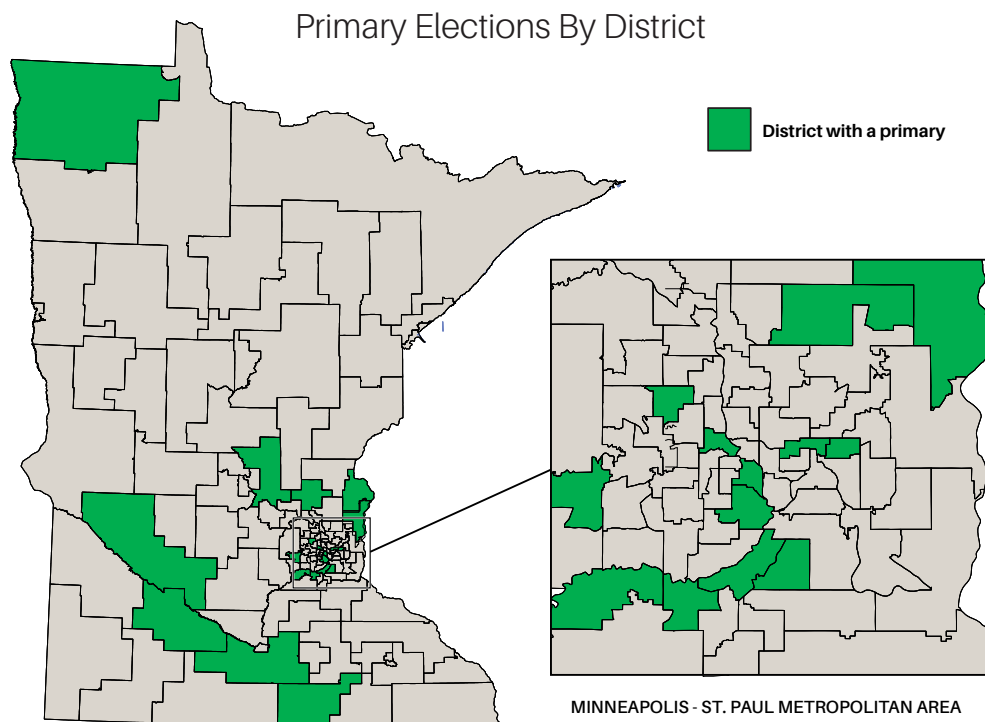
Incumbents with Primary Challengers

- Sen. David Tomassoni (DFL - Chisholm)
- Sen. Erik Simonson (DFL - Duluth)
- Sen. Chuck Wiger (DFL - Maplewood)
- Sen. Susan Kent (DFL - Woodbury)*
**Current Senate Minority Leader*
- Sen. Bobby Joe Champion (DFL - Minneapolis)
- Sen. Jeff Hayden (DFL - Minneapolis)
- Sen. Sandy Pappas (DFL - Saint Paul)
- Sen. Carrie Ruud (R - Breezy Point)
- Sen. Paul Gazelka (R - Nisswa)*
**Current Senate Majority Leader*

17 Total Primaries in the Senate

9 Primaries challenging incumbents

Minnesota House



Incumbents with Primary Challengers

- Rep. Sandy Masin (DFL - Eagan)
- Rep. Ray Dehn (DFL - Minneapolis)
- Rep. Jim Davnie (DFL - Minneapolis)
- Rep. John Lesch (DFL - Saint Paul)
- Rep. Shane Mekeland (R - Clear Lake)
- Rep. Paul Torkelson (R - Hanska)
- Rep. Jeremy Munson (R - Lake Crystal)
- Rep. Kurt Daudt (R - Crown) *
- Rep. Anne Neu (R - North Branch)

*Current House Minority Leader

Four current representatives do not have opponents in either the primary or the general election

- Rep. Heather Edelson (DFL - Edina)
- Rep. Mohamud Noor (DFL - Minneapolis)
- Rep. Gene Pelowski (DFL - Winona)
- Rep. Dean Urdahl (R - Grove City)

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Notes:

Governor Tim Walz (DFL), U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (DFL), Attorney General Keith Ellison (DFL), Secretary of State Steve Simon (DFL), and State Auditor Julie Blaha (DFL) are not up for election until 2022.

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