

## Caucus Glossary

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Throughout caucus season, you will hear terms and words that are unique to the political process. Become familiar with the terms below and you'll be ready to take part!

### **Caucus (noun)<sup>1</sup>**

- (a) a closed meeting of a group of persons belonging to the same political party or faction usually to select candidates or to decide on policy
- (b) a group of people united to promote an agreed-upon cause

### **Convention (noun)<sup>2</sup>**

- (a) the summoning or convening of an assembly
- (b) an assembly of persons met for a common purpose; especially: a meeting of the delegates of a political party for the purpose of formulating a platform and selecting candidates for office

### **Delegate(s) (noun)<sup>3</sup>**

- (a) a person acting for another: as a representative to a convention or conference

### **Electioneer (verb)<sup>4</sup>**

- (a) to take an active part in an election; specifically: to work for the election of a candidate or party

### **Precinct (noun)<sup>5</sup>**

- (a) any one of the sections that a town or city is divided into when people vote in an election

### **Straw Poll or Straw Vote (noun)<sup>6</sup>**

- (a) An unofficial vote taken to obtain an indication of the general trend of opinion on a particular issue

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<sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</sup> Caucus. Convention. Delegates. Electioneer. Precinct. (n.d.) In *Merriam-Webster online*. Retrieved on April 8, 2015 from <http://www.merriam-webster.com/>

<sup>6</sup> Straw poll. (n.d.) In *Reference.com online*. Retrieved on April 8, 2015 from <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/straw+poll>