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CHAPTER 1: 2026 Election Information

A. Federal, Statewide, and Legislative Offices to be Elected in 2026

OFFICE	TERM	NUMBER OF SEATS	QUALIFICATIONS	CITATION
United States Representative in Congress	2 years	9 (One per Congressional District)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen for at least 7 years • At least 25 years of age • Resident of Arizona when elected 	U.S. Const. art. I, § 2
Governor	4 Years	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen for at least 10 years • At least 25 years of age • Resident of Arizona at least 5 years when elected 	Ariz. Const. art. V, § 2
Secretary of State	4 Years	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen for at least 10 years • At least 25 years of age • Resident of Arizona at least 5 years when elected 	Ariz. Const. art. V, § 2
State Treasurer	4 Years	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen for at least 10 years • At least 25 years of age • Resident of Arizona at least 5 years when elected 	Ariz. Const. art. V, § 2
Attorney General	4 Years	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen for at least 10 years • At least 25 years of age • Resident of Arizona at least 5 years when elected • Been a practicing attorney in Arizona for not less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of taking office. 	Ariz. Const. art. V, § 2; A.R.S. § 41-191(A)

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Superintendent of Public Instruction	4 Years	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen for at least 10 years • At least 25 years of age • Resident of Arizona at least 5 years when elected 	Ariz. Const. art. V, § 2
State Mine Inspector	4 Years	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen • At least 30 years of age • Resident of Arizona at least 2 years before election • Practically engaged in and acquainted with mines and mining in Arizona • At least 8 years' experience (4 or more in Arizona) consisting of direct operational or management experience with mining operations at a mine. • Knowledge of the state and federal regulations involving the health and safety of mining employees 	Ariz. Const. art. XIX; A.R.S. § 38-201(A); A.R.S. § 27-121(A)
Corporation Commissioner	4 years	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen • Arizona resident • At least 18 years of age • No interest in corporations subject to regulation 	Ariz. Const. art. XV § 1; A.R.S. § 38-201(A); A.R.S. § 40-101
State Senator	2 years	30 (One per Legislative District)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen • Arizona resident for 3 years • Resident of county from which elected at least 1 year before election • At least 25 years of age 	Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 2 §2
State Representative	2 years	60 (Two per Legislative District)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States citizen • Arizona resident for 3 years • Resident of county from which elected at least 1 year before election • At least 25 years of age 	Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 2 §2

B. Important 2026 Election Dates and Information

1. Consolidated Election Requirement

Arizona law requires that all elections, with limited exceptions, be held on one of four election dates¹:

- 2nd Tuesday in March (March Election)
- 3rd Tuesday in May (May Election)
- 1st Tuesday in August (August Election)
- 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November (November Election)

Federal, statewide, and legislative elections are conducted in even-numbered years.²

Candidate elections for most local jurisdictions (other than a special election to fill a vacancy or a recall election) may only be held in August and November in even numbered years.³ Local candidates should contact the local filing officer for additional information, including regarding whether the jurisdiction is subject to consolidated elections.

Candidates for lieutenant governor.

Beginning in 2026, candidates for governor must submit to the Secretary of State's Office the Nomination Paper naming the person for lieutenant governor. The lieutenant governor will appear on the General Election ballot jointly with the gubernatorial candidate.⁴ Nomination Paper forms will be provided to gubernatorial candidates advancing to the General Election after the Primary Election by the Secretary of State's Office. Official candidates for governor in the General Election must file the Nomination Paper for lieutenant governor no later than **September 4, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.**⁵

A person is unable to run for the office of lieutenant governor outside of the process outlined above.

¹ [A.R.S. § 16-204\(2\)](#). This does not apply to charter cities. *See State of Arizona v. City of Tucson*, 251 Ariz. 45 (2021).

² [Ariz. Const., art. VII, § 11](#).

³ [A.R.S. § 16-204\(E\)](#).

⁴ [A.R.S. §§ 16-301\(B\); 16-341\(L\)](#).

⁵ [A.R.S. §§ 16-301\(B\); 16-341\(L\)](#).

2. Primary Election Information

August 4, 2026 Primary Election	
A. New Party Petitions to Qualify for 2026 Primary and General Elections⁶	
• Number of signatures required	34,127
• Last day to file and submit petition signatures to Secretary of State for statewide recognition	November 27, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.
B. Candidate Nomination Petitions⁷	
• First day to file ⁸	March 7, 2026 ⁹
• Filing deadline	April 6, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
C. Write-In Candidates¹⁰	
• First day to file	March 7, 2026 ¹¹
• Filing deadline	June 5, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
D. Other Important Dates	
• Voter registration closes ¹²	July 6, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.
• Deadline for statewide Official Canvass of Primary Election ¹³	August 20, 2026

⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-803\(A\)](#).

⁷ [A.R.S. §§ 16-311\(A\); 16-314\(A\); 38-543](#).

⁸ [A.R.S. § 16-951\(B\)](#). Potential candidates who want to run as a publicly-funded candidate may file their nomination paperwork as well as their Clean Elections paperwork beginning on January 2, 2026. For more information on Clean Elections requirements, see [Chapter 3](#) of this guide and contact the [Citizens Clean Elections Commission](#).

⁹ March 7, 2026 falls on a Saturday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Monday, March 9, 2026

¹⁰ [A.R.S. § 16-312\(B\)](#).

¹¹ March 7, 2026 falls on a Saturday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Monday, March 9, 2026

¹² [A.R.S. § 16-120\(A\)](#).

¹³ [A.R.S. § 16-645\(B\)](#).

3. General Election

November 3, 2026 General Election	
A. Candidate Nomination Petitions – “Nomination Other Than by Primary”/ Independent¹⁴	
• First day to file	March 7, 2026 ¹⁵
• Filing deadline	April 6, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
B. Candidate Nominations for Lieutenant Governor from Gubernatorial Candidates¹⁶	
• First day to file	August 20, 2026 ¹⁷
• Filing deadline	September 4, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
C. Initiative and Referendum Petitions	
• Last day to file constitutional and statutory initiative petitions ¹⁸	July 2, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
• Last day to file referendum petitions ¹⁹	90 days after legislature adjourns
• Number of signatures required (statutory initiative) ²⁰	255,949
• Number of signatures required (constitutional initiative) ²¹	383,923
• Number of signatures required (referendum) ²²	127,975

¹⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-341\(C\)](#).

¹⁵ March 7, 2026 falls on a Saturday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Monday, March 9, 2026

¹⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-341\(C\)](#).

¹⁷ [A.R.S. §§ 16-301\(B\); 16-341\(L\)](#).

¹⁸ [Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 1, § 1\(4\)](#).

¹⁹ [Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 1, § 1\(3\)](#).

²⁰ [Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 1, § 1\(2\)](#).

²¹ [Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 1, § 1\(2\)](#).

²² [Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 1, § 1\(3\)](#).

D. Justices and Judges²³	
• First day to file for retention	August 5, 2026
• Recommended last day to file for retention to ensure ballot mailing deadlines are met.	August 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM
• Filing deadline for retention	September 4, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
E. Write-In Candidates²⁴	
• First day to file	June 6, 2026
• Filing deadline	September 24, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.
F. Other Important Dates	
• Voter registration closes ²⁵	October 5, 2026 at 11:59 P.M.
• Official Statewide Canvass of General Election Results ²⁶	November 23, 2026

²³ [Ariz. Const. art. VI, § 38.](#)

²⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-312\(B\).](#)

²⁵ [A.R.S. §§ 16-120\(A\); 16-120\(B\).](#) If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday, voter registrations that are received on the next business are deemed to have been timely received for purposes of voting in that election.

²⁶ [Ariz. Const. art. V § 10; A.R.S. § 16-648\(A\).](#)

CHAPTER 2: Filing to Become a Candidate in a Primary Election

A. Preparing to File

A candidate for federal, statewide, or legislative offices who wishes to become the nominee of a recognized political party must comply with statutory requirements to appear on the Primary Election ballot. A federal, statewide, or legislative candidate is required to use the Secretary State’s online [Candidate Portal](#) to create and manage their candidate filing process. [Candidate Portal](#) enables a candidate to create an online profile that will display on the Secretary of State’s Elections website and to upload nomination paperwork online. This section details the steps a candidate should take in advance of the filing deadline. A Clean Elections candidate should also review [Chapter 4](#) of this handbook and contact the [Citizens Clean Elections Commission](#) for additional guidance.

1. Candidate Portal Account and Election Profile

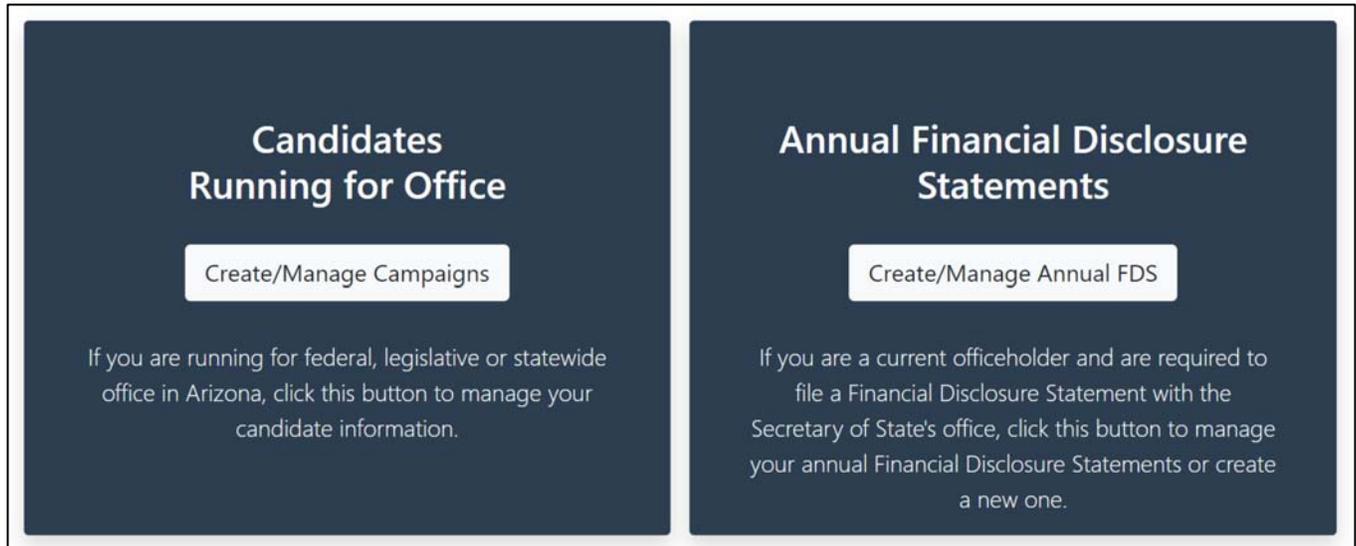
a. Sign Up/Log In



Home Screen for [Candidate Portal](#)

Federal, statewide, or legislative candidates must sign up for a user account in [Candidate Portal](#). This account will remain with the candidate for all future election cycles and for filing annual Financial Disclosure Statements, should they become an elected official. The candidate is encouraged to use an email address that they can reliably access in the future. This email will not be posted publicly unless specified to do so by the candidate on the candidate’s public-facing summary.

b. Candidates Running for Office



Create/Manage Campaigns Screen for [Candidate Portal](#)

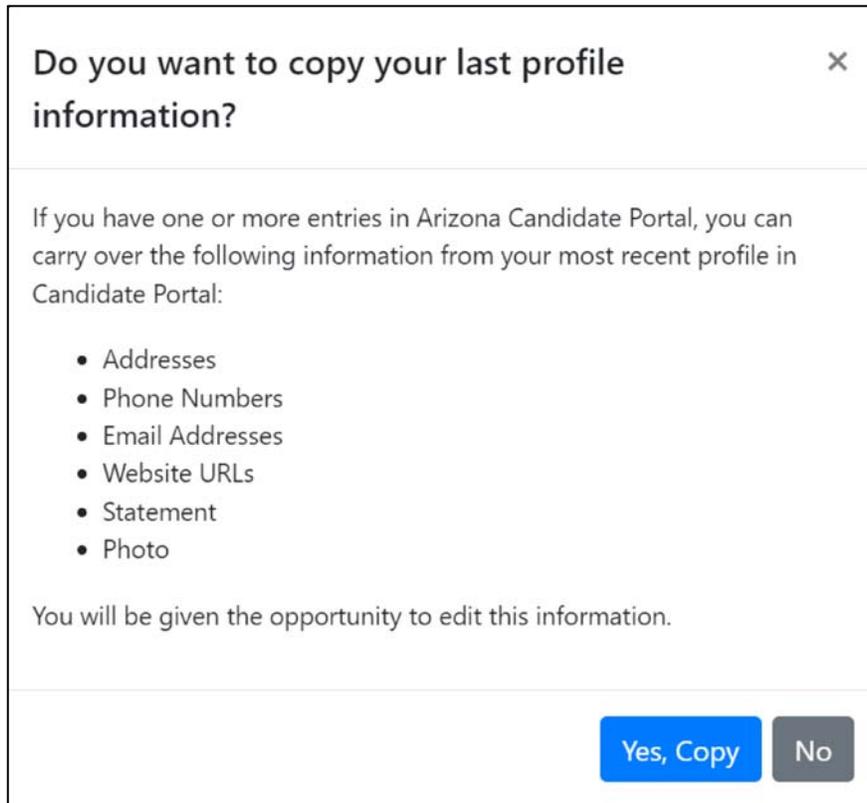
Select “Create/Manage Campaigns” to begin the process.



Add New Campaign Screen for [Candidate Portal](#)

Select “Add New Campaign”. A candidate should only create one profile for each office that they wish to run for.

A candidate who has previously entered a profile in [Candidate Portal](#) will see the following pop-up:



Pop-up Screen in [Candidate Portal](#)

Selecting “Yes, Copy” will automatically include information listed in the most recently created profile in the respective fields. The information listed in the fields can still be edited later. Selecting “No” will require the candidate to input all listed information from scratch.

c. *Election Profile*

Run for Office

*** Required Field**

Election*

Required

If you intend to run as a member of a recognized political party, you must select the Primary Election. You will not be eligible to run in the General Election as a recognized political party candidate without participating in the Primary Election.

Office Type*

Required

Office*

Required

Candidate Type*

Required

A Write-In candidate will not have their name appear on the ballot. Votes for official Write-In candidates will be tabulated and included in the state canvass of the election.

Political Party*

Required

It is your responsibility to confirm your selections before proceeding. Please contact our office if you have any questions about the use of this online registration system.

[Next >>](#) [Cancel](#)

Adding an Election Profile in [Candidate Portal](#)

Election: A candidate will be prompted to enter information about the office sought. If a candidate intends to run as a member of a recognized political party in Arizona, in the “Election” drop-down menu, the candidate must select the “2026 Primary Election (August 4, 2026)” option. The candidate will not be eligible to run in the General Election as a recognized political party²⁷ candidate without participating in the Primary Election.

Furthermore, a candidate at the Primary Election for a political party must be a qualified elector of the political party from the time that they collect their first nomination petition signature until the General Election for which the candidate wishes to appear on the ballot.²⁸ A write-in candidate must be a qualified elector at the time of filing their nomination paperwork of the county or district they are running to represent for at least 120 days before the election.²⁹

Office Type: Select the type of office being sought from the drop-down menu from the following options: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Statewide Office, and State Legislative Office.

²⁷ [Statewide Recognized Parties.](#)

²⁸ [A.R.S. § 16-311\(A\)](#) refers to qualifications for candidates of partisan elections.

²⁹ [A.R.S. § 16-312\(A\).](#)

Corporation Commission must select Statewide Office from the drop down. State Senator and State Representative should both select the State Legislative Office option.

Office: The specific position or district must be selected.

Candidate Type: This drop-down menu gives the candidate the option to identify if running for a party “Nomination” or as a “Write-In.” Candidates seeking “Nomination” will appear on the ballot if they qualify.

Political Party: The options for this drop-down menu will differ depending on whether the candidate selected to run in the Primary Election or General Election. If “Primary Election” is selected, the candidate can choose between the statewide recognized parties in Arizona.

If “General Election” is selected, the only option for Political Party is “Other.” Then, a new drop-down menu titled **If Party = Other** is made available where a maximum of three words can be entered to list the party affiliation. If nothing is input, the party listed on the ballot will be **NONE**.

Are you a Clean Elections Candidate?: This menu option allows for a candidate to select if they intend to be a clean elections candidate. Unlike the other fields, this field can be changed in Candidate Portal at a later date. *Selecting “Yes” does not commit the candidate to participating in clean elections.* Selecting “Yes” merely indicates an intention and allows for additional clean elections functions to be accessible in Candidate Portal. A candidate must properly file an Application for Certification by July 28, 2026³⁰ in order to officially begin the process. More information can be found in [Chapter 3](#).

Once the fields have been completed, click “Next.”

³⁰ [A.R.S. §§ 16-947\(A\); 16-961\(B\)\(3\)](#).

Run for Office

*** Required Field**

Addresses

Warning: The "Residential Address" will be displayed on your Nomination Petition, Nomination Paper, and as your E-Qual circulator address; it may also be disclosed pursuant to public records requests and legal challenges. **If your address is protected from public disclosure pursuant to [A.R.S. § 16-153](#)**, a P.O. Box or private mail box from your district may be used in this section. [A.R.S. § 16-311\(A\)](#); [A.R.S. § 16-312\(A\)](#); [A.R.S. § 16-341\(C\)](#). The E-Qual and paper Nomination Petition will display the "Residential Address" listed at the time the Nomination Petition was created/printed.

Please note: Under Arizona law, officeholders and candidates may designate which address they wish to appear on their Financial Disclosure Statement as a matter of public record. When creating your Financial Disclosure Statement, you will select either your "Residential Address" or "Work Address" (as entered below) to appear on your form. Additionally, if the "Work Address" is left blank, the only address available to display on the Financial Disclosure Statement will be the "Residential Address."

Residential Address*:

Address Line 1*

Address Line 2

City* **State*** ▼ **ZIP Code***

County*
 ▼

Work Address

My Work Address is the same as my Residential Address

Address Line 1

Adding address information in [Candidate Portal](#)

A candidate will then be prompted to provide their residential, work, and mailing addresses. Once properly entered, the candidate can select "Next."

Warning: The "Residential Address" will be displayed on your Nomination Petition, Nomination Paper, and as your E-Qual circulator address; it may also be disclosed pursuant to public records requests and legal challenges. **If your address is protected from public disclosure pursuant to [A.R.S. § 16-153](#)**, a P.O. Box or private mail box from your district may be used in this section. [A.R.S. § 16-311\(A\)](#); [A.R.S. § 16-312\(A\)](#); [A.R.S. § 16-341\(C\)](#). The E-Qual and paper Nomination Petition will display the "Residential Address" listed at the time the Nomination Petition was created/printed. It is the candidate's responsibility to protect their address if they are a secured or protected voter.

Please note: Under Arizona law, officeholders and candidates may designate which address they wish to appear on their Financial Disclosure Statement as a matter of public record. When creating your Financial

Disclosure Statement, you will select either your “Residential Address” or “Work Address” (as entered below) to appear on your form. Additionally, if the “Work Address” is left blank, the only address available to display on the Financial Disclosure Statement will be the “Residential Address.”

Run for Office

* Required Field

Name (As you wish for it to appear on the ballot)

First Name* Required	Nickname Optional	Middle Name Optional
Last Name* Required	Suffix Optional	Phonetic Spelling of Your Name Optional

Contact Information

Contact Email* Required	Type* Required
Contact Phone* Required	Type* Required

Don't forget! You also need to update your campaign finance committee to reflect the current election cycle. Head over to [Beacon](#) to update your candidate committee. If you would like assistance, please contact our office at (602) 542-8683 or by email at candidate@azsos.gov.

<< Previous Cancel Submit

Adding a name, phonetic spelling, and contact information in [Candidate Portal](#)

The following screen allows a candidate to enter their name as they wish for it to appear on the ballot as well as their contact information. This contact information will not be displayed publicly. **Please note:** A nickname cannot include professional, fraternal, religious or military titles, a slogan, a promotional word or phrase, or any word that does not actually constitute a nickname.³¹ Once the information is properly completed, click “Submit”.

This screen will also allow you provide a phonetic spelling of your name to be used on accessible voting devices. If you do not provide a phonetic spelling, elections officials in each county do their best to properly record your name. Providing a phonetic spelling in your Candidate Portal helps ensure consistency and accuracy and that voters know the correct audio pronunciation of your name.

After completing the Election Profile, candidates must also update their campaign finance committee to reflect the current election cycle in the State’s online campaign finance reporting system, [Beacon](#).³²

³¹ [A.R.S. § 16-311\(G\)](#).

³² <https://beacon.arizona.vote>.

The screenshot shows a web interface for a candidate's profile. At the top, there is a navigation menu with five items: "Profile", "Campaign Information", "Statement of Interest", "Nomination Paper", and "Nomination Petitions". The "Campaign Information" tab is selected and highlighted. Below the navigation, the main heading is "Campaign Information". Underneath this heading is a blue button labeled "Upload Photo". Below the button is a large, empty rectangular area intended for a profile picture. Below the photo area is another blue button labeled "Edit Campaign Information". At the bottom of the page, there are four fields for contact information, each with a label and a status: "Public Email Address: No email address added.", "Public Phone Number: No phone number added.", "Websites: No websites added.", and "Candidate Statement: No statement added."

Adding a name and contact information in [Candidate Portal](#)

Once the Election Profile is created, a candidate may submit optional campaign information that will display on the Secretary of State’s Elections website **if** the candidate qualifies to appear on the ballot or as an official write-in. First, click on the menu option “Campaign Information” and then select “Add Photo” and/or “Edit Campaign Information.”

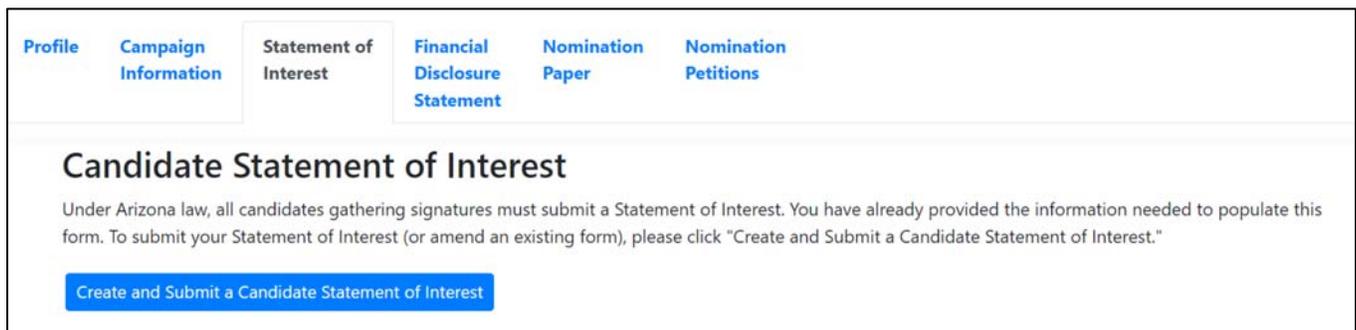
Ensure any photo selected is sized appropriately. When uploading a photo, it enables the user to zoom in and out of an image to crop it. Be sure to select a photo that is large enough that it does not appear pixelated but also completely fills the box. The photo should feature and clearly identify the candidate.

Additionally, the information listed in Campaign Information will not populate on the AZSOS website and will continue to show as “pending” until two steps have been completed. First, the candidate will need to qualify for the ballot. Second, the information listed will need to be approved by the Secretary of State’s Office. The Secretary of State’s Office will review the information to ensure: (1) the candidate can be easily identified in the photo, (2) the candidate’s website directs to an active campaign URL website for the candidate, and (3) all content complies with the state’s Candidate Portal Terms & Conditions Policy.³³

Note that the phone number, email, and website will be listed publicly on the Secretary of State’s website once a Statement of Interest is submitted.

2. Statement of Interest

A candidate **must** submit a Statement of Interest prior to collecting nomination petition signatures.³⁴ The Statement of Interest will include the candidate’s name, party affiliation, office sought, and election date. Any petition signatures collected prior to submission of a Statement of Interest are subject to challenge pursuant to [A.R.S. § 16-351](#).



The screenshot shows a web interface with a navigation bar at the top containing tabs: Profile, Campaign Information, Statement of Interest (which is highlighted), Financial Disclosure Statement, Nomination Paper, and Nomination Petitions. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is "Candidate Statement of Interest". Underneath this heading, there is a paragraph of text: "Under Arizona law, all candidates gathering signatures must submit a Statement of Interest. You have already provided the information needed to populate this form. To submit your Statement of Interest (or amend an existing form), please click 'Create and Submit a Candidate Statement of Interest.'" Below this text is a prominent blue button with the text "Create and Submit a Candidate Statement of Interest".

Submitting a Statement of Interest in [Candidate Portal](#)

A candidate for federal, statewide, or legislative office must electronically complete and submit a Statement of Interest via [Candidate Portal](#). The Statement of Interest can be found by selecting the “Statement of Interest” tab on the candidate’s profile screen. Next, select “Create and Submit a Candidate Statement of Interest” which will auto-populate based on the information previously provided in Candidate Portal. If any information auto-populating is incorrect, you may edit it in the “Profile” tab.

The Statement of Interest includes the office, party, election, and name the candidate has input into Candidate Portal. By submitting the Statement of Interest, the candidate’s electronic signature will be on the document.

³³ This policy is found in [Candidate Portal’s Guides tab](#).

³⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-311\(H\)](#). A Statement of Interest must be filed even if no campaign contributions are received and no campaign expenditures are made.

Profile	Campaign Information	Statement of Interest	Financial Disclosure Statement	Nomination Paper	Nomination Petitions
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Candidate Statement of Interest

Under Arizona law, all candidates gathering signatures must submit a Statement of Interest.

Date Uploaded	Current Status
Statement of Interest - January 27, 2025 @ 10:19 PM	Uploaded & Received <input type="button" value="Void"/>

A submitted Statement of Interest in [Candidate Portal](#)

Once a Statement of Interest has been submitted, a date and time stamped copy will be available in the candidate’s campaign profile. The Statement of Interest is considered complete and submitted as of this date.

A list of individuals who have filed a Statement of Interest is available to the public on the Secretary of State’s [Elections website](#).

3. Nomination Petitions

A candidate running for any office must file a nomination petition with the required number of signatures of qualified electors in order to appear on the official ballot.³⁵ Nomination petitions must be filed with the Secretary of State’s Office **between March 7, 2026 and April 6, 2026 at 5 P.M.**³⁶ Because March 7, 2026 is a Saturday, the first day to file with our Office will be Monday, March 9, 2026. The nomination petition form and content must conform to statutory requirements.³⁷ A photograph of the candidate may appear on the nomination petition,³⁸ and the signature portion, circulator instructions, and statement must be in the form provided by law.³⁹

Nomination petitions may be circulated at any time after filing a Statement of Interest. Signature requirements to qualify for the 2026 elections are based on the number of registered voters on January 2, 2026.⁴⁰ The number of required signatures by office is available on the Secretary of State’s website. Candidates must file at least the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought and no more than the maximum number. If a candidate attests that they have too few signatures upon filing or if the minimum is not met based on the filing officer’s review during intake, the Secretary of State will not accept the nomination filing. See [Chapter 7](#) for more information on signature requirements.

³⁵ [A.R.S. § 16-314\(A\)-\(B\)](#).

³⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-314\(A\)](#). March 7, 2026 falls on a Saturday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Monday, March 9, 2026.

³⁷ [A.R.S. §§ 16-314; 16-315](#).

³⁸ [A.R.S. § 16-315\(A\)\(5\)](#).

³⁹ [A.R.S. §§ 16-314; 16-315](#).

⁴⁰ [A.R.S. § 16-322\(B\)](#).

Nomination Petitions

Statutory Filing Period: March 7, 2026 – April 6, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

To collect petition signatures electronically, click the "Create E-Qual Petition" button below. E-Qual petitions may not be edited once made available to voters.

You may also prepare a paper Nomination Petition form for in-person circulation by clicking "Petition Form for Printing" below, available in both English and Spanish. To upload a photo to this petition, open the form using Adobe or other PDF reader and click the optional photo box.

Petition Form for Printing (English)

Petition Form for Printing (Spanish)

Electronic Petitions

Create E-Qual Petition

Creating a Nomination Petition in [Candidate Portal](#)

A candidate may collect signatures using printed petition forms and/or online using [E-Qual](#),⁴¹ the Secretary of State's secure online signature collection application.

a. Printing Petition Forms

A candidate who has created an Election Profile on [Candidate Portal](#) can generate their nomination petition form online by: (1) selecting the "Nomination Petitions" tab on their profile screen; then (2) selecting "Petition Form for Printing" in either English or Spanish. The petition form will auto-populate based on the information provided in [Candidate Portal](#).

To add a photograph of the candidate, open the form in a PDF reader application, like Adobe, and click on the photo box. The forms should be printed on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, full-sized, and double-sided to comply with statutory requirements.⁴² To ensure compliance with statutory requirements, print the petition sheets from the PDF located in Candidate Portal, not a photocopy. When printing from a browser, do not select "scale to fit." For printing double-sided, select "flip on short edge" or a similar option.

b. Collecting Petition Signatures on [E-Qual](#)

An E-Qual petition can be created by selecting the "Nomination Petitions" tab from the profile screen, then selecting the "Create E-Qual Petition" button. The user will be prompted to: (1) review the information contained in the petition's caption; then (2) click the "Create E-Qual Petition" button at the bottom of the page. An E-Qual petition may not be edited once it is made available to voters.

⁴¹ <https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/>.

⁴² [A.R.S. § 16-315](#).

Create E-Qual Petition

Petition, as presented to the voter

Review the following and click "Create E-Qual Petition" button at the bottom of the page.

Note: The Voter County Name field will populate based on the voter's residence address. The electronic petitions report will page break by county.

English

Partisan Nomination Petition

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the county of <~VoterCountyName~>, the state of Arizona, and of **the State of Arizona** and a member of the party or a person who is registered as no party preference or independent as the party preference or who is registered with a political party that is not a

E-Qual "Manage Petition" screen in [Candidate Portal](#)

Public E-Qual Petition Link

<https://godev.azsos.gov/>

Voter Signatures

Search:

Last Name	First Name	Address	Email	Jurisdiction	Signed
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There are no voter signatures for this E-Qual petition at this time.

Showing 0 to 0 of 0 entries

In this petition, you have 0 of maximum signatures that may be gathered via E-Qual. Across all your petitions, you have 0 of maximum signatures that may be gathered via E-Qual.

Petition, as presented to the voter

Note: The Voter County Name field will populate based on the voter's residence address. The electronic petitions report will page break by county.

English

Español

E-Qual "Manage Petition" screen in [Candidate Portal](#)

Clicking "Manage Petition" provides additional resources for the candidate. At the top of the screen, below "Public E-Qual Petition Link" is a link that a candidate can provide to direct voters to that candidate's E-Qual petition.

Towards the bottom of the screen, “Void Petition” should only be used if a candidate has decided to no longer run for the designated office. **Please note that voiding an E-Qual petition is a permanent decision and will result in voiding any signatures collected.** While a candidate can open a new E-Qual petition, the signatures that have been voided are permanently deleted.

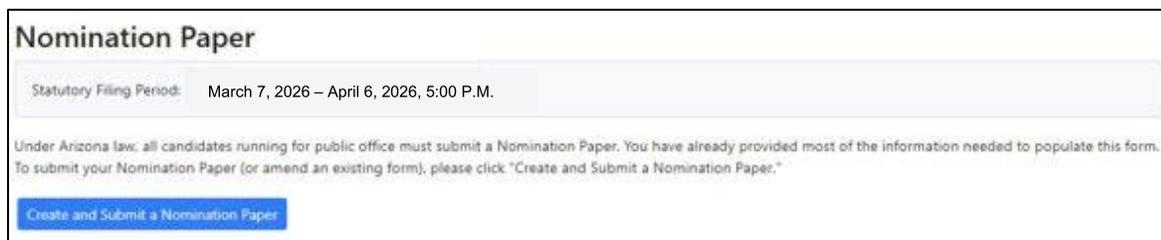
“Prepare for Filing (Close Petition)” should be used when a candidate is ready to file with the Secretary of State’s Office. Doing so will allow the candidate to export the E-Qual petition signatures.

To finish preparing the E-Qual signatures for filing, the candidate must print the PDF produced by Candidate Portal and sign the first page as the petition circulator for the signatures. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State’s Office prior to April 6 at 5:00 p.m. for the petition signatures to count.

4. Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification

A candidate must complete a Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification for the office they wish to hold during the candidate filing window—beginning March 7, 2026 and running through the April 6, 2026 5:00 p.m. filing deadline.⁴³ Because March 7, 2026 is a Saturday, the first day to file with our Office will be Monday, March 9, 2026.

A candidate who has created an Election Profile on [Candidate Portal](#) can submit the Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification online by selecting the “Nomination Paper” tab on their profile screen. Next, select “Create and Submit a Nomination Paper” which will auto-populate based on the information previously provided.



Submitting a Nomination Paper in [Candidate Portal](#)

The system will prompt the user to enter required information to complete the Nomination Paper and will generate an electronic form for the user to certify. *A candidate should confirm that they have listed their name in the exact form in which they want their name printed on the official ballot.* Abbreviated names, and initials are permitted.⁴⁴ However, nicknames may not reference a professional, fraternal, religious, military title, slogan, promotional word, or phrase that does not constitute an actual nickname.⁴⁵ The candidate’s last name will be printed on the ballot first, followed by any other names.⁴⁶

⁴³ [A.R.S. §§ 16-311\(A\), \(D\), \(I\); 16-314\(A\); 38-543](#). March 7, 2026 falls on a Saturday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Monday, March 9, 2026.

⁴⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-311\(G\)](#).

⁴⁵ [A.R.S. § 16-311\(G\)](#).

⁴⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-311\(G\)](#).

Additionally, candidates for State Mine Inspector must complete an affidavit and nomination paper that includes an affirmation that the candidate meets additional requirements.⁴⁷ [A.R.S. § 27-121](#) requires candidates affirm that:⁴⁸

“Additionally, I have at least eight years’ experience (four or more in Arizona), consisting of direct operational or management experience with mining operations at a mine. I also have knowledge of the state and federal regulations involving the health and safety of mining employees.”

5. Prepare the Financial Disclosure Statement

Candidates running for a statewide or legislative office must file a personal financial disclosure statement.⁴⁹ Candidates for federal office are exempt from Arizona’s campaign finance and personal financial disclosure requirements and should instead review the Federal Election Commission guidance for federal compliance.⁵⁰



Creating a Financial Disclosure Statement in [Candidate Portal](#)

A candidate who has created an Election Profile on [Candidate Portal](#) can complete their Financial Disclosure Statement online by selecting the “Financial Disclosure Statement” tab on their profile screen. Next, select “Begin a New Financial Disclosure Statement” which will auto-populate partially based on the information provided. **The candidate Financial Disclosure Statement will not be available to complete until the filing period begins.**

If you are a currently elected official wishing to submit an officeholder Financial Disclosure Statement, please refer to the [Officeholder Financial Disclosure guide](#) under the Campaign Finance portion of the website.

⁴⁷ [A.R.S. § 27-121\(B\)](#).

⁴⁸ [A.R.S. § 27-121\(A\)](#).

⁴⁹ [A.R.S. § 38-543](#).

⁵⁰ [A.R.S. § 38-541\(8\)](#).

The screenshot displays two sections of a financial disclosure form. Section A, titled 'SECTION A. PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTERESTS', includes 11 numbered items: 1. Identification of Household Members, 2. Sources of Personal Compensation, 3. Professional, Occupational and Business Licenses, 4. Personal Creditors, 5. Personal Debtors, 6. Gifts, 7. Office, Position or Fiduciary Relationship in Businesses, Nonprofit Organizations or Trusts, 8. Ownership or Financial Interests in Business, Trusts or Investment Funds, 9. Ownership of Bonds, 10. Real Property Ownership, and 11. Travel Expenses. Section B, titled 'SECTION B. BUSINESS FINANCIAL INTERESTS', includes 5 numbered items: 12. Business Names, 13. Controlled Business Information, 14. Dependent Business Information, 15. Real Property Owned by a Controlled or Dependent Business, 16. Controlled or Dependent Business' Creditors, and 17. Controlled or Dependent Business' Debtors. Each item has a 'Start' button, and the first item in each section has an 'Edit' button.

Completing a Financial Disclosure Statement in [Candidate Portal](#)

The Financial Disclosure Statement is different from campaign finance information. The user will be prompted to provide responses to a series of questions regarding personal and business financial interests. After completing and reviewing the form, the user must verify under penalty of perjury that the information is true and correct before signing and submitting the form.

B. Candidate Checklist in Candidate Portal

- Create account and Campaign Profile in Candidate Portal
- Submit Statement of Interest
- Create Nomination Petition forms
 1. Sample provided for candidate to print and circulate
 2. Electronic version in E-Qual
- Complete Financial Disclosure Statement (if required)
- Complete Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification

C. Filing Procedures

1. When to File

A candidate running for a federal, statewide, or legislative office must file their paperwork with the Secretary of State's Office no more than 150 days and no less than 120 days prior to the Primary Election in which they

wish to appear on the ballot.⁵¹ For the August 4, 2026 Primary Election, candidates must file their nomination paperwork between Saturday, March 7, 2026 and Monday, April 6, 2026 by 5:00 P.M.⁵² Because March 7, 2026 is a Saturday, the first day to file with our Office will be Monday, March 9, 2026.

2. What to File

Candidates for federal office must file:

- a. Statement of Interest
- b. Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification
- c. Nomination Petition forms

Federal candidates may also choose to file the Optional Statement on Recall, agreeing to resign if not re-elected on a recall vote.⁵³

Candidates for either a statewide or legislative office must file:

- a. Statement of Interest
- b. Nomination Paper⁵⁴ and Declaration of Qualification
- c. Nomination Petition forms
- d. Financial Disclosure Statement

As discussed above, candidates must generate the Nomination Paper, Statement of Interest, and Financial Disclosure Statement in [Candidate Portal](#). **Please note that candidates are prohibited from filing documents to run for more than one office at the same election** if the candidate cannot serve in both positions if elected to both.⁵⁵

Nomination Petition forms must be organized by county prior to filing. If a candidate is missing any paperwork, or fails to have the petition forms properly organized, the candidate will be asked to fix the error and return at a later time.

Please review the filing instructions on our candidate filing webpage at: [Running for Office | Arizona Secretary of State](#).

3. Where to File

Candidates for federal, statewide, and legislative offices may file their nomination paperwork in-person. While candidates may file by mail, it is discouraged due to the risk of petitions being delayed, lost, or destroyed.

⁵¹ [A.R.S. § 16-311\(B\)](#).

⁵² [A.R.S. §§ 16-311\(A\); 16-314\(A\); 38-543](#). March 7, 2026 falls on a Saturday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Monday, March 9, 2026.

⁵³ [A.R.S. § 19-221\(A\)](#).

⁵⁴ State Mine Inspector has additional affidavit language included in the Nomination Paper as required in [A.R.S. § 27-121\(A\)](#).

⁵⁵ [A.R.S. § 38-296.01](#).

Candidates who choose to file in person are advised to make an appointment to avoid long wait times. Appointments will be honored over walk-ins. The appointment scheduler will be available on our website: [Running for Office | Arizona Secretary of State](#). Filings are conducted in person in our Phoenix office. Please visit [Running for Office | Arizona Secretary of State](#) to schedule. No filings are accepted at the Tucson office.

Email at candidate@azsos.gov or call to (602) 542-8683 with any questions.

While it is highly discouraged as physical petitions can be lost, damaged, or delayed in the mail, candidates may mail filings to our office at:

c/o Elections Division – Candidate Filing
Secretary of State’s Office
1700 W Washington St, Fl 7
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Any documents mailed or dropped off must be received by the Secretary of State’s Office by 5:00 pm on April 6, 2026. Receipt by the ADOA mail room does not constitute a filing. Filers should use the Filing by Mail form in [APPENDIX B: Mail In Form](#) to organize their documents and include the form with their filings.

CHAPTER 3: Running as a Participating Clean Elections Candidate

A. Preparing to File

Statewide and legislative candidates may choose to run as participating Clean Elections candidate, meaning they choose not to accept special interest and large private contributions. Instead, they will receive funding from the Citizens Clean Elections Fund. To qualify, candidates must apply, receive initial approval from the Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC), collect the required number of \$5 donations from registered voters within their district, then be verified for funding.⁵⁶ Statewide or legislative write-in candidates interested in receiving funding under the Citizens Clean Elections Act should contact CCEC: <https://www.azcleelections.gov/contact-us>.⁵⁷

Participating candidates must also attend a class provided by CCEC. Further details about running as a participating candidate can be found on the CCEC website: <https://www.azcleelections.gov/run-for-office>. This Chapter outlines the steps a candidate should follow to run as a participating candidate.

B. Application and Initial Approval

1. Create a Candidate Portal Account and Election Profile

A candidate participating in the Clean Elections program should begin the process by following the steps outlined in [Chapter 2](#) to create an account in [Candidate Portal](#).

2. Application for Certification

Participating candidates must file an Application for Certification between August 1, 2025 and July 28, 2026.⁵⁸ This application can only be generated in [Beacon](#), the Secretary of State’s campaign finance reporting system. The application must be notarized and contain the candidate’s original signature. Candidates can submit this form in-person or by mail to:

c/o Elections Division – Candidate Filing
Secretary of State’s Office
1700 W Washington St, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

An application for certification is not required to be filed before collecting \$5 qualifying contributions but it is recommended that the application for certification be filed as soon as possible. Once the candidate has applied, the Secretary of State’s Office transmits the application to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission for approval.⁵⁹ The Commission will notify candidates within seven days if the application is approved.⁶⁰

⁵⁶ [A.R.S. §§ 16-946; 16-947; 16-950.](#)

⁵⁷ [A.R.S. §§ 16-950\(E\); 16-961\(F\)\(2\).](#)

⁵⁸ [A.R.S. §§ 16-947\(A\); 16-961\(B\)\(3\).](#)

⁵⁹ [A.R.S. § 16-947\(A\).](#)

⁶⁰ [A.R.S. § 16-947\(C\).](#)

C. Collecting Qualifying Contributions

The required number of Qualifying Contributions (QCs) varies depending on the office sought.

Required Qualifying Contributions Per Candidate ⁶¹	
Legislative	200
Mine Inspector	500
State Treasurer	1,500
Superintendent of Public Instruction	1,500
Corporation Commission	1,500
Secretary of State	2,500
Attorney General	2,500
Governor	4,000

While candidates must collect at least the minimum number of QCs for the office they are seeking, CCEC recommends that candidates collect at least 20% more than the required amount.

QCs may be collected only during the qualifying period, which runs from August 1, 2025, until July 28, 2026.⁶² Only a qualified elector who is properly registered to vote in the district of the office that the candidate is seeking may contribute a QC.⁶³ Candidates may accept QCs in person or electronically.⁶⁴

Create the Qualifying Contribution Form and Collecting Contributions Through E-Qual

Candidates interested in seeking QCs via the E-Qual system should refer to the [Qualifying Contributions – Using Stripe Guide](#); it includes a complete walkthrough of the setup.

Collecting Qualifying Contributions In Person

A candidate may also choose to collect QCs in person by using a three-part reporting slip that includes the contributor’s name, address, and signature. The slip must also contain the name of the candidate for whom the contribution is made, the date, and the printed name and signature of the person soliciting the donation.⁶⁵

⁶¹ [A.R.S. § 16-950\(D\)](#).

⁶² [A.R.S. §§ 16-946; 16-961](#).

⁶³ [A.R.S. § 16-946\(B\)\(1\)](#).

⁶⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-946\(B\)](#).

⁶⁵ [A.R.S. § 16-946\(B\)\(6\)](#).

One copy of the slip should be given to the contributor as a receipt, one copy should be retained by the candidate's campaign committee, and the third original reporting slip should be filed with the Secretary of State's Office when the candidate applies for Clean Elections funding.⁶⁶ Checks and money orders received by the committee must be made out to the candidate's campaign committee, and cash donations must be deposited in the candidate's campaign committee's account.⁶⁷

Paper forms can be requested directly from the CCEC. Contact them for more information: <https://www.azcleelections.gov/contact-us>.

D. Applying for Clean Elections Funding

1. Timeframe to Apply for Funding

Participating candidates may submit their candidate nomination paperwork along with their Application for Funding and Qualifying Contributions (QCs) to the Secretary of State's Office beginning on January 1, 2026. Because January 1, 2026 is a holiday, the first day to file with our Office will be Friday, January 2, 2026. Once the candidate's application and QC signatures have been verified to have met the threshold for the candidate's office sought, the Citizens Clean Elections Commission will release the funds to the candidate.⁶⁸

While participating candidates may file their Clean Elections funding application until July 28, 2026,⁶⁹ they must file their candidate nomination paperwork, discussed in [Chapter 3](#), by the April 6, 2026 filing deadline.

Before applying for funding, candidates must submit a W-9 form to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. This form is used to identify the candidate as a vendor with the state. Without this form, the Citizens Clean Elections Commission will not be able to provide the candidate with funding.

2. Application Process

In addition to the nomination papers, nomination petitions, and financial disclosure statements required to initially file for the ballot, candidates participating in the Clean Elections program should bring the following documents to file with the Secretary of State's Office:

- a. Application for Certification: The participating candidate should ensure that they have previously applied for certification following the steps above, or that they are prepared to apply at the time of filing. Waiting to apply at the time of filing will likely result in a significant delay.

It is highly recommended to file the application for certification in advance.

⁶⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-946\(C\)](#).

⁶⁷ [A.R.S. § 16-946\(B\)\(5\)](#).

⁶⁸ [A.R.S. § 16-951\(B\)](#). January 1, 2026 is a holiday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Friday, January 2, 2026.

⁶⁹ [A.R.S. § 16-950\(B\)](#).

- b. Application for Funding: The participating candidate will generate this application through [Beacon](#), the Secretary of State’s campaign finance reporting system after entering all qualifying contributions.
- c. List of All \$5 Qualifying Contributions: Contributors should be listed alphabetically and grouped by county. [Beacon](#) will generate this list after all contributors have been entered.
- d. E-Qual Report: After transferring all QCs collected via [E-Qual](#), close your E-Qual. Then, during the filing dates, you will print the E-Qual QC **report**. To create this PDF report for your *closed* QC, you will click “Create & Upload Electronic \$5 Qualifying Contributions Report.” Your QC must be closed before you will see this button and be able to create this report. Bring a printed copy of the PDF report with you to the filing. Do not simply print the CSV export.
- e. Qualifying Contribution Paper Slips: Paper QC slips must be *organized by county*. We also recommend they are *sorted alphabetically* within each county by voter’s last name; this will assist you should the Beacon report and physical count not match.
- f. A Check: Made out to the Citizens Clean Elections Fund, from the candidate’s campaign account for the total number of five-dollar QCs. We highly recommend completing the check after your QCs have been reconciled during the filing process in case your QC calculation differs from the amount you actually file.

If a candidate has submitted a complete application with at least the minimum number of QCs, the Secretary of State’s Office will select a random sample of QCs to send to the respective counties for verification.⁷⁰ The counties will have 10 days to verify the random sample and report to the Secretary of State’s Office which QCs qualify.⁷¹ The Secretary of State’s Office will take the remaining number and perform the statutory calculation to determine the number of QCs.⁷² If this number meets or exceeds 110% of the minimum threshold, the candidate is presumed to have qualified and the Secretary of State’s Office notifies CCEC and the candidate.⁷³ If the number verified falls below 110%, then all QCs are sent to counties for verification.⁷⁴ If the resulting number of verified QCs satisfies the statutory minimum, then the candidate will qualify as a participating candidate and be eligible to receive Clean Elections funding.⁷⁵

If the candidate fails to meet the minimum QC requirement, the candidate will receive notification from the Arizona Secretary of State’s Office that they did not qualify for participation. Pursuant to R2-20-105(F)⁷⁶ the candidate may submit **one** supplemental filing of QCs collected within the Qualifying Period. Under Arizona law, the “Qualifying Period” is defined as the period beginning on the first day of August in a year preceding

⁷⁰ [A.R.S. § 16-950\(C\)](#).

⁷¹ [A.R.S. § 16-950\(C\)](#).

⁷² [A.R.S. § 16-950\(C\)](#).

⁷³ [A.R.S. § 16-950\(C\)](#).

⁷⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-950\(C\)](#).

⁷⁵ [A.R.S. § 16-950\(C\)](#).

⁷⁶ [R2-20-105\(F\)](#).

an election and ending one week before the primary election.⁷⁷ Therefore, any supplemental QCs the candidate chooses to submit for the 2026 election cycle must have been collected on or before **July 28, 2026**. The deadline to submit a supplemental filing with our office is **August 4, 2026**.⁷⁸

The supplemental submission must contain at least the minimum number of additional QCs needed to qualify for funding. The submission must not contain duplicate contributions from individuals who have previously contributed to the candidate. An updated supplemental Beacon report will need to be generated and submitted with the supplemental filing. All supplemental QCs are sent to the counties for verification. Counties have 10 business days to verify all supplemental QCs. Once all reports are received, the Secretary of State's Office will notify the candidate in writing if they are approved or denied for funding.⁷⁹

⁷⁷ [A.R.S. § 16-961\(B\)\(3\)](#).

⁷⁸ [A.R.S. § 16-950\(B\)](#).

⁷⁹ [R2-20-105\(H\)-\(I\)](#).

CHAPTER 4: Independent Nomination Process

A. Preparing to File

Instead of seeking a nomination as a recognized political party nominee through a Primary Election, a candidate who is not registered with a recognized political party (*i.e.*, an “independent”, “unaffiliated”, “party not designated” candidate) may seek independent nomination to appear on the General Election ballot as a candidate for partisan office by filing the requisite paperwork and number of nomination petition signatures with the filing officer.⁸⁰ Such an “independent” candidate who meets this threshold will be placed directly on the *General Election* ballot, along with a three-letter “party” designation.⁸¹ This process is called “nomination other than by Primary”.⁸² A candidate may not seek a nomination in this manner if the candidate filed nomination petitions for the Primary Election and failed to qualify due to insufficient valid signatures.⁸³

B. Filing Procedures

Similar to candidates seeking nomination by political party primary, candidates seeking independent nomination must file with the appropriate filing officer a Statement of Interest prior to collecting petition signatures, nomination paper, and at least the minimum number of nomination petition signatures required.⁸⁴ Non-federal candidates must also file a financial disclosure statement if applicable.⁸⁵ A federal candidate is not required to file a financial disclosure statement. Federal candidates have the option to file a statement on recall with the Secretary of State.⁸⁶

Nomination petition signatures may be gathered on a hard-copy independent nomination petition form prescribed by the Secretary of State or, for federal, statewide, and legislative candidates, through [E-Qual](#), the Secretary of State’s online petition signature portal.⁸⁷ A filing officer will process and, in appropriate cases, reject independent nomination petition signatures in the same manner as partisan and nonpartisan nomination petitions.⁸⁸ Like the partisan candidate process, if an independent candidate’s nomination petitions are challenged in court, the applicable county recorder(s) must review the challenged.

1. Process

Candidates seeking a “Nomination Other Than by Primary” to be placed on the General Election ballot should follow the instructions in [Chapter 2](#) to create an account in the [Candidate Portal](#).

⁸⁰ [A.R.S. § 16-341\(A\), \(C\)](#).

⁸¹ [A.R.S. §§ 16-341\(D\); 16-502\(E\)](#).

⁸² [A.R.S. § 16-341](#).

⁸³ [A.R.S. § 16-341\(B\)](#).

⁸⁴ [A.R.S. §§ 16-311\(D\), \(H\); 16-341](#).

⁸⁵ [A.R.S. § 16-311\(I\)](#).

⁸⁶ [A.R.S. § 19-222](#).

⁸⁷ [A.R.S. §§ 16-316; 16-318](#).

⁸⁸ [A.R.S. §§ 16-341; 16-351](#).

2. When to File

An independent candidate running for a federal, statewide, or legislative office must file their paperwork with the Secretary of State's Office no more than 150 days and no less than 120 days prior to the Primary Election.⁸⁹ For the November 4, 2026 General Election, candidates must file their paperwork between Saturday, March 7, 2026 and Monday, April 6, 2026 by 5:00 P.M.⁹⁰ Since March 7, 2026 is a Saturday, the first day this Office will be open to accept a filing is Monday, March 9, 2026. Candidates may begin their filing process of Nomination Papers and Financial Disclosure Statements online on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

An independent statewide or legislative candidate seeking public funding under the Citizens Clean Elections Act may file the required nomination documents with the Secretary of State's Office beginning January 2, 2026.⁹¹ Please see [Chapter 3](#) for more information.

A candidate who does not file the required nomination documents by 5:00 P.M. on the last day for filing (April 6, 2026) is not eligible to have their name printed on the General Election ballot.⁹²

3. What to File

Independent Candidates for Federal Office Must File:

- a. Statement of Interest
- b. Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification
- c. Nomination Petition forms containing at least the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought

Candidates for the office of U.S. Senator or Representative in Congress have the option of filing an optional Statement on Recall agreeing to resign if not re-elected on a recall vote.⁹³ If a candidate chooses to file this statement, the Secretary of State will provide the statement to the public.⁹⁴

Independent Candidates for Either a Statewide or Legislative Office Must File:

- a. Statement of Interest
- b. Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification
- d. Nomination Petition forms containing at least the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought

⁸⁹ [A.R.S. § 16-341\(C\)](#).

⁹⁰ [A.R.S. §§ 16-341\(A\), \(C\)](#); [38-543](#). March 7, 2026 falls on a Saturday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Monday, March 9, 2026.

⁹¹ [A.R.S. § 16-951\(B\)](#).

⁹² [A.R.S. § 16-341\(K\)](#).

⁹³ [A.R.S. § 19-221\(A\)](#).

⁹⁴ [A.R.S. § 19-221\(B\)](#).

c. Financial Disclosure Statement

As discussed in [Chapter 2](#), all candidates must generate and file the Nomination Paper, Statement of Interest, and Financial Disclosure Statement in the [Candidate Portal](#). **Please note that candidates are prohibited from filing documents to run for more than one office at the same election** if the candidate cannot serve in both positions if elected to both.⁹⁵

Nomination Petition sheets must be *organized by county* prior to filing. If a candidate is missing any required paperwork, or fails to have the petition forms properly organized, the candidate's documents will be returned to them and they will be asked to correct the error(s) and schedule an appointment to return at a later time.

Please refer to the Candidate Filing Checklist in Appendix A on [page 42](#) of this handbook.

4. Where to File

Candidates for federal, statewide, and legislative offices may file their nomination paperwork in-person. While candidates may file by mail, it is discouraged due to the risk of petitions being delayed, lost, or destroyed.

Candidates who choose to file in person are advised to make an appointment to avoid long wait times. Appointments will be honored over walk-ins. The appointment scheduler will be available on our website: [Running for Office | Arizona Secretary of State](#). Filings are conducted in person in our Phoenix office. Please visit [Running for Office | Arizona Secretary of State](#) to schedule. No filings are accepted at the Tucson office.

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Secretary of State's Office
1700 W Washington St, 7th Fl.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Any documents mailed or dropped off must be *received by the Secretary of State's Office* by 5:00 pm on April 6, 2026. Receipt by the ADOA mail room does not constitute a filing. Filers should use the Filing by Mail form in [APPENDIX B: Mail In Form](#) to organize their documents and include the form with their filings.

⁹⁵ [A.R.S. § 38-296.01](#).

CHAPTER 5: Write-In Candidate Process

A. Becoming an Official Write-In Candidate

Rather than seeking nomination to appear on the Primary or General Election ballot, a person may run as a write-in candidate by filing the required forms by the set deadline and, for primary election write-in candidates, meets applicable minimum vote requirements.⁹⁶

Becoming an official write-in candidate requires the officer in charge of elections to tabulate any write-in votes for the candidate and include those results in the official canvass of the election.⁹⁷ To qualify as an official write-in candidate, a candidate must timely file a write-in nomination paper and, if applicable, a financial disclosure statement with the appropriate filing officer.⁹⁸ A federal write-in candidate is not required to file a financial disclosure statement but has the option to file a statement on recall with the Secretary of State.

A person may not seek a write-in candidacy in the Primary Election if they previously filed nomination paperwork and failed to submit a sufficient number of valid signatures, withdrew from the Primary Election after a petition challenge in court, or was removed from the Primary Election ballot or otherwise found to be ineligible by a court.⁹⁹ A person may not seek a write-in candidacy in the General Election for the same reasons as listed for the Primary Election¹⁰⁰ and, if the candidate ran and lost in the preceding Primary Election or did not receive the required number of votes to proceed to the General Election, that candidate may not seek a write-in candidacy in the General Election for the same office.¹⁰¹

Write-in candidates must be both a qualified elector and resident of the district the person proposes to represent at the time of filing and for at least 120 days before the date of the election.¹⁰²

A statewide or legislative write-in candidate is not eligible to receive funding under the Citizens Clean Elections Act.¹⁰³

B. Filing Procedures

1. Required Paperwork

A person seeking to be a write-in candidate must file a nomination paper and, if applicable, financial disclosure statement via the [Candidate Portal](#).¹⁰⁴ Where applicable, the statement on recall can be filed with the Secretary of State's Office. Please refer to [Chapter 2](#) for directions on how to create a [Candidate Portal](#) account.

⁹⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-312](#).

⁹⁷ [A.R.S. § 16-312](#).

⁹⁸ [A.R.S. §§ 16-312\(A\), \(C\); 38-543](#).

⁹⁹ [A.R.S. § 16-312\(F\)](#).

¹⁰⁰ [A.R.S. § 16-312\(F\)](#).

¹⁰¹ [A.R.S. §§ 9-821.01; 16-312\(F\); 16-645](#).

¹⁰² [A.R.S. § 16-312\(A\)](#).

¹⁰³ [A.R.S. §§ 16-950\(E\); 16-961\(F\)\(2\)](#).

¹⁰⁴ [A.R.S. §§ 16-312\(A\), \(C\)](#).

Candidates for lieutenant governor.

Beginning in 2026, candidates for governor must submit to the Secretary of State’s office the Nomination Paper naming the person for lieutenant governor. The lieutenant governor will appear on the General Election ballot jointly.¹⁰⁵ Nomination Paper forms will be provided to gubernatorial candidates advancing to the General Election after the Primary Election by the Secretary of State’s office.

Write-In candidates for governor wishing to appear on the official list of write-in candidates for the General Election will need to file a Write-In Nomination Paper for their lieutenant governor running mate.

Those interested in running as a candidate for lieutenant governor cannot run without the authorization from a gubernatorial candidate.

2. Timeframe/Deadlines

For those who want to become an official write-in candidate in the Primary Election, the first day to file is **March 7, 2026** and the deadline is **June 5, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.**¹⁰⁶ Because March 7, 2026 is a Saturday, the first day to file with our Office will be Monday, March 9, 2026.

For those who want to become an official write-in candidate in the General Election, the first day to file is **June 6, 2026** and the deadline is **September 4, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.**¹⁰⁷

A write-in candidate to fill a vacancy that occurs after the official ballots have been printed must file the required documents no later than five days before the election.¹⁰⁸ The deadline for the Primary Election is **July 28, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.** The deadline for the General Election is **October 29, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.**

Official write-in candidates for governor in the General Election must file the Write-In Nomination Paper for lieutenant governor no later than **September 4, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.**¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁵ [A.R.S. §§ 16-301\(B\); 16-341\(L\)](#).

¹⁰⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-312\(B\)](#). March 7, 2026 falls on a Saturday. While candidates may begin their filing process online that day, in-person filing services will be open on Monday, March 9, 2026.

¹⁰⁷ [A.R.S. § 16-312\(B\)](#).

¹⁰⁸ [A.R.S. § 16-312\(B\)\(1\)](#).

¹⁰⁹ [A.R.S. §§ 16-301\(B\); 16-341\(L\)](#).

CHAPTER 6: Judicial Retention Filing Process

Arizona Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals Judges, and Superior Court Judges in Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, and Coconino Counties are initially appointed by the Governor after undergoing a merit selection process.¹¹⁰ For other counties with less than 250,000 residents, Judges are elected.¹¹¹ When the judicial appointee's first term expires, the justice or judge who wishes to continue to serve must submit their name for retention to appear on the General Election ballot.¹¹²

A justice or judge who desires to have their name placed on the General Election ballot to be retained in office must file a declaration of their intent to be retained with the Secretary of State's Office between **8:00 A.M. on August 5, 2026 and by 5:00 P.M. on September 4, 2026.**¹¹³

Justices and Judges must file a personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering the preceding twelve-month period at the time of filing their declaration of candidacy.¹¹⁴ Justices and Judges must also file a Declaration of Candidacy for Retention.¹¹⁵ The Secretary of State's Office will send both documents to Justices and Judges up for retention. Both documents will need to be completed and submitted properly to have the Justice or Judge's name placed on the ballot for retention.

The Declaration of Candidacy for Retention and Financial Disclosure Statement may be emailed to candidate@azsos.gov or mailed to the address below:

c/o Elections Division – Candidate Filing
Secretary of State's Office
1700 W Washington St, 7th Fl.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

¹¹⁰ [Ariz. Const. art. VI, § 37\(A\)-\(C\).](#)

¹¹¹ [Ariz. Const. art. VI, § 12.](#)

¹¹² [Ariz. Const. art. VI, § 38\(A\); A.R.S. §§ 12-101; 12-120.01.](#)

¹¹³ [Ariz. Const. art. VI, § 38\(A\)-\(B\).](#)

¹¹⁴ [A.R.S. § 38-543; Sup. Ct. Rules, Rule 81, Code of Jud. Conduct, Rule 3.15; Order in the Matter of: Judge Pro Tempore Financial Disclosure, Ariz. Administrative Order No. 95-1 \(1995\).](#)

¹¹⁵ [Ariz. Const. art. VI, § 38\(A\).](#)

CHAPTER 7: Signature Requirements for Candidates

A. How Signature Requirements Are Determined

Arizona statute specifies the number of nomination petition signatures candidates must collect in order to qualify for the ballot.¹¹⁶ Signature totals for federal, statewide, and legislative offices are posted on the [Secretary of State's website](#).

1. United States Senator

There is no open seat for U.S. Senator in the 2026 Election Cycle. The minimum number of signatures required for candidates seeking to run for the nomination of a recognized political party is found by calculating $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the total qualified signers¹¹⁷ in the state as of January 2, the year of the election. The maximum number of signatures required is found by calculating 10% of the total qualified signers in the state as of January 2, the year of the election. A qualified signer means a qualified elector who is 1) a registered member of the party from which the candidate is seeking nomination, 2) a registered member of a political party that is not entitled to continued representation on the ballot, or 3) registered as independent or no party preferred.

For independent candidates, the minimum number of signatures required is found by calculating 3% of the total registered voters as of January 2, the year of the election, who are not members of a recognized political party that will be accorded representation on the general election ballot.

2. United States Representative in Congress

For candidates seeking to run for the nomination of a recognized political party, the minimum number of signatures required for the office of Representative in Congress is found by calculating at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the qualified signers in that district as of January 2, 2026. The maximum number of signatures required is found by calculating 10% of the total qualified signers in that district as of January 2, 2026.

For independent candidates, the minimum number of signatures required is found by calculating 3% of the total registered voters as of January 2, 2026, who are not members of a recognized political party that will be accorded representation on the general election ballot.¹¹⁸

3. Statewide Office

Signature requirements for statewide offices (*i.e.*, Governor or Corporation Commissioner) are determined using the same formula as the requirements for United States Senator, explained in Section (A)(1) above.

¹¹⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-322\(A\)\(1\)](#).

¹¹⁷ [A.R.S. §§ 16-804; 16-321\(F\)](#).

¹¹⁸ [A.R.S. § 16-341\(E\)](#).

4. Legislative Office

For candidates seeking to run for the nomination of a recognized political party, the minimum number of signatures required is found by calculating $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the total qualified signers in the district as of January 2, 2026. The maximum number of signatures required is found by calculating 3% of the total qualified signers in the district as of January 2, 2026.

For independent candidates, the minimum number of signatures required is found by calculating 3% of the total registered voters for that district who are not members of a political party that is qualified for representation as of January 2, 2026.

CHAPTER 8: Campaign Contributions

A. When to Form a Candidate Committee

A candidate generally must form a campaign committee before commencing his or her campaign in earnest. More detailed information regarding the requirements for candidate committees can be found in the Campaign Finance – Candidate Guide available at [Campaign Finance & Reporting | Arizona Secretary of State](#).

A candidate seeking election to state, county, or city/town public office, including a judge seeking to be retained in office, is required to form a candidate committee upon reaching a certain level of financial activity.¹¹⁹ Specifically, for the 2026 election cycle, a prospective candidate who has received contributions or made expenditures (in any combination) of at least \$1,500 in connection with their candidacy is required to form a committee within 10 days of reaching that threshold.¹²⁰ For example, receiving a \$700 check from a family friend and then spending \$800 on campaign supplies will trigger the registration requirement. Use of a candidate’s own personal monies for campaign purposes counts towards the \$1,500 threshold as well. A candidate’s “personal monies” include all sources of income or wealth available to the candidate or candidate’s spouse, including family contributions.¹²¹ If a candidate never reaches the \$1,500 threshold, however, registration and reporting are not required.

Spending “in connection with” one’s candidacy includes more than receiving contributions or purchasing campaign signs.¹²² It also includes, but is not necessarily limited to, activities such as conducting polling, purchasing email lists, hiring attorneys or consultants, taking out a loan, incurring travel expenses, leasing facilities, purchasing supplies or equipment, or any other expense incurred for campaign purposes. Keep in mind, any contributions received, or expenditures incurred before registration are reportable, so a candidate must keep track of all financial activity from the first dollar.¹²³

¹¹⁹ [A.R.S. §§ 16-901\(7\); 16-905\(A\)](#). Arizona Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals Judges, and Superior Court Judges in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal Counties seek retention in office pursuant to [Ariz. Const. art. VI, § 38](#) after their initial appointment. Although they are required to form campaign committees if they reach the current election cycle’s financial threshold, Arizona judicial ethics rules prohibit judges from personally soliciting campaign contributions. *See* [Sup. Ct. Rules, Rule 81, Code of Jud. Conduct, Rule 4.1\(A\)\(6\)](#).

¹²⁰ [A.R.S. §§ 16-905\(A\); 16-906\(A\)](#). Registration thresholds are increased by \$100 in January of each odd numbered year since enactment in 2016 pursuant to [A.R.S. § 16-931\(A\)\(1\)](#).

¹²¹ [A.R.S. § 16-901\(40\)](#).

¹²² [A.R.S. §§ 16-905\(A\); 16-931\(A\)\(1\)](#). Candidate registration is triggered if a candidate raises or spends at least \$1,500 “in connection with” his or her candidacy.

¹²³ [A.R.S. § 16-907\(I\)](#).

B. Where to Register a Candidate Committee

A candidate committee is formed by filing a statement of organization with the appropriate filing officer within 10 days of qualifying as a committee.¹²⁴ The filing officer is the election official that accepts campaign finance reports for the office in question.¹²⁵

- Statewide and legislative candidates must file their statement of organization with the Secretary of State via [Beacon](#).¹²⁶
- County candidates and candidates for certain special taxing districts file either with the County Recorder or with the election department in that particular county.¹²⁷
 - County contact information is available at [County Election Contact Info | Arizona Secretary of State](#).
- School district candidates file with the [County School Superintendent](#).¹²⁸
- Candidates for city and town offices file their statements of organization with the city or town clerk.¹²⁹
 - Contact information for each city and town may be found through the [League of Arizona Cities and Towns](#).

C. Campaign Finance Reporting Dates

Refer to the Campaign Finance Reporting Dates page at [Campaign Finance Reporting Dates | Arizona Secretary of State](#).

¹²⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-906\(A\)](#).

¹²⁵ [A.R.S. §§ 16-928; 16-901\(27\)](#).

¹²⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-928\(A\)\(1\)](#).

¹²⁷ [A.R.S. § 16-928\(A\)\(2\)](#).

¹²⁸ [A.R.S. §§ 16-928\(A\)\(2\); 15-422\(A\)](#).

¹²⁹ [A.R.S. § 16-928\(A\)\(3\)](#).

CHAPTER 9: General Voter Registration and Election Information

A. Voter Registration

1. Qualifications

A person is qualified to register to vote in Arizona if the person:¹³⁰

- Is a United States citizen;
- Will be 18 years old by the next General Election;
- Will have been a resident of Arizona and the county of registration for at least 29 days prior to the next election;
- Can write their name (or make their mark), unless prevented from doing so by physical disability;
- Has not been convicted of treason or a felony, unless their civil rights have been restored; and
- Has not been found by a court to be mentally incapacitated with their voting rights revoked.

In cases of limited guardianship only, a person is not deemed incapacitated and shall retain the right to vote if the person files a petition, has a hearing, and the judge determines that the person retains sufficient understanding to exercise the right to vote.¹³¹

2. How to Register to Vote

Eligible Arizona residents may register to vote:

- Online at [AZ MVD Now](#);
 - There is a guide available on the Secretary of State’s website if you need assistance or have questions navigating registering to vote on <https://azmvdnow.gov/vr>.
- In-person at the appropriate County Recorder’s Office;
- By mailing a completed voter registration form to the appropriate County Recorder’s Office;
- When applying for or updating their driver’s license or state identification card with the Arizona Department of Transportation’s Motor Vehicle Division (AZMVD), whether in-person or online;
- When applying for or updating an application for benefits from a public assistance or disabilities services agency, whether in-person or online.

Voter registration forms are available at government offices and public locations throughout the state and can be downloaded from the Secretary of State’s website at [Voters | Arizona Secretary of State](#). Voters can also

¹³⁰ [Ariz. Const. art. VII, § 2](#); [A.R.S. §§ 9-822\(A\); 16-101; 16-126\(A\); 16-152](#).

¹³¹ [A.R.S. § 14-5304.02](#).

request a voter registration form from their County Recorder ([County Election Officials Contact Information](#)) or the Secretary of State's Office by emailing elections@azsos.gov or calling 1-877-THE VOTE (843-8683).

If an applicant is unable to complete a registration form, another person may assist in completing the form. The person assisting must also sign the registration form at the designated location.¹³²

The registration form must also contain the applicant's Arizona driver's license number, nonoperating identification license number, or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number.¹³³ If the person has none of the above, the registrant must attest to this in order to register.¹³⁴

3. Voter Registration Deadline

An applicant must register to vote at least 29 days before an election in to be eligible to vote in that election.¹³⁵

A voter registration returned to a County Recorder or the Secretary of State by mail is timely for voting in the next election if it is:

- Postmarked by the applicable voter registration deadline *and* received by the County Recorder by 7:00 P.M. on Election Day;¹³⁶ or
- Dated by the applicable voter registration deadline *and* received by the County Recorder by first class mail within five days after the voter registration deadline for that election.¹³⁷

If a registration form is received by the County Recorder from persons, groups, or agencies that are not authorized to accept voter registrations and does not bear a legible postmark date or an otherwise reliable date, the effective date of registration will be the date that those forms are received by the County Recorder.

B. Additional Information

1. Open Primary System

Arizona's open primary law allows voters registered as independent, unaffiliated, or with no party preference and members of a party without ballot recognition to vote the partisan Primary Election ballot of one of the recognized political parties of the voter's choice.¹³⁸ However, certain parties may conduct closed primary elections and only their registered party members are eligible to participate. Only names of candidates of

¹³² [A.R.S. § 16-152\(A\)\(20\)](#).

¹³³ [A.R.S. §§ 16-121.01\(A\); 16-152\(A\)\(12\)](#).

¹³⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-152\(A\)\(12\)](#).

¹³⁵ [A.R.S. §§ 16-120\(A\), \(B\); 16-134\(C\)](#). If the 29-day registration deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday (regardless of whether a particular county office is open for business), the registration deadline is extended to the next business day for state government. For example, if the registration deadline falls on Columbus Day (a Monday), a registrant is qualified to vote in the next election if they register on the next day, Tuesday. *see also* [A.R.S. § 1-301\(A\)](#) (*listing state holidays*).

¹³⁶ [A.R.S. § 16-134\(C\)\(1\)](#).

¹³⁷ [A.R.S. § 16-134\(C\)\(2\)](#).

¹³⁸ [Ariz. Const. art. VII, § 10](#). Recognized parties are parties that have ballot representation through the new party petition process or have qualified for continued representation as provided in [A.R.S. § 16-804](#).

“recognized” parties appear on that party’s Primary Election ballot. Voters registered in a recognized political party may vote only the Primary Election ballot of that political party.¹³⁹

If a registered voter is not affiliated with a recognized political party and wishes to vote in a partisan Primary Election, the voter shall identify on the ballot-by-mail request or at the voting location the recognized political party ballot that the voter would like to receive.¹⁴⁰

2. Electioneering

Electioneering occurs when a person knowingly and intentionally expresses verbal support for, or opposition to, a candidate who appears on the ballot in that election, a ballot question that appears on the ballot in that election or a political party with one or more candidates who appear on the ballot in that election in order to induce or compel another person to vote in a particular manner or to refrain from voting.¹⁴¹

It is a class 2 misdemeanor for any person to attempt to influence a person’s vote within 75 feet of a polling place, vote center, or early voting location.¹⁴² A person shall not be allowed to remain inside the 75-foot limit while the voting location is open, except for the purpose of voting, and no electioneering may occur within the 75-foot limit.¹⁴³

Except in the case of a voting location with an emergency designation, electioneering must be permitted outside the 75-foot limit at any facility designated as a voting location. A list of voting locations with an emergency designation, the reason the emergency designation was granted, and the number of attempts that were made to find a polling place before granting the designation may be found on the County Recorder’s [website](#).¹⁴⁴

An election official, an appointed political party representative, or a challenger shall not wear, carry, or display materials that identify or express support for, or opposition to, a candidate, a political party or organization, a ballot question, or any other political issue, and shall not electioneer within the 75-foot limit.¹⁴⁵

3. Election Night Reporting

The Secretary of State’s Office will begin displaying unofficial election results at 8:00 P.M. on Election Night. All results are unofficial, including contests that may be “called” by the media, until the official canvass of election results is adopted.

¹³⁹ [A.R.S. § 16-467\(B\)](#).

¹⁴⁰ [A.R.S. § 16-544\(G\)\(2\)](#).

¹⁴¹ [A.R.S. § 16-515\(I\)](#).

¹⁴² [A.R.S. §§ 16-515\(H\); 16-1018\(I\)](#).

¹⁴³ [A.R.S. § 16-515\(A\)](#).

¹⁴⁴ [A.R.S. § 16-411\(H\)](#).

¹⁴⁵ [A.R.S. § 16-515\(F\)](#).

APPENDIX A: Candidate Checklist

A candidate must provide the following documents before our office can process the filing:

1. Nomination Petition Signature Sheets

- a. Must be organized by county.
- b. If you have signatures collected via [E-Qual](#), you must ***close*** your electronic petition and ***print all pages*** before you come into the office to file.
 - Sign the circulator page.
- c. Avoid common pitfalls:
 - Sheets should be double-sided with the front containing signatures and the back containing the circulator affidavit.
 - Each sheet must clearly identify who is running and for which office.
 - The back of each sheet must be properly filled out by the circulator.

2. Three documents must be completed via the [Candidate Portal](#) before filing.

- a. Statement of Interest (must be filed via Candidate Portal before collecting petition signatures)
- b. Nomination Paper
- c. Financial Disclosure Statement
 - a. Except for federal candidates

Have questions about Candidate Portal? Email candidate@azsos.gov or call us at 602-542-8683.

3. Candidates participating in Clean Elections must also have:

- a. Clean Elections Application for Certification
 - It is recommended that the Application for Certification be submitted one week in advance of a filing appointment to the Secretary of State's Office via mail-in or drop-off. Failing to do so may result in a delay.
- b. Clean Elections Application for Funding
 - Select the appropriate boxes for funding
 - Sign and date your application
- c. Print-out of all \$5 Qualifying Contributions (QCs)
 - Generate this report after entering your \$5 QCs in [Beacon](#)
- d. E-Qual report of QCs
 - Close your electronic QC petition and print before you come to file
- e. QC paper slips
 - Should be organized by county, then best practice is to sort alphabetically within each county

4. Federal Candidates Only: Optional Statement on Recall

APPENDIX B: Mail In Form



2026 Candidate Filing- Filing by Mail Form

Certification of Filing by Mail

This form must be completed in its entirety and enclosed with any candidate filing sent by mail. Please note that filings must be **RECEIVED** by **5:00 p.m., April 6, 2026**.

This mailing contains (select one): Nomination Filing Supplemental Filing

Please review and initial all lines below for us to accept your filing by mail:

1. _____ I acknowledge that the Secretary of State’s Office will process my filing upon receipt and that I will not be present to observe the processing.
2. _____ I understand that I am responsible for ensuring my filing is received by the Secretary of State’s Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2026, and that the Secretary of State’s Office cannot accept any filings, including supplemental petition sheets received after that date.
3. _____ I believe that my filing contains at least the minimum number of signatures required to make the ballot for the office I seek. I understand that any supplemental filing I wish to make must be received by 5:00 p.m., April 6, 2026.
4. _____ I have electronically filed my Nomination Paper, Statement of Interest, and Financial Disclosure Statement, if applicable.¹
5. _____ I confirm that the nomination petition sheets included in this filing are sorted by county and that the sheets do not contain any foreign objects (i.e. staples or whiteout). I understand that my sheets must be double-sided (or taped together) and that the Secretary of State’s Office will strike any signatures not affixed to a signed circulator page.
6. _____ I have closed, printed, and signed my E-Equal nomination petition and included that full report in this mailing.

By signing below, I certify that the above statements are true and accurate and that this mailing constitutes my candidate filing submission to the Secretary of State's Office.

Candidate Name (printed): _____

Office Sought: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Contact Information. Provide current contact information where we can reach the candidate or campaign.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

¹ Only statewide and legislative candidates must file a financial disclosure statement.

