

CANDIDATE'S PATH TO THE BALLOT

Becoming a Candidate:



1. You can pick up a packet at the Election Office, 1108 Joshua Ave. after October 1, 2020.
2. You will be asked to complete the Candidate Log Sheet and complete the Candidate Statement of Interest. **(Precinct Committeeman DO NOT NEED TO FILE STATEMENT OF INTEREST)**
3. You will be issued a Serial # and given the required packet.
4. You may begin to collect your signatures once #3 is completed. **HOWEVER, IF DURING YOUR CAMPAIGN YOU HAVE EXPENDITURES OR RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS (IN ANY COMBINATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1200 (twelve hundred dollars). YOU MUST FORM A CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE and FILE A STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION WITHIN 10 DAYS OF REACHING THIS THRESHOLD.**
5. Check the **Candidate Filing and Campaign Finance Reporting Schedule** in your packet for the dates you may file your nomination papers. Return to the Elections Office with your **completed signature petitions**, your **completed Nomination Paper/Affidavit of Qualifications/Campaign Finance Law form**, (three forms in one) and your **completed Financial Disclosure Statement**. When collecting signatures, keep in mind how many signatures you need (it is always best to have a few more than the minimum number needed, in case, any signatures are rejected, but do not go over the maximum).
6. If you are a candidate for any Special District Board (**Fire, Water, Hospital, Sanitary or School**), or **Precinct Committeeman**, **YOU ARE NOT** required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement.
7. The date you return with your completed paper work will be logged on the Candidate Log Sheet as your filing date.



REVIEW STATUTES AT: azleg.gov click on Legislative Council and then Arizona Revised Statutes

Reference: *A.R.S. § 16-905 Committee requirements*
A.R.S. § 16-321 Signing and certification of petitions
A.R.S. § 16-311 Nomination Paper Filing
A.R.S. § 16-341 Nomination Paper Filing "Other Than By Primary"

If you reach the \$1200 Threshold:

1. Read the "Establishing Candidate Committee Guide"
2. Complete the **Committee Statement of Organization** form and file it with the Elections Department within the 10-day period.
3. After the election, you will also need to file a **Termination Statement** for your committee.

Reference: *A.R.S. § 16-913 Candidate Committee Contribution limits; requirements*
A.R.S. § 16-907 Committee Record/keeping: treasurer: accounts
A.R.S. § 16-906 Committee Statement of Organization: amendment: limitations
A.R.S. § 16-934 Termination statement: filing: contents

IMPORTANT MISC. INFORMATION

Important Dates to Remember:

1. A handy guide with important dates, phone numbers and candidate information

Most Frequently Asked Questions:

2. As always, things are constantly changing in elections. When in doubt, please take the time to read thru this information. If you still have questions, please feel free to call the Elections Office at 928-669-6149.



Reference: *A.R.S. § 16-311 Nomination papers: filing: definitions*

A.R.S. § 16-322 Number of signatures required on nomination petitions

A.R.S. § 16-315 Form of petitions: registration of circulators

A.R.S. § 16-341 Nomination petition: method and time of filing etc.

Resign to Run:

1. Read this law and determine if it pertains to your running for office.

Reference: *A.R.S. § 38-296 Limitation upon filing for election by incumbent of elected office*

A.R.S. § 38-296.01 Limitation on running for multiple offices

The Hatch Act Information:

1. The Hatch act is important to State and Local Government Employees. Read the material and review the statutes.

Reference: *A.R.S. § 11-410 Use of county resources or employees to influence elections: Prohibition: civil penalty: definitions*

A.R.S. § 15-511 Use of school district or charter school resources or employees to influence elections: prohibition civil penalty: definitions

A.R.S. § 9-500.14 Use of city or town resources or employees to influence elections etc.

LATE FILERS BEWARE (CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS)

Reference: *A.R.S. § 16-937 Failure to file: penalties: notice: suspension*

CAMPAIGN SIGNS INFORMATION

Reference: *A.R.S. § 16-1019 Political signs: printed materials: tampering classification*



You may view a complete copy of the **CANDIDATE COMMITTEES ARIZONA CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOOK AND THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT GUIDE ON THE ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE: azsos.gov**