

CHECKLIST FOR PARTISAN, AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Disclaimer: Candidates are responsible for ensuring they have the most current information. **The Elections Department does not and cannot give legal advice or legal guidance for your campaign.**

Candidates for [county offices, school boards and Mohave Community College boards](#), must file a **Candidate Statement of Interest** before obtaining any signatures on the Nomination Petition. [A.R.S. §§ 16-311; 16-341]

Fillable forms are available on the Elections website www.mohave.gov; select Departments, then Elections, and select from the navigation menu to the left of the contents page. Current Candidate Signature Requirements are available after January 2 of even numbered years. For assistance on candidate signature requirements, you may also contact the Elections Department at 928-753-0733.

- Nomination papers must be filed not less than **120 nor more than 150 days** before the primary election.

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- **Primary Election Date: July 21, 2026 General Election Date: November 3, 2026**
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- A candidate shall register as a candidate committee, if the candidate receives contributions or makes expenditures, in any combination, of at least **\$1,500.00** in connection with their candidacy. [A.R.S. §§16-905(A), (I); 16-931(A)(1)]
 - Candidate shall file a **Statement of Organization** with the Elections Dept. within **ten (10) days** after qualifying as a committee (**\$1,500** threshold). This triggers the candidate's obligation to file **Campaign Finance Reports**.

The Elections Department processes all nomination papers presented before 5:00 p.m. the same day.

Check the Elections website www.mohave.gov; select Departments, then Elections, then Candidate Signature Requirements, or call 928-753-0733 after January 2nd of the election year to obtain the official number of signatures required. **The Elections Department will not call candidates with the official number of signatures required.**

REQUIRED FORMS ARE LISTED BELOW.

All ORIGINAL 2026 Candidate **Nomination Petitions, Nomination Paper, and Financial Disclosure Statements** must be filed together at the Mohave County Elections Office on the following dates, to wit:

Primary Election (Partisan offices):
February 23, 2026 – March 23, 2026

1. NOMINATION PAPER, DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION

- Make sure to fill in each blank.
- Print the candidate's name exactly how he or she wants it to be printed on the ballot. The candidate's last name must appear first. Nicknames are permissible as long as they do not suggest a title.
- The form must be signed by the candidate.

2. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- Covers the 12-month period preceding the filing. (This is a different time period from the public officer filing in January).
- Make sure to answer each question and fill in each blank.
- The candidate must sign the form.
- Financial Disclosure Statement does not apply to Title 48 Special Taxing Districts, Community College Board members, or Precinct Committeeman.

3. NOMINATION PETITIONS

Each Circulator is responsible for witnessing ALL of the signatures on the petitions they circulate.
[\[A.R.S. §16-321\]](#)

- Print Nomination Petitions as 1 sheet of paper, two sided.
- Before circulating any nomination petition, make sure that a **Candidate Statement of Interest** is on file with the Elections Department. You must complete **ALL** information in the spaces provided at the top of the petition sheets before they are circulated. Circulating the petition with incomplete information could cause them to be invalid.
- The candidate must file at least the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought and no more than the maximum number allowed. If there are too few, the Elections Director cannot accept the nomination petition(s).
- Check to see that the signature portion of each petition is complete:
 - Is there a signature for each signer?
 - Is there a printed name for each signature?
 - Actual residence address or description of place of residence; Arizona post office box address; city or town.
 - Is there a date for each signature?
- Check to see that the circulator portion on the back of each petition is complete. Did the Circulator:
 - Print his/her name in **both** spaces provided.
 - Print the County in the space provided.
 - Sign his/her name in the space provided.
 - Print the circulator's actual residence address including city, town and zip code.

Limitations on appeals of validity of nomination petitions; disqualification of candidate. [\[A.R.S. §16-351\]](#)

[Statutes are included for your reference only and should not be interpreted as legal advice. For legal advice contact an attorney.](#)