

FIRE DISTRICTS
ELECTION CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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Monday, July 9, 2018	120 days prior to election	Last day to call an election	ARS 16-226(A)	Nonpartisan elections shall be called no later than one hundred twenty days before the date of holding the election.	E
Monday, July 9, 2018	120 days prior to election	First day to file petitions for candidates	ARS 16-311(B)	Any person desiring to become a candidate at any nonpartisan election must submit a nomination petition. https://azsos.gov/search-results?_q=nomination%20petition	C
Thursday, July 19, 2018	Approximately 10 days after calling election	Notice to the Board of Supervisors	ARS 16-225(C)	Must send a copy of the Call of Election to the Board of Supervisors	E
Monday, August 6, 2018	93 days prior to election	First day to request early ballot	ARS 16-542(A)	Within ninety-three days before any election called pursuant to the laws of this state, an elector may make a verbal or signed request to the officer in charge of elections for an early ballot	V
Wednesday, August 8, 2018	90 days prior to election	Last day to file petitions for candidates	ARS 16-311(B)	Any person desiring to become a candidate at any nonpartisan election must submit a nomination petition. https://azsos.gov/search-results?_q=nomination%20petition	C
Wednesday, August 8, 2018	90 days prior to election	Last day to publish call of election	ARS 16-227(A)	The governing body shall publish a call of election at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the election district in which a nonpartisan election is being held not less than one week apart during the six calendar weeks preceding ninety days before the election which shall contain: 1) Purpose of the election; 2) Date of holding the election; 3) Last date and place for filing nomination petitions, if applicable; 4) Last date to register to vote in the election; 5) Name of the election district conducting the election; 6) if the election is a special district mail ballot election as described in chapter 4, article 1 of this article, the date the mail ballots will be mailed to qualified electors of the district.	E
Wednesday, August 8, 2018	90 days prior to election	Last day to mail the call of election rather than publish the call	ARS 16-227(B)	If the district wants to mail the Call of Election instead of publishing the call, the governing body may mail a Call of Election to each household in the district containing a qualified elector. Such call shall contain the same information described in subsection A and be mailed not later than 90 days before the election.	E
5:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 22, 2018	76 days prior to election	Filing of nominations for write-in candidates for election that might be cancelled	ARS 16-312(B)(2)	A candidate running as a write-in candidate for an election that may be canceled pursuant to section 16-410 shall file the nomination paper not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventy-sixth day before the election.	E
Thursday, August 23, 2018	75 days prior to election	First day the Board of Supervisors have the ability to cancel an election	ARS 16-410(A)	If there is only 1 candidate running for a position or 0 candidates running for a petition, the Board of Supervisors can cancel the election no earlier than seventy-five days before the election.	E
Wednesday, September 5, 2018	Six weeks preceding 20 days before an election	First day to publish notice of election for non-mail ballot election	ARS 16-228(A)	The governing body shall publish a notice of election at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the election district in which a nonpartisan election is being held not less than a week apart during the six calendar weeks preceding twenty days before the election. This notice shall contain at least: 1. The date of the election. 2. The location of the polls. 3. The hours the polls will be open. 4. The purpose of the election. 5. The election district conducting the election.	E
Monday, September 24, 2018	45 days prior to election	Last day to mail notice of election for a mail ballot election	ARS 16-228(D)	Instead of publishing the Notice of Election, the governing body may, and for a nonresident elector of any special district, shall mail a Notice of Election to each household containing a qualified elector of the district and shall be mailed not later than 45 days before the election. (MAIL BALLOT ELECTION ONLY)	E
Monday, September 24, 2018	Two weeks preceding 30 days before an election	First day to publish notice of election for a mail ballot election	ARS 16-228(C)	In mail ballot elections, the governing body shall publish a notice of election at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the special district in which the election is being held once a week during each of the two weeks immediately preceding the 30 days before the election. This notice shall contain at least: 1. The date of the election. 2. The date ballots will be mailed. 3. The deadline and location for return of the ballots, 4. The method for obtaining a replacement if a ballot is destroyed, lost, spoiled or not received. 5. A statement that no polling place will be provided. 6. The name of the district that is conducting the election. 7. The qualifications of electors. (MAIL BALLOT ELECTION ONLY)	E

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5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 27, 2018	40 days prior to election	Last day to receive write-in nomination papers from candidates	ARS 16-312(B)	A write-in candidate shall file the nomination paper not later than 5:00 p.m. on the fortieth day before the election.	C
Thursday, October 4, 2018	Approximately 33 days prior to election	Last day to mail notice of election for a non-mail ballot election	ARS 16-228(B)	Instead of publishing the notice described in subsection A, the governing body may mail a notice of election to each household containing a qualified elector of the district. Such notice shall contain the same information described in subsection A, paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 and the polling place for that household's qualified electors and the times it is open. Mailings may be made over a period of days but shall be mailed in order to be delivered to households before the earliest date of mailing to registered voters of any requested early ballots for that election	E
Thursday, October 4, 2018	33 days prior to election	Early ballots prepared and delivered to election officer in charge	ARS 16-545(B)	The officer charged by law with the duty of preparing ballots at any election shall: 1. Prepare the official early ballot and deliver a sufficient number to the recorder or other officer in charge of elections not later than the thirty-third day before the election. Except as provided in section 16-542, subsection D, regular early ballots shall not be distributed to the general public before the beginning of early voting. 2. Ensure that the ballot return envelopes are of a type that are tamper evident when properly sealed	E
Friday, October 5, 2018	Before the earliest day date of mailing to registered voters of any early ballots before the election	Last day to mail notice of election for a non-mail ballot election	ARS 16-228(B)	If the district wants to mail the Notice of Election instead of publishing the Notice of Election, the governing body may, and for a nonresident qualified elector of any special district shall, mail a notice of election to each household containing a qualified elector of the district. Such notice shall contain the same information described in subsection A, paragraphs 1, 4 and 5 and the polling place for that household's qualified electors and the times it is open. Mailings may be made over a period of days but shall be mailed in order to be delivered to households before the earliest date of mailing to registered voters of any requested early ballots for that election.	E
Monday, October 8, 2018	30 days prior to election	Last day to publish notice of election for mail ballot election	ARS 16-228(C)	In mail ballot elections, the governing body shall publish a notice of election at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the special district in which the election is being held once a week during each of the two weeks immediately preceding the 30 days before the election. This notice shall contain at least: 1. The date of the election. 2. The date ballots will be mailed. 3. The deadline and location for return of the ballots, 4. The method for obtaining a replacement if a ballot is destroyed, lost, spoiled or not received. 5. A statement that no polling place will be provided. 6. The name of the district that is conducting the election. 7. The qualifications of electors. (MAIL BALLOT ELECTION ONLY)	E
Monday, October 8, 2018	29 days prior to election	Last day to register to vote	ARS 48-802(C)	No person may vote at the election other than a qualified elector of this state who has registered to vote at least twenty-nine days before the election as a resident within the district boundaries, proposed district boundaries created by the merger of fire districts or the proposed district boundaries created by a consolidated district. A person offering to vote at a fire district election for which no fire district register has been supplied shall sign an affidavit stating the person's address and the fire district in which the person resides and swearing the person is qualified to vote and has not voted at the fire district election being held. A person offering to vote at a fire district election for which a fire district register has been supplied shall proceed as required for voting at any election at which precinct registers are used.	V
5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 11, 2018	10 days after 40th day before election excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays	Last day to challenge non-partisan candidate who filed petition or papers pursuant to Title 16	ARS 16-351(A)	A. Any elector filing any court action challenging the nomination of a candidate as provided for in this chapter shall do so no later than 5:00 p.m. of the tenth day, excluding Saturday, Sunday and other legal holidays, after the last day for filing nomination papers and petitions. The elector shall specify in the action the petition number, line number and basis for the challenge for each signature being challenged. Failure to specify this information shall result in the dismissal of the court action. Within ten days after the filing of the action, the superior court shall hear and render a decision on the matter. Such decision shall be appealable only to the supreme court, and notice of appeal shall be filed within five days after the decision of the superior court in the action. The supreme court shall hear and render a decision on the appeal promptly.	V

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Thursday, October 10, 2018	27 days prior to election	Early voting begins	ARS 16-542(C)	C. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall mail the early ballot and the envelope for its return postage prepaid to the address provided by the requesting elector within five days after receipt of the official early ballots from the officer charged by law with the duty of preparing ballots pursuant to section 16-545, except that early ballot distribution shall not begin more than twenty-seven days before the election . If an early ballot request is received on or before the thirty-first day before the election, the early ballot shall be distributed not earlier than the twenty-seventh day before the election and not later than the twenty-fourth day before the election.	E
Thursday, October 10, 2018	27 days prior to election	First day to mail ballots for <u>mail ballot election</u>	ARS 16-558.01	Not more than twenty-seven days before the election and not fewer than fifteen days before the election, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections for the special district shall send by nonforwardable mail all official ballots with printed instructions and a return envelope bearing a printed ballot affidavit as described in section 16-547 to each qualified elector entitled to vote in the election. The envelope in which the ballot is mailed shall be clearly marked with the statement required by the postmaster to receive an address correction and notification. The district governing board shall determine whether the voter or the district governing board will pay for the postage for the return of electors' marked ballots. An elector who votes in a special district mail ballot election shall return the elector's marked ballot to the recorder or other officer in charge of the election or to a designated depository site as provided in section 16-411 no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.	E
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	20 days prior to election	Last day to publish 2nd notice of election for <u>non-mail ballot election</u>	ARS16-228(A)	The governing body shall publish a notice of election at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the election district in which a nonpartisan election is being held not less than one week apart during the six calendar weeks preceding twenty days before the election . This notice shall contain at least: 1. The date of the election; 2. The location of the polls; 3. The hours the polls will be open; 4. The purpose of the election; 5. The election district conducting the election.	E
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	20 days prior to election	Last day to appoint election officials	ARS 16-531(C)	If a nonpartisan election is ordered, not less than twenty days before the election the governing board holding the election shall appoint, without consideration for political party, a minimum of three election workers for each polling place. The election workers shall consist of at least one inspector and two judges. Whenever possible, they shall be qualified electors of the precinct located within the district, without consideration for political party.	E
Monday, October 22, 2018	15 days prior to election	Last day to mail ballots for <u>mail ballot election</u>	ARS 16-558.01	Not fewer than fifteen days before the election , the officer in charge of elections for the special district shall send by nonforwardable mail all official ballots with printed instructions and a return envelope bearing a printed ballot affidavit as described in section 16-547 to each qualified elector entitled to vote in the election.	E
5:00 p.m. Friday, October 26, 2018	11 days prior to election	Last day to request an early ballot in person or for receipt of early ballot request (unless an emergency)	ARS 16-542(E)	In order to be complete and correct and to receive an early ballot by mail, an elector's request that an early ballot be mailed to the elector's residence or temporary address must include all of the information prescribed by subsection A of this section and must be received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day preceding the election . An elector who appears personally no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election at an on-site early voting location that is established by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall be given a ballot and permitted to vote at the on-site location. If an elector's request to receive an early ballot is not complete and correct but complies with all other requirements of this section, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall attempt to notify the elector of the deficiency of the request.	V
5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 1, 2018	5 days prior to election	Filling vacancy caused by death or incapacity or withdrawal of candidate	ARS 16-343(D) and ARS 16-312(B)(1)	A vacancy that is due to voluntary or involuntary withdrawal of the candidate and that occurs following the printing of official ballots shall not be filled in accordance with this section, however, prospective candidates shall comply with section 16-312. A candidate running as a write-in candidate under this subsection shall file the nomination paper no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election . A write-in candidate shall file the nomination paper not later than 5:00 p.m. on the fortieth day before the election, except that: 1. A candidate running as a write-in candidate as provided in section 16-343, subsection D shall file the nomination paper not later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election .	C

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Thursday, November 1, 2018	5 days prior to election	Affidavit of Compliance to the Board of Supervisors	ARS 16-229	The governing body of a special district as described in title 48 shall submit to the board of supervisors an affidavit certifying compliance with the applicable federal and state election laws not later than five days before the nonpartisan election.	E
Friday, October 26, 2018 through Monday, November 5, 2018	Between 5 PM on second Friday preceding the election & 5 PM on the Monday preceding the election	Elector may use an early ballot as a result of an emergency	ARS 16-542(H)	As a result of an emergency occurring between 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday preceding the election and 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the election , qualified electors may request to vote early in the manner prescribed by the county recorder of their respective county. For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency" means any unforeseen circumstances that would prevent the elector from voting at the polls.	V
Monday, November 5, 2018	1 day prior to election	List of early ballots to election board	ARS 16-542(G)	The officer in charge of early balloting shall provide an alphabetized list of all voters in the precinct who have requested and have been sent an early ballot to the election board of the precinct in which the voter is registered not later than the day prior to the election.	E
Tuesday, November 6, 2018	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Election Day	ARS 16-204(B)(1)(d); 16-565	For elections held before 2014 and notwithstanding any other law or any charter or ordinance of any county, city or town to the contrary, an election held for or on behalf of a county, city or town, a school district, a community college district or special districts organized pursuant to title 48, chapters 5, 6, 8, 10, 13 through 16 and 33 may only be held on the following dates: 1. Except for regular elections for candidates in a city or town with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more persons, all elections, including recall elections and special elections to fill vacancies, shall be held on: (a) The second Tuesday in March. (b) The third Tuesday in May. (c) The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. (d) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city, town, school district, community college district or special taxing district, except as provided by title 48.	E
Monday, November 26, 2018	No later than 20 days following the election	Election Canvass	ARS 16-642(A)	The governing body holding an election shall meet and canvass the election not less than six days nor more than twenty days following the election.	E