

Elections Procedures Manual Chapter 7, Nominating Procedures

Write-In Candidates Filing of Nomination Papers

Write-in candidates file a nomination paper no later than 40 days prior to the election. The nomination paper shall include:

- the candidate's actual address or description of place of actual residence,
- mailing address,
- the name of his/her party (if applicable),
- the office and district or precinct for which he/she offers candidacy,
- age,
- length of residence in state,
- date of birth,
- how his/her name should appear on the list of write-ins,
- the date of election,
- an affidavit with an original signature stating that the candidate meets the qualifications for the office sought, and including, if for a state or local office, the satisfaction of any monetary penalties, fines or judgments as prescribed in ARS § 16-16-311(I)
- a financial disclosure statement if applicable.

[\[ARS §§ 16-311, 16-312\]](#)

To fill vacancies caused by death, incapacity or withdrawal of candidacy, write-in candidates file no later than five days prior to election if their candidacy is for a vacant position and the vacancy has occurred after the printing of official ballots.

A write-in nomination paper must be filed within the allowable time frame with the appropriate filing agency in order to be counted in the tally of votes for that candidate.

[\[ARS §§ 16-312\(B\), 16-312\(C\) 16-343\(D\)\]](#)

Candidates running as a write-in for fire, domestic water improvement, wastewater improvement, community park maintenance, road, hospital, sanitary, pest abatement, health service, and school districts and office of precinct

committeeman must file nomination papers no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 76th day before the election.

[\[ARS § 16-312\(B\)\(2\)\]](#)

Write-in candidates (except candidates for precinct committeeman) must comply with campaign finance laws, Title 16, Chapter 6 and file:

- a statement of organization of political committee or a \$500 threshold exemption statement for candidates who intend to accept contributions or make expenditures of no more than \$500 before making expenditures, accepting contributions, or distributing literature
- applicable campaign finance reports
- votes for a write-in candidate will not be counted if the nomination paper is not filed on time

A candidate may not file if any of the following applies:

- for a candidate in a general election, if the candidate ran in the immediately preceding primary election and failed to be nominated to the office sought in the current election,
- for a candidate in a general election, if the candidate filed a nomination petition for the immediately preceding primary election for the office sought and failed to provide a sufficient number of valid petition signatures as prescribed in [ARS § 16-322](#),
- for a candidate in a primary election, if the candidate filed a nomination petition for the current primary election for the office sought and failed to provide a sufficient number of valid petition signatures as prescribed in [ARS § 16-322](#),
- for a candidate in the general election, the candidate filed a nomination petition for nomination other than by primary for the office sought and failed to provide a sufficient number of valid petition signatures as prescribed in [ARS § 16-341](#).

[\[ARS § 16-312\(D\)\]](#)