

**POWER DISTRICT
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Tuesday, July 19, 2016	Last day to request approval for a mail ballot election prior to publishing call of election	Board of Supervisors approval for a Mail Ballot Election at the August 3, 2016 Meeting	ARS 16-558(A)	Notwithstanding section 16-225, a special district as described in title 48 may conduct a mail ballot election if the governing board of the special district obtains approval from the board of supervisors of the county in which the special district or greater part of the special district is located before publishing the call of election as provided in section 16-227.	E
Wednesday, August 10, 2016	6 weeks preceeding 90 days prior to election	First day to publish call of election not less than 1 week apart	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 title, the date the mail ballots will be mailed to qualified electors of the district.	E
Monday, August 15, 2016	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
Thursday, August 25, 2016	Approximately 10 days after calling election	Notice to the Board of Supervisors	ARS 16-225(C)	The governing body of a special district shall call all other elections for the district in accordance with subsection A of this section and shall notify the board of supervisors and the officer in charge of elections of the county in which the special district or greater portion of the assessed valuation of the property in the district is located of the purpose of the election.	E

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Friday, September 9, 2016	93 days prior to election	First day to request early ballot	ARS 16-542(A)	<p>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 county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections for the applicable political subdivision of this state in whose jurisdiction the elector is registered to vote, for an official early ballot. In addition to name and address, the requesting elector shall provide the date of birth and state or country of birth or other information that if compared to the voter registration information on file would confirm the identity of the elector. If the request indicates that the elector needs a primary election ballot and a general election ballot, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall honor the request. For any partisan primary election, if the elector is not registered as a member of a political party that is entitled to continued representation on the ballot pursuant to section 16-804, the elector shall designate the ballot of only one of the political parties that is entitled to continued representation on the ballot and the elector may receive and vote the ballot of only that one political party. The county recorder may establish on-site early voting locations at the recorder's office, which shall be open and available for use beginning the same day that a county begins to send out the early ballots. The county recorder may also establish any other early voting locations in the county the recorder deems necessary.</p>	V
Wednesday, September 14, 2016	90 days prior to election	Last day to publish call of election not less than one week apart	ARS 16-227(A)	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, September 14, 2016	90 days prior to election	Last day to mail call of election rather than publish the call	ARS 16-227(B)	<p>In lieu of publishing the call described in subsection A, 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.</p>	E
Wednesday, September 28, 2016	76 days prior to election	Filing of nominations for write-in candidates for election that might be cancelled	ARS 16-312(B)(2)	<p>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.</p>	

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Thursday, September 29, 2016	75 days prior to election	First day the Board of Supervisors can cancel an election	ARS 16-410(A)	Notwithstanding any other law, in any election that is to be held pursuant to title 15, title 48 or section 16-822, if the total of the number of persons who file a nomination petition for a candidate and the number of persons who file a nomination paper for a write-in candidate as prescribed by chapter 3, articles 2 and 3 of this title is less than or equal to the number of positions to be filled at the election for which the nomination petition or nomination paper is filed, the county board of supervisors may cancel the election no earlier than seventy-five days before the election and appoint the person or persons who filed the nomination petition or nomination paper to fill the position for the term of office for which the candidate was nominated by the qualified electors.	E
Friday, October 28, 2016	45 days prior to election	Last day to mail notice of election for mail ballot election	ARS 16-228(D)	In lieu of publishing the notice described in subsection C, 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. The notice shall contain the same information described in subsection C and shall be mailed not later than forty-five days before the election.	E
Friday, October 28, 2016	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
Thursday, November 3, 2016	40 days prior to election	Filing of nominations for write-in candidates	ARS 16-312(B)(1)	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, November 10, 2016	33 days prior to election	Early ballots prepared and delivered to elections officer in charge	ARS 16-545(B)	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

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Thursday, November 10, 2016	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 thirty days before the election.	E
Monday, November 14, 2016	29 days prior to election	Last day to register to vote	ARS 16-120	No elector shall vote in an election called pursuant to the laws of this state unless the elector has been registered to vote as a resident within the boundaries or the proposed boundaries of the election district for which the election is being conducted and the registration has been received by the county recorder or his designee pursuant to section 16-134 prior to midnight of the twenty-ninth day preceding the date of the election.	V
5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2016	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 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
5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2016	26 days prior to election	Early voting begins	ARS 16-542(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-six days before the election. If an early ballot request is received on or before the thirtieth day before the election, the early ballot shall be distributed on the twenty-sixth day before the election.	E

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Wednesday, November 23, 2016	20 days prior to election	Last day to file petitions for nominations with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	ARS 48-1572	A. Nominations of candidates at regular elections to the board of directors shall be by petition, in writing, signed by at least five bona fide owners of land in the power district who possess the qualifications of electors provided by section 48-1508. No person shall be entitled to sign the petition for nomination of a person for director except a bona fide land owner in the division from which the director is to be elected or for one of the directors elected at large which shall be designated in the petition. B. At elections held under the provisions of this article, no elector may vote for any director except the director who is to be chosen to represent the division on the board of directors, and the two directors to be elected at large. C. Petitions for nominations of directors shall be filed with the clerk of the board of supervisors twenty days before the time fixed for holding the regular election.	C
Monday, November 28, 2016	Prior to posting notice of election	Last day to appoint election officials	ARS 48-1573(B)	B. Prior to the time for posting the notices , the board shall appoint from each division from among the electors thereof three judges, one of whom shall act as clerk, who shall constitute a board of election for the division. If the board fails to appoint a board of election, or the members appointed do not attend the opening of the polls on the morning of the election, the electors of the division present at the hour named in the notice may appoint the board or appoint another person in place of an absent member.	E
Monday, November 28, 2016	15 days prior to election	Last day to post notice of election	ARS 48-1573(A)	A. Fifteen days before an election held under this article , the secretary of the board shall cause notice specifying the polling places of each division to be posted in three public places in each election division, stating the time and place of holding the election. The secretary shall also post a general notice thereof in the office of the board.	E

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Friday, December 2, 2016	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)	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 .	V
Thursday, December 8, 2016	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)	D. 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 . and B. 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
Thursday, December 8, 2016	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, December 9, 2016	No later than 5 PM Friday preceding the election	Receipt of early ballot request (unless an emergency)	ARS 16-542(E)	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

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Friday, December 2, 2016 through Monday, December 12, 2016	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)	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, December 12, 2016	1 day prior to election	List of early ballots to election board	ARS 16-542(G)	G. The county recorder or other 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, December 15, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Election Day	ARS 48-1571 and ARS 48-1574(C)	The regular election of the district for the purpose of electing a board of directors shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December of each alternate year , at which time one director from each division in the district and two directors at large shall be elected for a term of two years. If two or more persons have the same number of votes, their terms shall be determined by lot under the direction of the chairman of the board of supervisors of the county in which the organization of the district has been perfected. The person receiving the highest number of votes in any division for any office to be filled at the election shall be deemed elected thereto. AND C. The polls shall be opened at eight o'clock a.m. and remain open until six o'clock p.m. of the same day.	E
Monday, December 19, 2016	First Monday after the election	Election Canvass	ARS 48-1575	A. A list, tally paper or certificate returned from any election shall not be set aside or rejected for want of form if it can be satisfactorily understood. B. The board of directors shall meet at the district office on the first Monday after the election and canvass the returns. If at the time of meeting the returns from each division in the district in which the polls were open have been received, the board of directors shall canvass the returns, or if all the returns have not been received, the canvass shall be postponed from day to day until all returns have been received or until six postponements have been made. The canvass shall be made in public by counting the votes of the district for each person voted for and declaring the results thereof. C. The board shall declare elected the person receiving the highest number of votes cast for each office and shall declare the result of any questions or proposals submitted.	E

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Tuesday, December 20, 2016	As soon as the result is declared	Statement of Results	ARS 48-1576	<p>A. The secretary of the board shall, as soon as the result of an election is declared, enter in the records of the board, and file with the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county in which the office of the district is located, a statement of results disclosing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A copy of the notice of the election. 2. The names of the judges of the election. 3. The total number of votes cast in the district and in each division of the district. 4. The names of the persons voted for. 5. The office for which each person was voted for. 6. The number of votes cast in each division for each candidate. 7. The number of votes cast in the district for each candidate. 8. The names of the persons declared elected. 9. The result declared on any question or proposal submitted in accordance with the majority of the votes cast for or against the question or proposal. 	E