

**DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ELECTION CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

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✓	Tuesday, May 26, 2020	Last day to request approval for a mail ballot election prior to publishing call of election	147	Board of Supervisors approval for a Mail Ballot Election at the June 10, 2020 Meeting	ARS 16-558(A)	If a district wants to hold a mail ballot election, it must have approval from the Board of Supervisors prior to publishing the Call of Election on June 24, 2020. 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, June 24, 2020	6 weeks preceding 90 days prior to election	176	First day to publish "Call of Election"	ARS 16-227(A)	The Call of Election must contain the following and be published at least twice in a newspaper and not less than 1 week apart during the six calendar weeks preceding ninety days before the election: 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, July 6, 2020	120 days prior to election	188	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 6, 2020	120 days prior to election	188	First day to file nomination papers from candidates	ARS 16-311(B)	Any person desiring to become a candidate at any nonpartisan election must submit a nomination petition.	C
✓	Thursday, July 16, 2020	Approximately 10 days after calling election	198	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 3, 2020	93 days prior to election	216	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 5, 2020	90 days prior to election	218	Last day to publish "Call of Election"	ARS 16-227(A)	The Call of Election must contain the following and be published at least twice in a newspaper and not less than 1 week apart during the six calendar weeks preceding ninety days before the election: 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
	Wednesday, August 5, 2020	90 days prior to election	218	Last day to file nomination papers from 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 19, 2020	76 days prior to election	232	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 5:00p.m. on the seventy-sixth day before the election.	E
	Thursday, August 20, 2020	75 days prior to election	233	First day the Board of Supervisors can 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

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	Friday, September 18, 2020	45 days prior to election	262	Last day to mail "Notice of Election" for 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
	Friday, September 18, 2020	Two weeks preceding 30 days before an election	262	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, September 24, 2020	40 days prior to election	268	Last day to receive write-in nomination papers from candidate	ARS 16-312(B)(1)	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 1, 2020	33 days prior to election	275	Early ballots prepared and delivered to elections officer in charge	ARS 16-545(B)(1)	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
	Monday, October 5, 2020	30 days prior to election	279	Last day to publish 2nd "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 5, 2020	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

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	5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2020	10 days after 40th day before election excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays	279	Last day to challenge non-partisan candidate who filed petition or papers pursuant to Title 16	ARS 16-351(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
	Thursday, October 8, 2020	26 days prior to election	282	Early voting begins	ARS 16-542(C)	The 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
	Thursday, October 8, 2020	26 days prior to election	282	First day to mail ballots for mail ballot election	ARS 16-558.01	Not more than twenty-six days before the election and 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. 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 14, 2020	20 days prior to election	288	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 19, 2020	15 days prior to election	293	Last day to mail ballots for mail ballot election	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
	Friday, October 23, 2020	11 days prior to election	297	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.	V

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	Thursday, October 29, 2020	5 days prior to election	303	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
	Thursday, October 29, 2020	5 days prior to election	303	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 30, 2020	No later than 5 PM Friday preceding the election	304	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.	E
	Friday, October 23, 2020 through Monday, November 2, 2020	Between 5 PM on second Friday preceding the election & 5 PM on the Monday preceding the election	297-307	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 2, 2020	1 day prior to election	307	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 3, 2020	As determined in the petition to establish the district	308	Election Day	ARS 48-1012(B)	B. Immediately after the selection and qualification of the first directors of the board, the directors shall meet and divide themselves by lot into two classes as nearly equal in number as possible. Directors of the first class shall serve for a term of four years, and directors of the second class shall serve for a term of two years. Every director shall continue to discharge the duties of office until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Thereafter, at each regular election, one director for each expired term shall be elected and shall hold office for a term of four years, and until a successor is elected and qualifies. The dates of elections and of expiration of terms shall be specified in the petition for establishment of the district	E
	Monday, November 23, 2020	No later than 20 days following the election	328	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
		Denotes instructions for a Mail Ballot Election					