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Summary

The Secretary of State’s 2022 Candidate Redistricting Guide provides guidance for candidates about the redistricting process and should be referenced in addition to the 2022 Running for Office–Candidate Guide. This version includes updates to guidance about using E-Qual for Congressional and Legislative candidates during the 2022 filing period.

This Guide will cover the following information for candidates:

- Candidates must update to their new district, if necessary, and file their updated paperwork with the Secretary of State’s Office (SOS) by the candidate filing deadline at 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2022. These candidates should update and file the following nomination paperwork as applicable to their office:
  - Nomination Paper
  - Any additional nomination petition signatures required for that district
  - Financial Disclosure Statement (Legislative Only)
  - Optional statement on recall (Congressional Only)

- Candidates who file nomination paperwork and signatures prior to updating their campaign profile to their 2022 district, and who otherwise meet the filing requirements, will be conditionally certified for the district that the candidate indicates on their nomination paper.

- If a conditionally certified candidate is redistricted and fails to update their nomination paper by the filing deadline, they will become certified for the Primary Election based on the district as indicated on their original nomination paper.

- Candidates do not need to update their statement of interest (SOI) if the original SOI applies to either the candidate’s 2020 or 2022 district.

- Candidates who update to a new district may need to update their campaign finance committee name and statement of organization in Beacon.

- Nomination petition signatures from the candidate’s 2020 district, 2022 district as established by the IRC, or 2022 district as ordered by a court will be considered valid. Legislation passed in 2021 protects signatures from these districts and permits candidates to collect in their 2020 district after the 2022 maps are certified.

E-Qual Updates:

- E-Qual signatures and Qualifying Contributions can be collected from voters in a Congressional or Legislative candidate’s 2020 district as designated in their Candidate Portal campaign profile until counties begin importing maps into the statewide voter registration system around March 5, 2022. Please plan on E-Qual no longer being available for Congressional and Legislative candidates beginning on this date, and likely through the remainder of the filing period. Statewide candidates will not be affected by this process.
  - Updates concerning E-Qual begin on page 18.

- Congressional and Legislative candidates who want to continue collecting signatures via E-Qual should remain in their 2020 district and not update to their 2022 district in Candidate Portal while E-Qual remains available. Candidates who create or update their campaign profile based on a 2022 district will not have access to E-Qual for petition signature or Qualifying Contribution collection. Please consult with your campaign team to determine the best option for your situation. Statewide candidates can continue using E-Qual throughout this time.
  - Information about designating your district in Candidate Portal is found on pages 10 - 15.
We encourage all candidates to provide current contact information in Candidate Portal and monitor their inboxes frequently for additional updates from our Office. We also recommend candidates follow updates from the IRC at irc.az.gov.

Please be aware that candidate filings may be subject to legal challenge, and we recommend that you consult an attorney if you have legal questions about how redistricting impacts your candidacy and campaign.

For questions, please reach out to candidate@azsos.gov.
Redistricting Background

Arizona's voters elect legislative and congressional candidates based on the district in which the voter resides. These districts are determined by the IRC every 10 years following the U.S. Census. The IRC reviews current legislative and congressional district boundaries, assesses changes in population based on census data since the districts were last drawn, then redraws district lines to account for these population changes.

The 2022 districts will take effect immediately following certification, barring any successful legal challenges, and will be utilized for the 2022 election cycle.

Legislation passed in 2021, S.B. 1107, provides a safe harbor for congressional and legislative candidates impacted by redistricting.\(^1\) As a result, Arizona law allows candidates to file nomination paperwork and petition signatures from their 2020 district, the 2022 district as certified by the IRC, or the 2022 district as established by a court.

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**Key Terms:**

**2020 District:** This refers to districts based on Congressional and Legislative maps drawn by the 2011 IRC that were effective for the 2020 elections. This is likely the district you initially selected if you created your Candidate Portal account prior to the IRC finalizing 2022 maps.

**2022 District:** This refers to districts as established by the 2021 IRC or as determined by a court for 2022 elections. 2022 districts will be effective for the 2022 election cycle.

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\(^1\) [https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/55leg/1R/laws/0155.pdf](https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/55leg/1R/laws/0155.pdf)
Timeline

New congressional and legislative maps will likely be certified in early 2022. You can monitor the IRC’s progress on their website at irc.az.gov. Once maps are certified, additional work must be done by county election officials to implement the new maps and import them into the voter registration system. During this time, counties will be reviewing precinct boundaries and ensuring voters are properly located. Key events for the candidate filing process include:

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<td>Counties begin compiling voter registration statistics based on 2020 districts for the January 2 Voter Registration Report. These statistics are used to calculate the required number of nomination petition signatures for candidates for specific offices and districts.</td>
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<td>The IRC certifies 2022 maps.</td>
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<td>Signature requirements for 2022 offices will be published based on statistics from the January 2 Voter Registration Report.</td>
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<td>Candidate filing opens for traditional candidates.</td>
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<td>• <strong>Legislative and Congressional candidates</strong>: E-Qual is expected to close on this date for petition signature and Qualifying Contribution collection until the counties import the 2022 maps into the voter registration system, which likely won’t happen prior to April 4.</td>
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<td>Deadline to file nomination paperwork for traditional and participating candidates</td>
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<td>• <strong>All nomination paperwork updates and petition signatures must be filed by this deadline.</strong></td>
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<td>All counties finish importing the 2022 maps into the voter registration system.</td>
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<td>• E-Qual for State Legislative candidates to collect Qualifying Contributions will become available again.</td>
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Updating Candidate Nomination Paperwork

This section addresses updates to candidate nomination filings that may be necessary due to redistricting. The following sections will address how to make these updates in Candidate Portal, the impact on signature collection, and updates related to campaign finance reporting.

Statement of Interest

Candidates do not need to update their Statement of Interest (SOI), so long as their original SOI covered a valid district as outlined in S.B. 1107. This legislation protects signatures collected pursuant to the SOI in the candidate’s 2020 district, 2022 district as established by the IRC, or 2022 district as established by a court, regardless of the district listed on the SOI.

Nomination Paper

A candidate running for Congressional or State Legislative office is responsible for updating their nomination paper to reflect their 2022 district before the filing period closes on April 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. As a best practice, after March 5, candidates should ensure their nomination paper reflects their 2022 district when filed. However, the SOS will accept a candidate’s nomination paper regardless of which district is listed and our Office is not responsible for confirming a candidate’s proper district.

A candidate may update their nomination paper until the statutory filing deadline at 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2022.

- The candidate will be certified for the 2022 Primary Election ballot based on the district that the candidate files on their nomination paper if a candidate otherwise meets the filing requirements for that office and barring any successful legal challenges. The SOS will not update a candidate’s district without a timely-filed nomination paper.
- When a candidate updates their nomination paper, the candidate is responsible for filing the required number of signatures for the 2022 district by the April 4, 5:00 p.m. deadline.
- If a candidate fails to update their nomination paper to reflect their 2022 district, the candidate may be subject to a candidate legal challenge.

Other Paperwork

State legislative candidates must update their Financial Disclosure Statement in Candidate Portal if it was submitted before the candidate updated their 2022 district. Instructions are provided in the next section.

Candidates for Congressional office should also update the Optional Statement on Recall, if filed. This may be done in-person or via mail as long as it is received by the filing deadline.

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Filing with the Secretary of State’s Office

At the time of filing with the SOS, candidates will be asked to confirm whether their nomination paperwork is updated to their new district. The SOS will accept nomination paperwork and petitions based on the candidate’s 2020 district, however candidates who meet the filing and signature requirements based on their 2020 district will be conditionally certified. Any candidate who has been conditionally certified must file a nomination paper with the district in which they want to run for the 2022 Primary Election.

If a candidate who is conditionally certified fails to file an updated nomination paper by the April 4, 5:00 p.m. filing deadline, the candidate will be certified to run in the district that was indicated on the candidate’s original nomination paper and may be subject to legal challenge if the nomination paper does not reflect the candidate’s correct 2022 district.

If a candidate elects to run in a different district, the candidate is responsible for filing the required nomination paperwork and number of petition signatures for that district by the 5:00 p.m. April 4 deadline.

Please review the 2022 Running for Office Guide for more information on the filing process.
Updating Candidate Portal

This section will cover how a candidate can update their district and other paperwork in Candidate Portal.

Timing

A candidate may submit their nomination paperwork with the SOS after the filing period opens but before the IRC has certified the 2022 maps. If a candidate files before the maps are certified and meets the requirements for the district in which they filed, the candidate will be conditionally certified. Any candidate that is conditionally certified must file an updated nomination paper confirming their district along with any additional nomination petition signatures that are required for the new district. If a candidate fails to file an updated nomination paper by the April 4, 5:00 p.m. deadline, the candidate will be certified for the district in which they originally filed. The SOS will not change a candidate’s district without a valid nomination paper.

Congressional and Legislative candidates who want to continue collecting petition signatures or Qualifying Contributions in E-Qual should remain in or update their campaign profile to their 2020 district while E-Qual remains available. All candidates should update to their 2022 district prior to the April 4, 5:00 p.m. filing deadline.

Designating your campaign profile’s district

Each candidate is responsible for ensuring their Candidate Portal account and relevant nomination paperwork are updated to accurately reflect their 2022 district. Candidates may review the IRC’s website to determine the candidate’s correct 2022 district. The SOS will not make the district determination for a candidate or change a candidate’s district without a valid nomination paper.

Creating a new campaign profile

Only candidates who do not already have a campaign profile should use this option. If a candidate does not already have a campaign profile in Candidate Portal, and they create a profile for a “U.S. Representative” or “State Legislative” office, then they will be asked to designate a district. The following will display in Candidate Portal:

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3 A candidate may also be conditionally certified if the signature requirements have not yet been determined based on the January 2, 2022, voter registration statistics.
Required selection when creating a new campaign profile in Candidate Portal.

- If a candidate selects to use their 2020 district, they will be able to collect petition signatures and QCs (if applicable) via E-Qual until March 5, 2022.
- If a candidate selects to use their 2022 district, they will not have access to E-Qual until all counties have finished importing the 2022 maps into the voter registration system, which is not likely to happen prior to the end of the filing period.

**Updating an existing campaign profile**

Candidates who have previously established a campaign profile using their 2022 district should use the “Change District” button to select their 2020 district if they wish to collect signatures via E-Qual until March 5. Similarly, any candidates who want to update their campaign profile from a 2020 district to a 2022 district before filing would use this option. A Statement of Interest created under the current profile will carry over to the updated profile.

A candidate who has a campaign profile in Candidate Portal that they want to update to a different district should follow these steps:

- Log into Candidate Portal, click “My Campaigns,” and select the relevant campaign profile. The “Change District” button will display in the upper middle part of the screen on the candidate’s campaign profile. Click “Change District” to begin the process.
Changing a candidate’s 2022 district in Candidate Portal

- The candidate will be asked to confirm whether they are selecting their 2020 or 2022 district. The following text will display:

![Change District Due to Redistricting](image)

- If a candidate selects to use their 2020 district, they will be able to collect petition signatures and QCs (if applicable) via E-Qual until around March 5, 2022.
- If a candidate selects to use their 2022 district, they will not have access to E-Qual until all counties have finished importing the 2022 maps into the voter registration system, which will not likely happen prior to the end of the filing period.
- After selecting the 2022 district and clicking “Submit,” the candidate will return to the “My Candidate Campaigns” page where the campaign profile for the 2022 district will display a “REDISTRICTED” label.
- Select this campaign to preview the information and ensure it is correct.
- If the information is incorrect, repeat the steps above to input the correct information.

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After updating Candidate Portal, a candidate’s filing is not complete until the candidate files nomination paperwork and any required petition signatures with the SOS by the deadline on **5:00 p.m. April 4, 2022**.
**Updating your district after receiving conditional certification**

If a candidate filed nomination paperwork and was conditionally certified, the candidate should follow the steps above to update their Candidate Portal. Upon conditional certification, the candidate's information will populate on the AZSOS.gov candidate website.

However, once the candidate updates to the 2022 district in Candidate Portal, their candidate information will be removed from the website until the candidate files their updated nomination paperwork and is certified for their new district.

**Statement of Interest: No action needed**

The Statement of Interest from the original campaign profile will be copied to the new 2022 redistricted campaign profile. If a Statement of Interest has previously been submitted for one of the districts outlined in S.B. 1107 (2020 district, 2022 district as certified by the IRC, or 2022 district as established by a court) before updating the candidate’s Candidate Portal account to reflect the candidate’s 2022 district, no further action is required. A candidate may proceed to the next section.

If a candidate has not yet submitted a Statement of Interest, they may do so at this time.

**Nomination Paper**

All candidates should submit a nomination paper for their 2022 district. If a candidate has been conditionally certified based on their 2020 district, they should submit a new nomination paper to reflect their 2022 district prior to 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2022. If a candidate fails to update and file a new nomination paper but has otherwise qualified based on the 2020 district listed on the original nomination paper, the candidate will be certified for the ballot as running in that district (which may not be their correct 2022 district and may subject the candidate to a legal challenge).

**Process in Candidate Portal:**

- Candidates should update their district in Candidate Portal following the instructions above.
  - If a nomination paper was submitted before the candidate updated to their 2022 district in Candidate Portal, it will no longer display.
- Click “Create and Submit a Nomination Paper” to submit a new nomination paper for the updated district.
Financial Disclosure Statement: State Legislative Candidates Only

If a candidate previously completed the Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) for the office they are seeking, the candidate must submit an updated FDS in Candidate Portal after changing their district.

Any information previously completed on the FDS will carry over to the new campaign profile.

- Click “Continue Modifying Your Financial Disclosure Statement” to either continue editing or submit the FDS.
- If an FDS was previously submitted, confirm the updated district on the next screen and select “Save.”
- The candidate will be presented with the previously submitted information to review. Any information in the FDS can be updated at this time. However, if the information is still correct, select the box to verify the information is correct and click “Sign & Submit this Financial Disclosure Statement.” The page will then display the updated FDS.

Candidates for State Legislative office who are making redistricting updates must file an FDS via Candidate Portal by 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2022 for their nomination paperwork to be considered complete.

Nomination Petitions and E-Qual

Candidates can print updated nomination petitions after the campaign profile has been updated with the new district following the instructions above.

If an E-Qual petition was previously open, it will automatically close when the district is updated. The candidate must click “Create E-Qual Petition” to open a new E-Qual petition that reflects their updated district (only in 2020 districts before March 5). If a candidate previously selected the option to use their 2022 district, then E-
Qual petitions for signatures and Qualifying Contributions will not be available until all counties have finished importing maps into the voter registration system.

### Nomination Petitions

**Statutory Filing Period:** November 11, 2020 – April 4, 2022 5:00 PM.

To collect petition signatures electronically, click the “Create E-Qual Petition” button below. E-Qual petitions may not be edited once made available to voters. You may also prepare a paper Nomination Petition form for in-person circulation by clicking “Petition Form for Printing” below, available in both English and Spanish. To upload a photo to this petition, open the form using Adobe or other PDF reader and click the optional photo box.

[Petition Form for Printing (English)](link)  [Petition Form for Printing Spanish](link)

### Electronic Petitions

**Create E-Qual Petition**

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If a new E-Qual petition is created after a candidate updates their district in Candidate Portal, this may happen for candidates who are updating from their 2022 district campaign profiles to a 2020 district campaign profile. Candidates updating to a 2022 district campaign profile will not have the option to use E-Qual.

Any E-Qual petitions must be printed, have the circulator statement signed, and filed with the SOS by 5:00 p.m., April 4, 2022.

More information about nomination petition signature collection is provided later in this guide.

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4 This may happen for candidates who are updating from their 2022 district campaign profiles to a 2020 district campaign profile. Candidates updating to a 2022 district campaign profile will not have the option to use E-Qual.
Campaign Finance: Updating the Statement of Organization

The candidate committee’s Statement of Organization should be updated in Beacon to reflect the candidate’s 2022 district. To make this change, first log into Beacon, click “Settings,” and select “Account Management.”

To revise the office being sought and committee name, select “General.”

On the “General” page, the “Office Selected” field has a drop-down menu listing all legislative offices. This is where the 2022 district can be updated. The “Entity Name” will contain the committee’s current name and can be edited by typing the new committee’s name in the text field.
Select “Update Information” at the bottom of the page, to save all changes.

Saving changes to the Statement of Organization in Beacon
Nomination Petition Signatures

To qualify to appear on the 2022 ballot, a candidate must file at least the minimum number of signatures required for the district in which they are running. If a candidate is redistricted into a new district and files nomination paperwork to run in that district, the candidate will be responsible for filing the number of signatures required for that district.

Assuming the IRC certifies new maps after January 2, signature requirements will be based on the districts and statistics in the January 2, 2022 Voter Registration Report. These numbers should be known in late January 2022.

As discussed above, S.B. 1107 protects otherwise valid signatures collected by Congressional and Legislative candidates from voters in any of the following districts:

- The candidate’s 2020 district prior to redistricting;
- The candidate’s 2022 district as certified by the IRC; or
- The candidate’s 2022 district as determined by a court.

A voter must be registered in one of the districts listed above at the time of signing the candidate’s petition.\(^5\) A voter can only sign the number of petitions equal to the number of seats for which they are eligible to vote for that race.\(^6\) That means that a voter can only sign one candidate’s petition for U.S. Representative, one for State Senator, and two candidate petitions for State Representative. If a voter previously signed the maximum number of petitions in their former district, they will not be eligible to sign for candidates who move into their new district unless they formally withdraw their earlier signatures. Our Office must receive a voter’s completed Affidavit of Signature Withdrawal by 5 p.m. the day the candidate files the petition containing the signature of the voter who previously signed another candidate’s petition.\(^7\)

If the voter signs more than the maximum number of petitions allowed, only the first one (or, in the case of State Representative, the first two) will count.\(^8\) If the voter signs more than the maximum number of petitions allowed and two or more of the voter’s signatures are dated on the same day, all signatures on that day are invalid.\(^9\)

### Nomination petition sheets

Nomination petitions that contain a caption listing any of the districts protected by S.B. 1107 will not be rejected based on the district listed.

### E-Qual signature collection

E-Qual for Congressional and Legislative candidate petition signature collection will remain open until counties begin importing the 2022 maps into the voter registrations system, which is expected to begin around March 5, 2022. Because E-Qual signers are verified based on the voter registration database, signers will not see their updated district or the new candidates running in their updated district until all counties have finished importing the 2022 maps into the voter registration system. This may not occur prior to the April 4, 2022 filing deadline for candidates.

\(^5\) A.R.S. § 16-321(B).
\(^6\) A.R.S. § 16-321(A).
\(^7\) A.R.S. § 19-113(A).
\(^8\) A.R.S. § 16-321(C).
\(^9\) A.R.S. § 16-321(D).
Similarly, a voter will see candidates displayed based on which district a candidate has selected in Candidate Portal. Only candidates who have selected their 2020 district in Candidate Portal will be able to collect via E-Qual prior to March 5, 2022.

Given this transition period in E-Qual, voters will only be able to sign for candidates in their 2020 district prior to March 5. When a voter logs into E-Qual, the voter will receive an alert to inform them of this information. The E-Qual page will also provide an optional link to the Affidavit of Signature Withdrawal for voters who want to withdraw their signatures for any candidate that will no longer be in their district for the 2022 election.

Please note that, just like hard-copy petition signatures, E-Qual signatures can be challenged in court. The candidate is responsible for validating and confirming that the minimum signature requirement has been met.
Participating Candidates: Qualifying Contributions (QCs)

Starting from the date that counties begin importing the 2022 maps (expected March 5, 2022), and until all counties have finished, E-Qual will not allow participating candidates for State Representative and State Senator to collect QCs electronically. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-316(A), E-Qual should only allow qualified electors to contribute. E-Qual makes this determination from information provided by the statewide voter registration database. Until the new maps have been implemented by all counties and verification can resume, E-Qual will be turned off for QC collection.

Legislative candidates must set up their Candidate Portal using their 2020 district in order to be eligible to use E-Qual for QC collection during this time. If a candidate updates to their 2022 district prior to the 2022 maps being imported into the voter registration system, they will not have access to E-Qual. Once counties have finished importing the new maps, E-Qual for QC collection will be available only for the candidate’s 2022 district.

Additionally, voters will be informed on the E-Qual QC page that paper QCs can still be completed in-person. The voter will be directed to contact the candidate’s campaign for more information on submitting paper QCs to the candidate.