



**ARIZONA STATE  
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS**  
A DIVISION OF THE ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE



**General Records Retention Schedule Issued to:  
All Public Bodies  
Election Records**

**Schedule Number:  
GS-1058**

- Authority:** Pursuant to ARS 41-151.12(3), only the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records has the authority to set retention periods, including the sole authority to modify, extend or decrease records retention periods. The retention periods listed herein are the required time records must be retained. Records should be promptly and orderly disposed of at the end of their retention period. Keeping records longer than the retention period poses financial, legal, audit and investigative risks to the Agency. These risks need to be considered by State and Local Agencies when there is a compelling need to retain records for a longer period of time than the approved retention period. Records required for ongoing or foreseeable official proceedings such as audits, investigations or lawsuits, must be retained until released from such official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule.
- Archival Value:** Records designated as Permanent on the retention schedule must not be destroyed (ARS 39-101). If it is believed that special circumstances warrant other records to be retained permanently, contact the Arizona State Archives for assistance in determining historical or archival value. All records created prior to 1912 must be retained permanently. This retention schedule does not authorize the transfer of records to any repository other than the Arizona State Archives (ARS 41-151.09).
- Disposition:** This schedule is used in conjunction with the Certificate of Records Destruction. All records disposed under this schedule must be reported on the Certificate of Records Destruction, unless transferred to the Arizona State Archives.
- Format:** Retention periods listed on this schedule apply to all records regardless of physical form or characteristics. Records, regardless of format (including electronic, paper, microfilm, etc.) not listed in this schedule or on the approved General Retention Schedule, are not authorized to be destroyed.
- Copies:** Additional copies created for convenience or reference purposes should not be retained longer than the record copy listed in this schedule. Copies do not need to be reported on the Certificate of Records Destruction when they are disposed.
- Supersedence:** **This schedule supersedes schedule dated July 10, 2012.**

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20323	<b>Candidate Records, If elected</b> State and local, including campaign finance records, nomination papers, petitions, affidavits, financial disclosure statements, statements of organization, threshold statements and other related records.	3 Years	After term in office ended.		7/10/2012
20324	<b>Candidate Records, If not elected</b> State and local, including campaign finance records, nomination papers, petitions, affidavits, financial disclosure statements, statements of organization, threshold statements and other related records	3 Years	After PAC terminated or after date of election, whichever is later.		7/10/2012
20325	<b>Candidate Records, Federal elections</b> State and local, including campaign finance records, nomination papers, petitions, affidavits, financial disclosure statements, statements of organization, threshold statements and other related records.	2 Years	After date of election.		7/10/2012
20326	<b>Court Challenge Records, Historical</b>	Permanent	Preserve pursuant to ARS 39-101.	ARS 39-101	7/10/2012
20327	<b>Court Challenge Records, All others</b>	2 Years	After calendar year resolved.		7/10/2012
20328	<b>Cumulative Independent Expenditure Notification Forms</b>	3 Years	After date of election.		7/10/2012

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20329	<b>Department of Justice Records</b> Including submissions and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) records.	Permanent	Preserve pursuant to ARS 39-101.	ARS 39-101	7/10/2012
20330	<b>Election Records, State and Local Elections</b> Voted ballots, voting abstracts (ARS 16-618, 619) and related voting materials, including voted ballots, official and unofficial returns envelopes, unofficial results, early voting requests, county special election records, write-in tally sheets, official poll lists, tally lists and voted ballots (ARS 16-615); unofficial poll lists and tally lists(ARS 16-616); chain of custody documents, logic and accuracy test records, hand count/ early ballot audit documents and related records.	6 Months	After date of election.		7/10/2012
20331	<b>Election Records, Federal and Presidential Preference Elections</b> Voted ballots, voting abstracts (ARS 16-618, 619) and related voting materials, including voted ballots, official and unofficial returns envelopes, unofficial results, early voting requests, county special election records, write-in tally sheets, official poll lists, tally lists and voted ballots (ARS 16-615); unofficial poll lists and tally lists(ARS 16-616); chain of custody documents, logic and accuracy test records, hand count/ early ballot audit documents and related records.	2 Years	After date of election (ARS 16-624(A); USC 42-1974).	ARS 16-624(A); USC 42- 1974)	7/10/2012

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20332	<b>Election Records, Political Subdivision Records, If not retained by office</b> Voted ballots, voting abstracts (ARS 16-618, 619) and related voting materials, including voted ballots, official and unofficial returns envelopes, unofficial results, early voting requests, county special election records, write-in tally sheets, official poll lists, tally lists and voted ballots (ARS 16-615); unofficial poll lists and tally lists(ARS 16-616); chain of custody documents, logic and accuracy test records, hand count/ early ballot audit documents and related records.		Transfer to political subdivision after election.		7/10/2012
20333	<b>Election Records, Political Subdivision Records, All other records</b> Voted ballots, voting abstracts (ARS 16-618, 619) and related voting materials, including voted ballots, official and unofficial returns envelopes, unofficial results, early voting requests, county special election records, write-in tally sheets, official poll lists, tally lists and voted ballots (ARS 16-615); unofficial poll lists and tally lists(ARS 16-616); chain of custody documents, logic and accuracy test records, hand count/ early ballot audit documents and related records.		After calendar year 2 regular elections held or after political subdivision ceases to exist or after political subdivision begins holding own elections, whichever comes first.		7/10/2012
20334	<b>Election Violation Complaint Records, Resolved through litigation</b>	5 Years	After litigation completed.		7/10/2012
20335	<b>Election Violation Complaint Records, Resolved without litigation</b>	2 Years	After date of election.		7/10/2012

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20336	<b>Maps (Precincts and districts, including legal descriptions)</b>	Permanent	Preserve pursuant to ARS 39-101.	ARS 39-101	7/10/2012
20337	<b>Official Canvass (ARS 16-646)</b>	Permanent	Preserve pursuant to ARS 39-101.	ARS 39-101	7/10/2012
20338	<b>Political Action Committee (PAC) Records, Standing PAC, Initial filing records</b>	3 Years	After PAC terminated.		7/10/2012
20339	<b>Political Action Committee (PAC) Records, Standing PAC, Jurisdictional filing records</b> records filed with jurisdictions where PAC is campaigning.	3 Years	After PAC terminated or after date of election, whichever is later.		7/10/2012
20340	<b>Political Action Committee (PAC) Records, All others</b>	3 Years	After PAC terminated.		7/10/2012
20341	<b>Polling Place Records, Presidential Preference Election (PPE)</b> Including consent forms.		After next PPE held.		7/10/2012
20342	<b>Polling Place Records, All others</b> Including consent forms.	2 Years	After date of election.		7/10/2012

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20343	<b>Poll Worker for Election Day Records</b> Including financial records, names, addresses, poll worked, sign-in sheets, reports and handouts and other related records.	2 Years	After date of election.		7/10/2012
20344	<b>Publicity Records, Historical</b> Including pamphlets and other educational documentation for election issues.	Permanent	Preserve pursuant to ARS 39-101.	ARS 39-101	7/10/2012
20345	<b>Publicity Records, All others</b> Including pamphlets and other educational documentation for election issues.		After fiscal year election held.		7/10/2012
20346	<b>Report of Voter Statistics (if issued)</b>	10 Years	After date of election.		7/10/2012
20347	<b>Signature Rosters</b> Including for traditional elections, this is the actual signature roster and may include notation for voters that mail-in ballots and for elections that are fully conducted via mail-in I on-line, this can be a roster I checklist of citizens that actually.	Permanent	Preserve pursuant to ARS 39-101.	ARS 39-101	7/10/2012
20348	<b>Title 19 Records, Historical</b> Including initiatives, recalls and referendum.	Permanent	Preserve pursuant to ARS 39-101.	ARS 39-101	7/10/2012
20349	<b>Title 19 Records, Petitions, certification sheets and related correspondence</b> Including initiatives, recalls and referendum.	1 Year	After calendar year of election. If no election held, return petitions to petitioner.		7/10/2012

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20350	<b>Title 19 Records, Application for initiatives, recalls and referendum</b> Including initiatives, recalls and referendum.	10 Years	After calendar year filed.		7/10/2012
20351	<b>Video Recording of Ballot Counting and Related Records</b> For any statewide, county or legislative election.			ARS 16-621	7/10/2012