

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q1: I am running for \_\_\_\_ office, do I have to file a Statement of Interest?**

**A1: YES.** SB1451 applies to ALL offices **EXCEPT**:

- *President or Vice President of the United States.*
- *Precinct Committeemen;*
- *Special District Governing Boards defined in A.R.S. Title 48:*
  - *Chapter 2. Antinoxious Weed Districts,*
  - *Chapter 3. Pest Control Districts,*
  - *Chapter 11. Power Districts,*
  - *Chapter 12. Electrical Districts,*
  - *Chapter 15. Pest Abatement Districts,*
  - *Chapter 17. Agriculture Improvement Districts,*
  - *Chapter 18. Drainage and Flood Protection Districts,*
  - *Chapter 19. Irrigation and Water Conservation Districts,*
  - *Chapter 20. Irrigation Water Delivery Districts,*
  - *Chapter 22. Multi-County Water Conservation Districts,*
  - *Chapter 27. Ground Water Replenishment Districts,*
  - *Chapter 32. Agriculture Preservation Districts.*

**Q2: I started collecting petition signatures before August 27, 2019; do I have to file a Statement of Interest?**

**A2: YES.** In order for signatures collected prior to August 27, 2019, to be accepted, candidates must file a Statement of Interest with the filing officer by January 2, 2020.

**Q3: I haven't started collecting petition signatures yet; do I have to file a Statement of Interest?**

**A3: YES.** All candidates – except those listed in **A1** – must file a Statement of Interest with the filing officer **prior to** collecting petition signatures.

**Q4: What happens if I DON'T file a Statement of Interest?**

**A4: Any** nomination petition signatures collected before the date of filing the Statement of Interest are invalid and subject to challenge.

**Q5: What happens to signatures I collected on petitions with the old Primary Election date?**

**A5: Petitions with the previous election date will be accepted; however, candidates should now use the current election date of August 4, 2020.**

**Q6: I'm not running until 2022 but, I started collecting petition signatures before August 27, 2019; do I have to file a Statement of Interest?**

**A6: YES.** In order for signatures collected prior to August 27, 2019 to be accepted, candidates must file a Statement of Interest with the filing officer by January 2, 2020.

**Q7: Is there anything else that has been changed?**

**A7: The** timeframes for filing nomination paperwork have changed. This has a domino effect that changes all other timeframes such as the candidate challenge periods and write-in filing periods. (See 2020 Election Information below for all current timeframes)

**Q8: How do I file the Statement of Interest form?**

**A8: Completed, signed Statements of Interest can sent by email to [campfin@risc.maricopa.gov](mailto:campfin@risc.maricopa.gov) or hand delivered to Maricopa County Elections Department – MCTEC, 510 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85003.**