

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS
for
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Applicants are asked to carefully read the requirements for service on the Independent Redistricting Commission.

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (IRC)
Arizona Constitution, Article IV, Part 2, Section 1

- Establishes the five-member Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) with the following requirements for membership:
 - No more than two members may be members of the same political party.
 - No more than two of the first four members appointed may be residents of the same county.
 - Members must be registered Arizona voters who have been continuously registered as a voter with the same political party or as unaffiliated with a political party for the three years immediately preceding appointment.
 - Members may not have been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for any other public office*, including precinct committeeman or committeewoman but not including school board member or officer, within three years preceding appointment.
 - Members may not have served as an officer of a political party or an officer of a candidate's campaign committee within three years preceding appointment.
 - Members will be ineligible for Arizona public office* or for registration as a paid lobbyist during their term on the IRC and for three years thereafter. The term of office (approximately ten years) is defined as follows: "Each commissioner's duties established by this section expire upon the appointment of the first member of the next redistricting commission." Appointments occur in each year that ends in one.

- Requires the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments to nominate candidates for the IRC who are "committed to applying the provisions of this section in an honest, independent and impartial fashion and to upholding public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process."

- Authorizes the four members appointed to the IRC to select the fifth member, who will chair the IRC.

***ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD REVIEW THE DEFINITION OF 'PUBLIC OFFICE'
ON THE NEXT PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.**

- Authorizes IRC members to be reimbursed for expenses pursuant to law.
- Authorizes the Governor to remove an IRC member, with the consent of two-thirds of the Senate, for substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

DEFINITION OF ‘PUBLIC OFFICE’

Members of the IRC may not have been appointed to, elected to or a candidate for any other public office, including precinct committeeman or committeewoman but not including school board member or officer, within the last three years. In making nominations for the IRC, the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments will consider the following factors in determining whether an applicant will be disqualified as having held or run for a public office:

1. Is the position created by the Arizona Constitution or a statute?
2. If so, is the position authorized to independently perform duties that involve exercise of the government’s authority?

These factors will be considered on a case-by-case basis because it is not possible to provide an exhaustive list of all positions that would be considered ‘public office.’ However, it is clear that people who have held or run for the following offices within the last three years are *ineligible* for nomination and appointment to the IRC:

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| United States Senate | County Supervisor |
| United States House of Representatives | County Sheriff |
| Governor | Justice of the Peace |
| Arizona House of Representatives | Clerk of Superior Court |
| Arizona State Senate | County Assessor |
| Secretary of State | County Recorder |
| Attorney General | County Treasurer |
| State Treasurer | County School Superintendent |
| Superintendent of Public Instruction | Constable |
| Corporation Commissioner | Mayor |
| Mine Inspector | City Council |
| Supreme Court Justice | Municipal Court Judge or Magistrate |
| Court of Appeals Judge | Community College Board |
| Superior Court Judge | Water, Irrigation, or Fire District |
| All constitutional and statutory boards
and commissions that are not advisory in nature | Precinct Committeeman/woman |

The above list is *not* exhaustive and there may be other positions that would be considered ‘public office.’ If you have held or run for any government position or served on any governmental board or commission, at the federal, state or local level, please indicate the position(s) in your application so they may be evaluated to determine your eligibility.