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WHO QUALIFIES TO BE ON THE ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION?

To be qualified, a nominee must be a registered Arizona voter who is:

- Registered with the same political party at least three (3) years before appointment
- Not a candidate for public office within three (3) years of being appointed (school board races are exempt)
- Not elected or appointed to public office within three (3) years of appointment (school board exempt)
- Not an officer of a political party, or has served as a registered lobbyist, or as an officer of a candidate's campaign committee within three (3) years of appointment

Note: No more than two members of the Commission may be of the same political party and of the first four (4) members appointed, no more than (2) two may live in the same county.

Redistricting in Arizona

What is Redistricting and Why Should Our Community Care?

Redistricting is the once-in-a-decade opportunity to redraw the State's Legislative and Congressional districts. *This single act may do more to influence the make-up of the Legislature and its agenda over the next 10 years than all of the elections during that period combined.* Every single policy issue is influenced by who is elected to the Legislature, and every single legislative election for the next decade is influenced by redistricting. It's that simple.

Arizona's redistricting process is governed by the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission. Those communities that actively participate in the redistricting process will have more power to shape the state than ever before; those that do not, will allow others to decide who will represent them for the next decade.

What is the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission?

The Commission's mission is to administer the fair and balanced redistricting of the Congressional and Legislative districts for the State of Arizona. The Commission consists of five members chosen from a pre-approved applicant pool: two Republicans, two Democrats, and one Independent. The Commission will be finalized in early 2011.

Application Deadlines

The deadline is rapidly approaching for interested candidates to submit their application for the 2011 Commission. Having numerous quality applicants is essential to creating a fair Commission that will draw competitive Congressional and Legislative districts for the next 10 years.

- Applications can be submitted beginning September 15, 2010 to the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments.
All applications are DUE by October 15, 2010
- Applications will require time to complete. Ideally, commission applicants will begin the application process no later than September 15, 2010.

Interested Applicants should contact info@azfairdistricts.org.

The Application Process

Applications are submitted to the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments beginning September 15, 2010.

- The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments will establish a pool of candidates qualified to serve on the Redistricting Commission.
- The pool shall include twenty-five nominees, with ten (10) Democratic nominees, ten (10) Republican nominees and five (5) nominees from some other party or non-party.
- The pool of nominees will be established by the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments no later than **January 8, 2011**.

The Appointment Process

- The Commission appointments are made in the following order:
1) House Speaker; 2) House Minority Leader; 3) Senate President; and 4) Senate Minority Leader.
- The first appointment must be made by January 31, 2011 and each subsequent appointment must be made within seven (7) days.
- The four (4) Commission members shall then select the fifth member from the remaining available nominees (who shall serve as chairman).

The entire process must be completed by February 28, 2011.