

Recall Process Summary & Timeline

- The petitioner(s) submit the petition and application to the Pinal County School Superintendent's Office (PCSSO).
- The petitioners have 120 days to gather signatures. They then submit the signatures to PCSSO.
- PCSSO has 10 days to verify signatures according to ARS 19-121.01 standards.
 - If it has enough signatures, PCSSO transmits them to the county recorder.
 - If it does not have enough signatures, PCSSO contacts the petitioner to notify them of failure of the minimum number of signatures.
- The county recorder has 60 days to certify the signatures according to ARS 19-121.02 standards and to send the results to PCSSO.
 - If the county recorder doesn't comply with 19-208.02 provisions, anyone may apply for a writ of mandamus from the superior court within 10 days of the failure or refusal.
 - An elector wishing to challenge the county recorder's results must commence action in the superior court within 10 calendar days of the PCSSO receipt of the county recorder's results.
 - Either party may appeal to the supreme court within 10 calendar days after judgment.
- After receipt of the county recorder's response, PCSSO has 5 days (excluding weekends and holidays) to total the number of certified signatures from the county recorder.
 - PCSSO must either officially file the petition OR notify the petitioner(s) of its failure.
 - If the petition is filed, PCSSO must notify the governor and affected county recorder, and the recall will be placed on the ballot.
- Once a petition is filed, PCSSO has 48 hours (excluding weekends & holidays) to provide written notice to the person against whom the petition is filed.
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- After receiving written notice, the person against whom the petition is filed has 10 days (excluding weekends & holidays) to submit a defensive statement. If they don't submit the statement, they waive their right to have the statement printed on the ballot.
- If the person against whom the petition is filed chooses to resign, they have 5 days to submit their resignation (excluding weekends & holidays).
- If the person against whom a recall petition is filed does not resign within the 5 days, a special recall election order will be issued within 15 days. The special recall election will be held on the next election date that is at least 90 days after the order is issued.
- The name of the officer against whom a recall petition is filed will be added to the official ballot without nomination unless they request otherwise.
- Other candidates can be nominated to get on the ballot.
 - This requires a nomination petition signed by at least 2% of qualified electors located within the same electoral district as the officer against whom the petition is filed.
 - If the officer against whom the petition is filed was appointed or won by default of no opposition, then this requires a nomination petition signed by at least 0.5% of qualified electors located within the district represented by the officer.
 - At least five signatures are required on a nomination petition.
- If the successor does not qualify within five days after the results of the election have been declared, the office will be vacant, and Pinal County School Superintendent can appoint a new board member.