

CHAPTER 8

QUALIFIED ELECTORS (3326)

SECTION:

1-8-1: QUALIFIED ELECTOR; DEFINITION

1-8-2: PETITION CIRCULATORS

1-8-1: QUALIFIED ELECTOR; DEFINITION:

(A) Every resident of the City is qualified to register and vote in City of Mesa elections if he or she: (3326)

1. Is a citizen of the United States; (3326)
 2. Will be eighteen (18) years of age or more on or before the date of the next City election following registration; (3326)
 3. Will have been a resident of the City and registered to vote prior to midnight of the twenty-ninth (29th) day preceding the date of the next City election; (3326)
 4. Is able to write his or her name, or make a mark, unless prevented from so doing by physical disability; (3326)
 5. Has not been convicted of treason or a felony, unless restored to civil rights; and (3326)
 6. Has not been adjudicated an incapacitated person as defined in A.R.S. §14-5101, or its successor statute. (3326)
- (B) For purposes of this Title, "resident" means an individual who has actual physical presence in this City, combined with an intent to remain. A temporary absence does not result in a loss of residence if the individual has an intent to return following his or her absence. An individual has only one residence for purposes of this Title. (3326)

1-8-2: PETITION CIRCULATORS:

- (A) All circulators of nomination petitions for Mayor or City Councilmember shall be qualified Mesa electors, as defined in Section 1-8-1 above.* (3326)
- (B) All circulators of initiative or referenda petitions proposing to change the Mesa City Charter or Mesa City Code shall be qualified Mesa electors, as defined in Section 1-8-1 above.* (3326)
- (C) In evaluating petitions presented for signature verification, the City Clerk shall not count or consider signatures on an initiative, referendum, or nomination petition under this Section that are circulated by persons other than a Mesa qualified elector, as defined in Section 1-8-1 above. * (3326)

* Effective August 6, 1999, pursuant to A.R.S. Titles 16 and 19, circulators of initiative, referendum, nomination, and recall petitions must be **qualified to register to vote in this State** (HB2656, *Buckley v. American Constitutional Law Foundation*).

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