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1. *Why did Clean Elections file a lawsuit to stop the name change of the No Labels Party to the Arizona Independent Party?* Arizona law empowers the Secretary of State to recognize new parties, renaming them is not permitted under the law. The office's decision conflicts with existing election law and the Elections Procedures Manual. Their decision is unenforceable.
2. *How did No Labels become a political party?* Voters signed a petition to create the No Labels Party in 2022. The Arizona Secretary of State officially recognized No Labels as a statewide party in March 2023, making it the state's fourth recognized political party.
3. *What is the history of the term "independent" within the context of elections?* In Arizona and across the U.S. the term "independent" describes voters who self-describe as choosing to be "unaffiliated to any party" and who register to vote as such: these terms "independent" and "unaffiliated" are presently interchangeable.
4. *How will this name change impact Clean Elections?* The Clean Elections Commission will have to allocate resources to undo decades of voter information where references are made to "independents" a term that is currently interchangeable with voters who "choose to be unaffiliated with any party". If the name change is accepted it will divert funds to manage confusion and away from applying those resources to inform voters in 2026 when every statewide office will be on the ballot.
5. *Will this name change impact other entities?* Yes, county recorders and elections officials across the state will have to dedicate resources to inform their constituencies about the change leading up to the 2026 elections.
6. *If the name change from No Labels Party to the Arizona Independent Party is permitted how will this **impact voters who selected to be in the No Labels Party**?* The 42,000 voters who selected the No Labels Party as their party of choice will default into the Arizona Independent Party. There will likely be little to no notice of the change, nor an opt-out up option, depending on their county of residence.
7. *If the name change from No Labels Party to the Arizona Independent Party is permitted how will this **impact voters who are currently registered as "unaffiliated" and self-described as "independents"**?* They will have to give up the term "independent" because of the term's new application in the name of an official party in Arizona.
8. *If the name change from No Labels Party to the Arizona Independent Party is permitted how will this **impact future voters who want to register as "unaffiliated" and are self-described as "independents"**?* They will have to proactively seek out the term "unaffiliated" in voter registration materials and forfeit the term "independent" because of the term's new application in the name of an official political party in Arizona.