

2024

STATE OF DELAWARE ELECTION CALENDAR

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DATE All times are Eastern (local) time	EVENT	Delaware Code, Title 15 Section reference(s) (unless otherwise stated)
November 9, 2022	Department of Elections Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2024 Presidential Primary, State Primary, and General Elections from uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S.	§ 5518(a)
December 4, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for the chairperson of a major political party governed by the provisions of Delaware Code, Title 15, Chapter 31, Subchapter V, to notify the State Election Commissioner in writing that the party elects not to be governed by the provisions of the Subchapter and shall not hold a Presidential Primary Election.	§ 3181(b)
December 31, 2023	Campaign Finance Year-End Report period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8002(11)(a)(1) § 8030(b)(1)
January 1, 2024	Department of Elections County Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2024 Presidential Primary, State Primary and General Elections.	§ 5503(d)(4)
January 1, 2024 through July 15, 2024	Persons desiring to appear on the ballot in the 2024 General Election as unaffiliated with a political party may begin to circulate petitions and have petitions executed.	§ 3002(d)

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January 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for the chair of any political party to certify and forward to the State Election Commissioner a copy of the party rules.	§ 3185
January 22, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which includes candidate committees, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 2023 Year-End Campaign Finance report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 102 § 8030(c)(1)
February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE to file as a candidate for the April 2, 2024 Presidential Primary Election.	§ 3183(a)
February 7, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for chairperson of each political party participating in the April 2, 2024 Presidential Primary Election to provide the State Election Commissioner with a list of all persons affiliated with such party not already on the ballot and to notify the candidate or the candidate's campaign, that the candidate's name has been provided to the State Election Commissioner.	§ 3183(b)
February 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for candidate wishing to remove his/her name from the April 2, 2024 Presidential Primary Election ballot to file an affidavit with the State Election Commissioner stating that the candidate is not currently and does not intend to become a candidate in any other state's presidential primary and that the candidate is not currently (or is no longer), and does not intend to become, a candidate for the presidential nomination of the candidate's party.	§ 3183(b)
March 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for candidates for school board elections to file notice of candidacy.	Title 14 § 1075(a)
March 19, 2024	DEADLINE for a candidate to withdraw from Delaware's Presidential Primary Election ballot or publicly announce they are suspending or ending their respective candidacies or campaigns, leaving one candidate as the sole active filed candidate.	§ 3183(c)
March 19, 2024	ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL 241 - Pursuant to the passage by the General Assembly, and the signing of the legislation into law, the 2024 Delaware Presidential Primary Election will not be held due to no contested races in either party.	§ 3183(b)&(c)

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May 10, 2024	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections Offices to mail absentee ballots for School Board Elections.	Title 14 § 1086(b)(2)
May 13, 2024 by 12:00 noon	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections Offices to issue absentee ballots for School Board Elections.	Title 14 § 1086(b)(3)
May 14, 2024	School Board Elections Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Title 14 § 1072(c)
May 14, 2024 by 8:00 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted School Board Election absentee ballots to the Department of Elections County Office conducting the election.	Title 14 § 1086(b)(4)
May 16, 2024 [tentative] [but, in no event, later than May 29, 2024]	Certification of the School Board Election results by each of the Department of Elections County Offices conducting the election.	Title 14 § 1083(a)
Within 48 hours of the certification of the School Board Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audit of the School Board Election results from randomly selected voting machines using the selection criteria in § 5012A(b) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(b)&(d)
Within 96 hours of the certification of the School Board Election results	DEADLINE for 25 or more persons who voted in a School Board Election to request, in accordance with 14 <i>Del. C.</i> § 1083(e), a recompilation of the results.	Title 14 § 1083(e)
May 24, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE to change political party affiliation before the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election. PLEASE NOTE: Voters who are automatically registered at DMV by the State Primary Election Voter Registration Deadline of August 17, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. and have their party listed as <i>No Party-AVR</i> may change their political party affiliation up to and including on State Primary Election Day, September 10, 2024, in order to vote in their party's State Primary Election.	§ 2049(a)
July 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for the respective state and county chairpersons of each major political party to notify State Election Commissioner and respective Department of Election County Offices of filing fees.	§ 3103(c)

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July 9, 2024 at 12 noon	DEADLINE to file for a statewide office with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices with the Department of Elections office for the county in which the candidate resides.	§ 3101(1) § 3106
July 12, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for filed candidates to withdraw without forfeiting filing fees.	§ 3101(2) § 3106(c)
July 15, 2024	DEADLINE for petitions to be circulated and executed by candidates unaffiliated with a political party.	§ 3002(d)
Within 60 days of the certification of the School Board Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audits of the School Board Election results from randomly selected voting machines using the selection criteria in § 5012A(c) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(c)&(d)
Within 60 days of each of the audits of the School Board Election results	Department of Elections publishes report of School Board Election audit results and posts the report on the Department’s website (https://elections.delaware.gov).	§ 5012A(e)
August 1, 2024	DEADLINE for minor political parties to hold their party’s state or county nominating convention to select candidates. Minor political parties shall file certificates of nomination of the selected candidates within 10 business days of the nominating convention. To be removed from a general election ballot, the minor party candidate must withdraw the certificate of nomination on or before 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday after the day the certificate of nomination is submitted.	§ 3301(e)
Within 10 business days of Minor Political Party Convention	DEADLINE for a minor party to file certificates of nomination for the candidates nominated at its convention. Certificates of nomination for federal and statewide offices are filed with the State Election Commissioner and certificates of nomination for all other offices are filed with the Department of Elections office for the county in which the candidate resides.	§ 3301(e)
August 12, 2024	DEADLINE for the State Election Commissioner to designate and publicize the early voting sites for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election.	§ 5403(a)

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August 14, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which include candidate committees of candidates on the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 30-Day Primary Report (must be filed electronically through the Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(c)(2)
August 17, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE to register to vote before the September 10, 2024 State Primary election.	§ 2036
August 20, 2024	DEADLINE for minor political parties to have the required number of registered voters in order to place their respective candidates on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot.	§ 3001
August 26, 2024	DEADLINE for uniformed service members and citizens living outside the United States to register to vote before the September 10, 2024 State Primary election.	§ 1902(c)
August 28, 2024 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting Period for the State Primary Election begins – see details below. Early Voting for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county. Please call the Department (302-739-4277) or check the Department’s website (https://elections.delaware.gov) for locations of Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
August 29, 2024 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
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September 1, 2024 and September 2, 2024	Labor Day, State and Federal Holiday - Monday, September 2, 2024. No Early Voting offered on Sunday, September 1, 2024 and Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024.	
September 3, 2024 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for major political party officials to file Certificates of Nomination for candidates for offices for which no member of their party has filed for Statewide elective office with the State Election Commissioner, and for all other elective offices with the respective Department of Elections County Office.	§ 3303
September 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for unaffiliated candidates to submit sworn declaration of non-affiliation and nominating petitions for Statewide elective office to the State Election Commissioner, and for all other elective offices to the respective Department of Elections County Office.	§ 3002(b)
September 3, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election ballot and all other committees (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(b)(3)
September 4, 2024 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 5, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of September 10, 2024 State Primary Election candidates, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 8-Day Primary Report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(c)(3)

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September 6, 2024	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections County Offices to mail absentee ballots for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election.	§ 5504(b)
September 7, 2024 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 7, 2024	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	§ 304(d)
September 8, 2024 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the 2024 State Primary Election ends. Early Voting for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 9, 2024 at 12 noon	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections County Offices to issue absentee ballots for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election.	§ 5503(a)
September 10, 2024	<p>State Primary Election Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote. Voters who were automatically registered to vote at DMV by the State Primary Election Voter Registration Deadline of August 17, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. and have their party listed on their voter registration as <i>No Party-AVR</i> may change their political party affiliation at the polling place in order to vote in their party's State Primary Election.</p>	§ 3101(3) § 3104 § 3110 § 3161
September 10, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election to the Department of Elections County Office of the county in which the voter resides.	§ 5508(b)
September 12, 2024 by 8:00 p.m.	DEADLINE for State Board of Elections to convene to examine disputes related to the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election. (Any protests or objections must be filed by this time.)	§ 3172(b)

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September 13, 2024	Department of Elections certifies the results of the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election in the County Office for the respective county.	§ 3172
Within 48 hours of the certification of the State Primary Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audits of the September 10, 2024 State Primary Election results of one randomly selected voting machine in each county and all voting machines in one randomly selected election district in the City of Wilmington, using the selection criteria outlined in Title 15 §5012A(b).	§ 5012A(b)&(d)
September 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for a person, for the November 5, 2024 General Election, to file a Write-In Candidate Declaration Form for Statewide Offices with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices (General Assembly and county) with the respective County Office in which the election is to be held.	§ 3402(c)
October 7, 2024	DEADLINE for the State Election Commissioner to designate and publicize the early voting sites for the November 5, 2024 General Election.	§ 5403(a)
October 7, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 30-Day General Report period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of candidates on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8030(b)(2)
October 9, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of candidates on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 30-Day General Report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(c)(2)
October 12, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for unregistered citizens to register to vote in the November 5, 2024 General Election.	§ 2036

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October 21, 2024	DEADLINE for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote before the November 5, 2024 General Election.	§ 1902(c)
October 25, 2024 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting Period for 2024 General Election begins – see details below. Early Voting for the November 5, 2024 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county. Please call the Department (302-739-4277) or check the Department’s website (https://elections.delaware.gov) for locations of Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 26, 2024 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 5, 2024 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 27, 2024 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 5, 2024 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
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November 1, 2024	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections Offices to mail absentee ballots for the November 5, 2024 General Election.	§ 5504(b)
November 2, 2024 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 5, 2024 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
November 2, 2024	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	§ 304(d)
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November 4, 2024 at 12 noon	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections Offices to issue absentee ballots for the November 5, 2024 General Election.	§ 5503(a)
November 5, 2024	2024 General Election Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	DEL. CONST. ART. V § 1
November 5, 2024 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the November 5, 2024 General Election to the Department of Elections Office of the county in which the voter resides.	§ 5508(b)

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November 7, 2024 at 10 a.m.	Board of Canvass meets in Superior Court in each county to certify the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election.	DEL. CONST. ART V, § 6 § 5701
Within 48 hours of the certification of the General Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audits of General Election results from one randomly selected voting machine in each county, and results of all voting machines in one randomly selected election district in the City of Wilmington, using selection criteria in § 5012A(b) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(b)&(d)
Within 60 days of the certification of the State Primary Election results	Department of Elections conducts public audits of the State Primary Election results from randomly selected voting machines in each county, and the results of one randomly selected voting machine in the City of Wilmington, using selection criteria in § 5012A(c)(1) & (c)(2) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(c)&(d)
Within 60 days of each of the State Primary Election audits conducted by the Department of Elections	Department of Elections publishes report of State Primary Election audit results and posts the report on the Department’s website (https://elections.delaware.gov).	§ 5012A(e)
December 31, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance Year-End Reporting period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8030(b)(1)
Within 60 days of the certification of the General Election results by the Boards of Canvass	Department of Elections conducts public audits of General Election results from randomly selected voting machines in each county, and the results of one randomly selected voting machine in the City of Wilmington, using selection criteria in § 5012A(c)(1) & (c)(2) of Title 15 of the Delaware Code.	§ 5012A(c)&(d)
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