

2010

DELAWARE ELECTION CALENDAR

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DATE	EVENT	Title 15 Reference
December 31, 2009	Campaign Finance Year-end reports close out on December 31, 2009 for all CANDIDATES and COMMITTEES.	8030(b)(1)
January 1, 2010 through July 15, 2010	Person wishing to run as unaffiliated with a political party may circulate and have petitions executed.	3002(d)
January 20, 2010	DEADLINE Year-end Campaign Finance reports must be filed by 4:30 p.m., January 20, 2010 with the State Election Commissioner or postmarked on or before January 20, 2010.	8030(c)(1)
January 1, 2010 through March 30, 2010	Registered voters may change party affiliation.	2049(a)
March 30, 2010	DEADLINE to change political party affiliation before State Primary Election.	2049(a)
March 31, 2010 through September 14, 2010	Period when registered voters may not change political party affiliation.	2049(a)
July 1, 2010	Deadline for Political Party Chairpersons to set filing fees and notify the State Election Commissioner and the Department of Elections for the County. Fees may be no more than 1% of the total salary for the term of the office.	3103(b)(c)
July 13, 2010 12 Noon	DEADLINE for an individual to file for a Statewide Office, the General Assembly, a County Office or a Wilmington Municipal Office. A check in the correct amount payable to the candidate's political party committee must be presented to the State Election Commissioner for Statewide Candidates and to the Department of Elections for County in which they reside for all other candidates at the time the notification of candidacy is filed.	3101(1) 3106
July 15, 2010	Deadline for petitions to be circulated by unaffiliated candidates.	3002(d)
July 16, 2010 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for filed candidates to withdraw or file for a different office without forfeiting filing fees. A \$50.00 fee will be levied after this date if no filing fee was required.	3101(2) 3101(4) 3106(c)
August 1, 2010	Minor Parties shall select their candidates at the party's state or county nominating convention held on or before August 1, 2010.	3301(e)

August 16, 2010	Deadline for Minor Parties to deliver a copy of each nominating resolution, which shall be certified as true and correct by the party's secretary, to the State Election Commissioner for each statewide office and to the respective department of elections for all other offices.	3301(e)
August 16, 2010	Campaign Finance 30-Day Primary Election Reports close out August 16, 2010 for all CANDIDATES and COMMITTEES.	8030(b)(2)
	Last date for all State Party Chairpersons to request list of voters eligible to vote in the Statewide Primary Election.	307(b) 307(c)
August 18, 2010 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE 30-Day Campaign Finance Reports must be filed by 4:30 p.m., August 18, 2010 with the State Election Commissioner or postmarked on or before August 18, 2010.	8030(c)(2)
August 21, 2010	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE 2010 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION.	2036
August 24, 2010	Deadline for Minor Parties wishing to be on the ballot to have the required number of registered voters. Ten One-Hundredths of 1% of the total number of registered voters in the state as of December 31, 2009.	3001
August 30, 2010	Last Day for Military and Overseas Citizens to register to vote in order to vote in the Primary Election.	1902
August 31, 2010	Complete list of registered voters eligible to vote in the Primary Election is available from the State Election Commissioner.	307(b)
September 1, 2010	Deadline for political party officials to file Certificate of Nomination for candidates for offices for which there is no Primary election.	3303
September 1, 2010	Certificates for Statewide candidates must be filed with the State Election Commissioner and for all other candidates with the Departments of Elections for their respective County.	3303
	DEADLINE for Unaffiliated Candidates to file and submit Petitions. Petitions must be circulated and executed between January 1 and July 15, 2010. For statewide offices the petition is filed with the Commissioner of Elections. For non-statewide offices, the petition is filed with the applicable Department of Election for their respective County.	3002(b) 3002(d)
September 7, 2010	Campaign Finance 8-Day Primary Election Reports close out September 7, 2010 for CANDIDATES and COMMITTEES.	8030(b)(3)
September 9, 2010 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE 8-Day Campaign Finance Reports must be filed by 4:30 p.m., September 9, 2010 with the State Election Commissioner. POSTMARK DATES ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR 8-DAY REPORTS.	8030(c)(3)

September 10, 2010	Last day the Department of Elections for each County is required to mail an absentee ballot.	5504(b)
September 11, 2010	Supplemental lists of registered voters available from the State Election Commissioner for State Political Parties or Designees.	304(d)
September 13, 2010 12 Noon	In office absentee voting ends.	5503(a)
September 14, 2010	STATE PRIMARY ELECTION. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Only duly registered voters from participating parties may vote.	3101(3) 3104
September 14, 2010 8 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the Primary Election to the appropriate Department of Elections.	5508 (b)
September 15, 2010 through October 9, 2010	Registered voters may change Political Party affiliation.	2049(a)
September 16, 2010 8 p.m.	DEADLINE to report any objection or dispute concerning the Primary Election to the Department of Elections for the County.	3172(b)
September 30, 2010 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE to file a Write In Candidate Declaration Form. For Statewide Offices the Declaration is filed with the State Election Commissioner and for all other candidates with the Departments of Elections for their respective County.	3402(c)
October 4, 2010	Campaign Finance 30-Day General Election reports close out October 4, 2010 for CANDIDATES and COMMITTEES.	8030(b)(2)
	DEADLINE for State Party Chairperson to request in writing from the State Election Commissioner the supplemental list of voters eligible to vote in the General Election.	307
October 6, 2010 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE 30-Day Campaign Finance reports must be filed by 4:30 p.m., October 6, 2010 with the State Election Commissioner or postmarked on or before October 6, 2008.	8030(c)(2)
October 9, 2010	DEADLINE to change political party affiliation before General Election.	2049(a)
October 9, 2010	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION.	2036
October 10, 2010 through November 2, 2010	Period when registered voters may not change political party affiliation.	2049(a)
October 18, 2010	Last Day for Military and Overseas Citizens to register to vote in order to vote in the General Election.	1902(c)
October 19, 2010	Supplemental lists of registered voters available from the State Election Commissioner for State Political Parties or Designees.	307(b)

October 25, 2010	Campaign Finance 8-Day General Election reports close out October 25, 2010 for CANDIDATES and COMMITTEES.	8030(b)(3) Revised 7/9/10
October 27, 2010 - 4:30 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-day General Election reports must be filed by 4:30 p.m. with the State Election Commissioner. Postmark dates are not accepted for 8-day reports.	8030(c)(3)
October 29, 2010	Last day the Departments of Elections for each County is required to mail an absentee ballot.	5504(b)
October 30, 2010	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Departments of Elections.	304(d)
November 1, 2010 12 Noon	In-office Absentee Voting ends.	5503(a)
November 2, 2010	GENERAL ELECTION. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	State Constitution ART V
November 2, 2010 8 P.M.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the General Election to the appropriate Department of Elections.	5508(b)
November 3, 2010	Voters may begin to change their political party affiliation.	2049(a)
November 4, 2010 10 A.M.	Board of Canvass meets - Superior Court in each County.	State Constitution ART V §6 15 Del. C. 5701(a)
20 days prior to the first meeting of the General Assembly	DEADLINE for giving notice to contest the election of a member of the General Assembly.	5901
December 31, 2010	Campaign Finance Year-End reports close out December 31, 2010 for all candidates and committees.	8030(b)(1)
January 20, 2011 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE Year-End Campaign Finance reports must be filed by 4:30 p.m., January 20, 2010 with the State Election Commissioner or postmarked on or before January 20, 2010.	8030(c)(1)