

# A Report to the State Board of Elections

March 11, 2024





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Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2023	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	451,343.34	451,337.97	5.37	0.00	0.00
2023	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	9,475.00	6,743.26	2,731.74	0.00	0.00
2023	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	8,405.94	8,405.60	0.00	0.34	0.00
2023	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,519,197.20	1,443,256.00	75,941.20	0.00	0.00
2023	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	2,692,033.70	1,118,943.49	1,180,877.41	392,212.80	14.57
2023	100	700101	08922	Equipment	5010	1,713,500.00	1,692,240.94	0.00	21,259.06	1.24
2023	100	700101	08939	Contingency	5010	915,627.81	906,377.63	0.00	9,250.18	1.01
2024	100	700101	00137	Personnel Costs	5100	4,053,600.00	2,268,283.34	0.00	1,785,316.66	44.04
2024	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	100.00	80.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
2024	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	469,000.00	341,086.79	62,085.66	65,827.55	14.04
2024	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	10,100.00	1,136.13	5,838.87	3,125.00	30.94
2024	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	9,400.00	1,820.98	0.00	7,579.02	80.63
2024	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	20,000.00	1,925.58	5,473.18	12,601.24	63.01
2024	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,617,000.00	577,457.82	1,038,567.24	974.94	0.06
2024	100	700101	00414	Voter Purg	5010	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	639,000.00	274,208.11	6,648.59	358,143.30	56.05
2024	100	700101	08916	Technology	5010	108,000.00	0.00	108,000.00	0.00	0.00
						14,250,782.99	9,108,303.64	2,486,169.26	2,656,310.09	

NEW CASTLE

Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2023	100	700201	00150	Contractual Services	5510	497,447.88	496,678.76	768.12	1.00	0.00
2023	100	700201	00412	School Elections	5010	177,000.00	160,738.05	16,187.78	74.17	0.04
2023	100	700201	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,658,872.15	1,655,684.76	3,187.39	0.00	0.00
2024	100	700201	00140	Travel	5400	1,000.00	206.86	0.00	793.14	79.31
2024	100	700201	00150	Contractual Services	5510	503,300.00	375,803.28	120,442.72	7,054.00	1.40
2024	100	700201	00159	Energy	5520	53,100.00	25,985.24	22,239.82	4,874.94	9.18
2024	100	700201	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	7,700.00	3,785.59	0.00	3,914.41	50.84
2024	100	700201	00412	School Elections	5010	177,000.00	159,600.55	0.00	17,399.45	9.83
2024	100	700201	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	993,500.00	322,602.79	71,435.91	599,461.30	60.34
						4,068,920.03	3,201,085.88	234,261.74	633,572.41	

KENT

Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2023	100	700301	00150	Contractual Services	5510	328,890.22	318,215.95	10,674.27	0.00	0.00
2023	100	700301	00159	Energy	5520	33,900.00	33,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023	100	700301	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	1,919.62	1,751.56	168.06	0.00	0.00
2023	100	700301	00412	School Elections	5010	37,800.00	37,424.54	0.00	375.46	0.99
2023	100	700301	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	791,233.46	767,711.24	23,522.22	0.00	0.00
2024	100	700301	00150	Contractual Services	5510	531,600.00	344,882.90	176,739.05	9,978.05	1.88
2024	100	700301	00159	Energy	5520	38,100.00	17,193.89	17,806.11	3,100.00	8.14
2024	100	700301	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	3,500.00	573.49	0.00	2,926.51	83.61
2024	100	700301	00412	School Elections	5010	37,800.00	0.00	0.00	37,800.00	100.00
2024	100	700301	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	751,600.00	76,644.97	7,333.23	667,621.80	88.83
						2,556,343.30	1,598,298.54	236,242.94	721,801.82	

SUSSEX

Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2023	100	700401	150	Contractual Services	5510	414,836.32	414,836.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023	100	700401	412	School Elections	5010	52,600.00	52,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2023	100	700401	8911	Primary and General Elections	5010	756,232.88	756,232.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
2024	100	700401	140	Travel	5400	2,200.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	100.00
2024	100	700401	150	Contractual Services	5510	422,100.00	321,544.61	100,107.51	447.88	0.11
2024	100	700401	159	Energy	5520	24,100.00	17,309.29	4,721.62	2,069.09	8.59
2024	100	700401	160	Supplies and Materials	5600	12,700.00	6,198.54	0.00	6,501.46	51.19
2024	100	700401	170	Capital Outlay	5710	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00
2024	100	700401	412	School Elections	5010	52,600.00	1,197.79	0.00	51,402.21	97.72
2024	100	700401	8911	Primary and General Elections	5010	356,700.00	220,707.29	18,997.55	116,995.16	32.80
						2,096,069.20	1,790,626.72	123,826.68	181,615.80	

## Monthly Statewide Voter Registration Totals 2024

Date	Number of Registered Voters
<b>JAN 1, 2024</b>	<b>768,978</b>
<b>FEB 1, 2024</b>	<b>770,363</b>
<b>MAR 1, 2024</b>	<b>772,284</b>
<b>APR 1, 2024</b>	
<b>MAY 1, 2024</b>	
<b>JUN 1, 2024</b>	
<b>JUL 1, 2024</b>	
<b>AUG 1, 2024</b>	
<b>SEP 1, 2024</b>	
<b>OCT 1, 2024</b>	
<b>NOV 1, 2024</b>	
<b>DEC 1, 2024</b>	

**Statewide Elections**

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
<b>No 2024 Presidential Primary Election</b>		State
School Board Elections	Tuesday, May 14, 2024	School

**New Castle County**

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Newport	Monday, April 1, 2024	Municipal
Odessa	Monday, April 1, 2024	Municipal
Newark	Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Municipal
Appoquinimink Referendum	Tuesday, April 23, 2024	School
Townsend	Saturday, May 4, 2024	Municipal

**Kent County**

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Houston	Saturday, March 30, 2024	Municipal
Woodside	Saturday, March 30, 2024	Municipal
Hartly	Saturday, April 27, 2024	Municipal
DSU Student Government Election	Thursday, April 11, 2024	Outreach
Clayton	Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Municipal
Smyrna	Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Municipal
Harrington	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Municipal

**Sussex County**

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Cape Henlopen Referendum	Tuesday, March 26, 2024	School
Blades	Monday, April 1, 2024	Municipal
Bethel	Saturday, April 13, 2024	Municipal
Ocean View	Saturday, April 13, 2024	Municipal
Seaford	Saturday, April 20, 2024	Municipal
Milford	Saturday, April 27, 2024	Municipal
Georgetown	Saturday, May 11, 2024	Municipal
Lewes	Saturday, May 11, 2024	Municipal
Lewes BPW (electric, water and sewer utility)	Saturday, May 11, 2024	Municipal
South Bethany	Saturday, May 11, 2024	Municipal

- Polling Place Accessibility (ongoing/update)
  - Continued work on polling place signage/access/parking plans (all locations)
  - Voting Equipment/Absentee Voting Accessibility Demonstrations & Process Improvement Collaborations
    - National Federation of the Blind-Sussex County Chapter
      - Date and Location (TBD)

## Public School Elections

- School Board Elections Filing Period: Filing Period Closed 3/1/2024
- School Referenda Elections:
  - Brandywine School District Referendum: 2/13/2024: Results Certified
  - Red Clay School District Referendum: 2/28/2024: Results Certified
  - Colonial School District Referendum: 2/29/2024: Results Certified
  - Smyrna School District Referendum: 3/9/2024
  - Cape Henlopen School District Referendum 3/26/2024
  - Appoquinimink School District Referendum: 4/23/2024

## Budget Planning

- FY 2025 Budget Planning Timeline
    - General Assembly Joint Finance Committee budget hearing held on 2/6/2024; Follow-up from hearing with OMB/Budget Analyst
    - Governors FY2025 Recommended Budget Includes Many Department Requests:
      - Funding for additional voting equipment for Sussex County (additional/relocated polling places)
      - Funding for new box trucks for each county office.
      - Funding for creation of an on-hand parts inventory for voting equipment repairs
      - Partial funding for voting machine backup battery replacement\*
      - Partial funding for DTI security services\*
      - Ongoing discussion on funding for New Castle County Warehouse/Training Center Expansion
- \*costs sharing with federal grant funds (Help America Vote Act funds)

- Monthly meetings with budget analyst
  - Review of current budget status/needs
  - Reviewing costs for multiple school referenda elections
  - Consistent check-in on planning for future fiscal year budget planning (short-term and long-term)
  - Review/discuss fiscal requirements of proposed/pending legislation and incorporate into budget planning process

## Staffing

- Kent County: Posting/conducting search for Voting Machine Technician Position
- Sussex County: Posted/conducting search for Administrative Specialist
- Voting Machine Technician Positions
  - New and existing staff participating in certified training program with ES&S (voting equipment vendor)
- Campaign Finance Team
  - Fiscal Advisor learning as Department enters 2024 filing season
- Full-Time Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Position
  - Position posted at DE Department of Justice (DE DOJ)
  - Search process for new DAG position currently underway
  - Current DAG will continue to serve through the 2024 elections

## Municipal Elections/Organized Voter Registration (OVR)

- Municipal Elections Support:
  - Continuous updates to 2024 Municipal Election Calendar
  - Numerous municipal elections scheduled (annual and special [e.g. annexation, referenda])
  - Multiple municipal elections on same day
  - Department providing support while balancing not providing legal advice to municipalities
- OVR program:
  - OVR trainings scheduled for the 2024 calendar year
  - OVR program activity continue to increase as the election year progresses
  - Emphasis in OVR training of importance of completeness and timely return to DoE of all voter registration materials

## Conferences/Meetings Attending

- Overseas Voting Initiative (OVI): Council of State Governments (CSG)/Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)
  - Late April Meeting
- Election Center (EC) Committees:
  - Postal Committee:
    - Recent meeting at Election Center Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee (JEOLC) Meeting
    - Next meeting at the Election Center National Conference: August 2024 (Detroit, MI/virtual option)
- USPS Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) [USPS Industry Stakeholder Committee]
  - Spring MTAC Meeting: April 9-10, 2024: USPS Headquarters (Washington, DC/virtual option)
    - Election Center representative to MTAC

## Technology Updates

- Replacement/Upgrade of Desktop PCs (All Offices)
  - Deployment of new equipment continues in all offices
- Migration to next generation of Cisco phone system (Statewide migration)
  - Pending—to be launched in first half of calendar year
- Continuing review and streamlining of office phone system call queues (daily and Election Days)
- Reformatting election/ballot building area to increase efficiency of operations

## Standardization Efforts

- Standardization of Procedures/Documents/Materials:
  - Election Officer Training (Largely Complete)
    - Development of Election Officer Training Videos:
      - Elections Team Member leading/coordinating effort
      - Full range of videos complete for State Primary/General Elections



## Community Relations/Public Information

- Kent County Techs Supported Voting Machine Demo, Feb 28th at Black History Celebration at Dover's Modern Maturity Center
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Government Career Fair, March 27, 2024
- Designing mailer detailing voting information per new State law to be mailed to all registered voters by August 10, 2024
  - Includes provisions of HB 82 (152nd General Assembly)
- Advertising on Comcast Election Information PSAs
- Developing media plan for Primary & General – billboards, social media, radio, print media, electronic news media
- Preparation for Sponsorship/Exhibitor of Delaware State Fair
- Social media posts/graphics
- Continual updates to information on website
- Keep voters informed of any changes in voting options over the election cycle

## Campaign Finance-Reporting

- Undertaking review of user entry fields in Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS)
  - Reviewing user entry fields to streamline and enhance ease of use
- Filing Deadline for 2023 Annual Reports
  - 52 unfiled reports (February) reduced to 38 unfiled reports (March)
  - Campaign Finance staff continue to work with committees with outstanding reports to offer technical assistance and advice
- Ongoing work with municipal and school board candidates (as required)
- 2024 Campaign Finance Training Classes have ended, but Campaign Finance staff are available to educate and assist candidates, treasurers, and committees.

## Election Officer (Poll Worker) Stipend Increases

Position Title	Previous Stipend	New Stipend
Inspector	\$235	\$400
Judge	\$195	\$325
Clerk	\$190	\$300

## Department Facilities

- **State Election Commissioner's Office**
  - Adjustments to Air Conditioning/Heating (following update/rehabilitation)
  - Installation of solar panels (power generation) underway
- **Kent County Office/Warehouse**
  - No updates at this time
- **New Castle County**
  - **Carvel Building Office**
    - No updates at this time
  - **Warehouse**
    - No updates at this time
- **Sussex County**
  - **Georgetown warehouse**
    - Upgrade to access door (accessibility improvement)
  - **Seaford Warehouse**
    - No updates at this time

## Website/Social Media

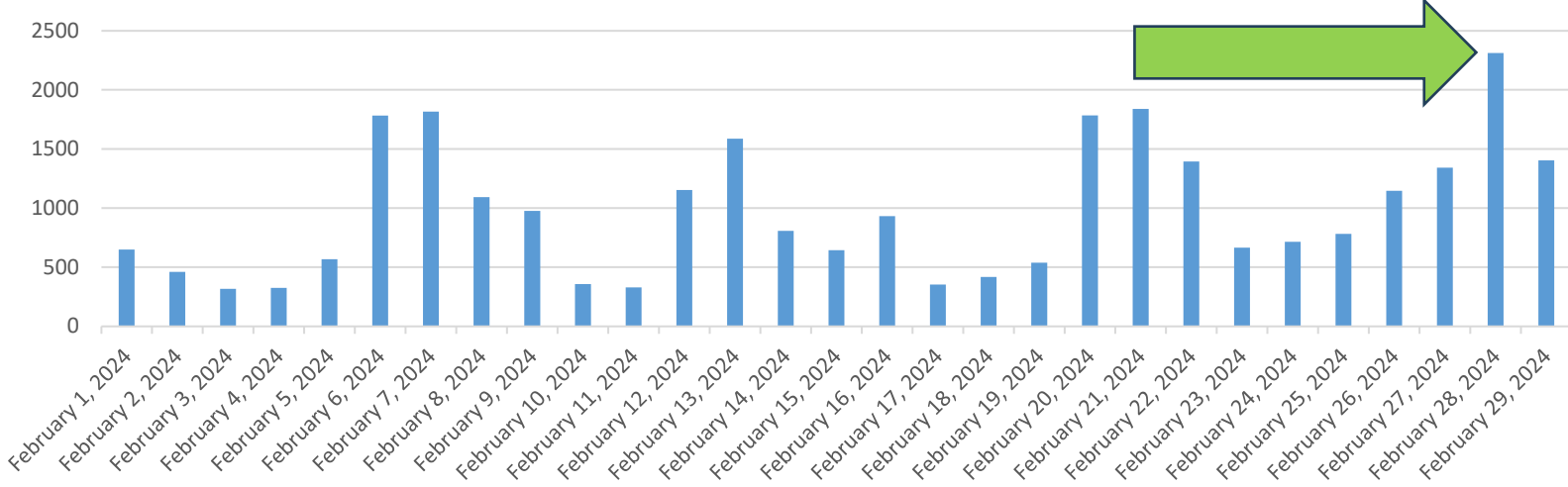
- **Continued Work on Updated Website Following Launch**
  - School Referenda and School Board Elections site updates
  - Automated website update tools related to candidate filing
    - Tool automates filed candidate status updates based upon review of required fields (residency/background checks)
  - Continued review of accessibility of entire site using analysis tools
    - Latest update shows continued steady improvement via review
      - Site average of 93/100
      - Most individual pages 100/100, with lower-performing pages primarily displaying legacy format election results
  - Review of each site page and text/tags used in searches to ensure accurate search results/compatibility with accessibility tools

Bill Number	Purpose	Status	Comments/Notes
HB 43	Permits “No Party” voters to vote in State Primaries	House Administration Committee	No action
HB 93	Requires municipalities to utilize State voter registration system	House Administration Committee	Motion to release from committee failed
HB 96 w/HA 1	Permits 16- and 17-year olds to vote in school board elections	House Administration Committee	Tabled in committee
HS1 for HB 121	Authorizes artificial entities, LLCs, Partnerships & Trusts to vote in Seaford Municipal Elections	Passed House/In Senate Executive Committee	This bill affirms a municipal charter change.
HB 189	Prohibits corporations and artificial entities from voting in municipal elections	House Administration Committee	No action
HB 215	Consolidates Presidential and State Primary Elections on Presidential Primary Date (Effective for Primary Elections held after 10/1/2024)	Passed House/ Defeated in Senate	
HB 291 w/HA1	Requires name of primary employer and job title of contributors to the committee/employer names and job titles are kept by the DOE and not a public record per FOIA/ DoE establishes a phone number and online form for reporting suspected violations/ protects the identity of an those reporting suspected violations/permits committees that unintentionally accept prohibited contribution to return it or to pay funds to State Treasurer/mandates that a committee intentionally accepting prohibited contributions must return it to the donor.	House Administration Committee	Introduced

Bill Number	Purpose	Status	Comments/Notes
HB 292	DoE reviews all campaign finance reports/Creates new categories of "Submitted But Not Reviewed" and "Reviewed and Final"/DoE works with candidate to rectify violations discovered to resolve and to file an amended report including revised reporting	House Administration Committee	Introduced
HB 293	DoE must ensure locations housing polling places are accessible/Provides for emergency provisions if no accessible polling locations are available	House Administration Committee	Introduced
HB316	Bans Deep Fakes relating to Elections within 90 days of an election.	House Administration Committee	Introduced
SB 3	State Constitution amendment to remove reasons for absentee voting from State Constitution	Passed Senate/ Released from House Administration Committee	
SB 26	Amends State Constitution to lower voting age to 18	Passed Senate/ Tabled in House Administration Committee	Codifies at State level the 26th Amendment to U.S. Constitution
SB53	Amends charter of Town of Selbyville related to elections/creates district representation, updates residency requirements for elected officials	Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee	Introduced
SB 125	Technical corrections to Code	Passed House/ Passed by Senate	
SB 180	Amends State Constitution to change qualifications for voting Updates antiquated language & residency requirements/lowers voting age/ prohibits General Assembly from removing right to vote as a penalty/ eliminates disqualifying felonies/ limits disqualifying period for those convicted of a felony only to time in custody/incarcerated	Released from Senate Judiciary Committee	

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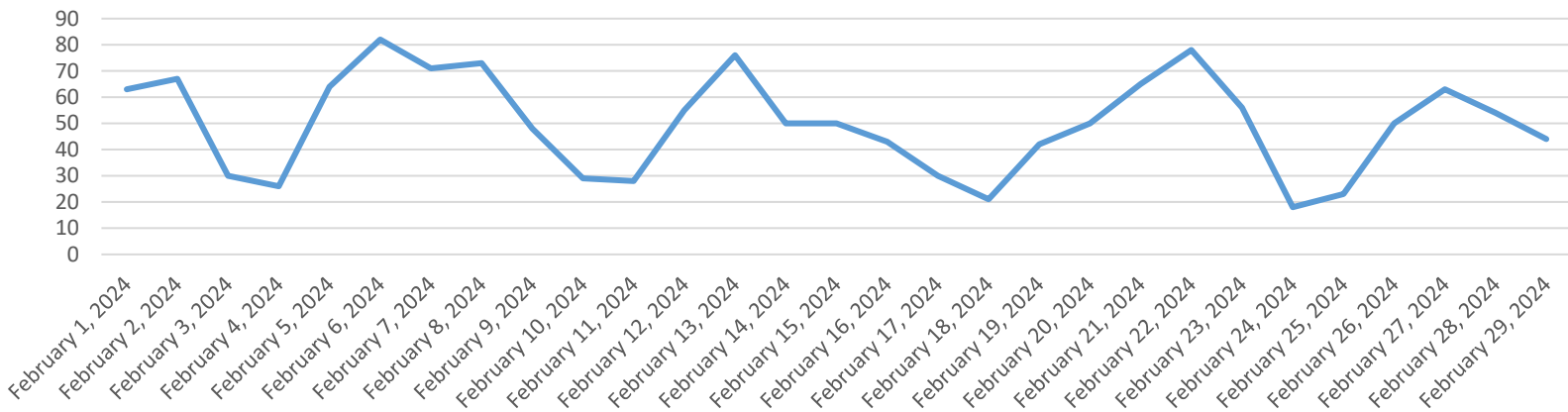
Department of Elections Website Users Per Day February 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024



The highest daily total number of users (2,311 individuals) occurred on February 28, 2024, the date of the Red Clay Consolidated School District Referendum.

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Campaign Finance Reporting System Users Per Day February 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024



A total of 1,449 users visited the Campaign Finance Reporting System in the month of February. Users include candidates, treasurers and constituents interested in campaign finance reporting data.

## Voter Registration Transactions – New & Updated Records January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Month	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
January	3,689	1,126	5,859	5,300	725	16,699
February	4,290	1,130	3,148	5,661	811	15,040
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
<b>2024 Total</b>	7,979	2,256	9,007	10,961	1,536	31,739

Voter Registration Transactions						
Annual Totals						
Year	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
<b>2023</b>	35,860	13,795	21,829	70,816	5,909	148,209

# Voter Removals

## Voter Registration Transactions – Removals January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Month	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
January	936	1,971	13	17	0	72	144	0	3,153
February	907	769	32	15	0	131	155	0	2,009
March									
April									
May									
June									
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,162</b>

## Voter Registration Removals

### Annual Totals

Year	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
<b>2023</b>	<b>12,322</b>	<b>19,921</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>11,391</b>	<b>47,059</b>

\*Deceased, Address Verification, Non-citizen, and Felon records have already been removed. The Board must approve removal of the Moved from State and Request by Voter (Voluntary).

\*\* The NVRA process is run in the year following each General Election to remove those inactive voters with whom the Department has not had any contact for the period covering the past 2 General Elections.



## 2023 Annual Report Tardy and Non-Filers as of March 8, 2024

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Ajavon for New Castle Council President	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Anthony Alexander-Jones for City Council	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Arisa White Campaign 2020	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Ashley Murray For Cape	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Christopher Dalton	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee For Justin Brant	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Alton Irvin	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Calvin Brown	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Joseph D DiPasquale	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee To Elect Keith James	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Elect Hastings	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	FRIENDS FOR KAREN D. FLOWERS	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends for Paulette Rappa	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends for Tripp Keister	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends for Vashun Turner	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Andre Boggerty	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Billy Edwards	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Darrynn Harris	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Ernest Trippi Congo	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends Of LaVaughn McCutchen	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Lillian Oliver	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024





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COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Friends of Rebecca Cotto	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Vashun Turner	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends to Elect Trippi Congo	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Glass for Commissioner	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Hollins '18	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	John Machurek for Delaware	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	LaMar Gunn for Recorder of Deeds	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Machurek for Sheriff	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Supporters of Ronnell Page	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	The Hollins Campaign	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Vote Sims 2020 Campaign	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	Black Caucus PAC	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	Citizens for a Better Wilmington	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	Delaware Auto & Truck Dealers Association - ACTION	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	Genesis Healthcare Corporation State PAC AKA:Genesis Health Ventures	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	State PAC	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	We Are Sussex	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Committee	35 Democratic RD	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024

**32 Candidate Committees**

**5 Political Action Committees**

**1 Political Committees**

**38 Total Committees**