



State of Delaware
Department of Elections

Report to the State Board of Elections

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County Deputy Director David Gilefski

Kent County
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Board Meeting
July 14, 2025
4:00 p.m.

July 2025 Budget Information

Budget Summary

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Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Class Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	465,105.45	465,105.45	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	6,384.38	6,384.38	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	6,253.48	6,253.48	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	16,201.98	16,201.98	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,474,702.57	1,429,504.70	25,338.43	19,859.44	1.35
2025	100	700101	00137	Personnel Costs	5100	4,162,548.09	4,162,548.09	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	1,700.00	100.00	1,600.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	901,250.73	813,978.78	87,271.95	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	19,903.78	823.39	19,080.39	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	12,900.00	5,300.00	7,600.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	19,977.68	954.52	19,023.16	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	18,553.56	0.00	8,798.00	9,755.56	52.58
2025	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	1,233,068.99	408,931.01	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	00414	Voter Purg	5010	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	2,152,886.25	1,254,908.99	545,991.42	351,985.84	16.35
2025	100	700101	08916	Technology	5010	2,949,372.00	2,693,400.00	255,972.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	08922	Equipment	5010	616,675.00	262,070.00	354,605.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700101	08939	Contingency	5010	1,605,925.00	351,311.88	495,250.86	759,362.26	47.29
2026	100	700101	00137	Personnel Costs	5100	4,343,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,343,000.00	100
2026	100	700101	00140	Travel	5400	8,300.00	0.00	0.00	8,300.00	100
2026	100	700101	00150	Contractual Services	5510	2,835,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,835,000.00	100
2026	100	700101	00159	Energy	5520	125,400.00	0.00	0.00	125,400.00	100
2026	100	700101	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	33,300.00	0.00	0.00	33,300.00	100
2026	100	700101	00176	Technology	5010	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	100
2026	100	700101	00412	School Elections	5010	267,400.00	0.00	0.00	267,400.00	100
2026	100	700101	00413	Voting Mach	5010	1,642,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,642,000.00	100
2026	100	700101	00414	Voter Purg	5010	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	100
						25,376,739.95	12,716,914.63	2,229,462.22	10,430,363.10	

NEW CASTLE

Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700201	00150	Contractual Services	5510	502,959.79	502,959.79	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700201	00159	Energy	5520	52,766.23	52,766.23	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700201	00412	School Elections	5010	173,099.96	173,099.96	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700201	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	564,320.69	564,320.69	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700201	00140	Travel	5400	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700201	00150	Contractual Services	5510	513,653.33	513,653.33	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700201	00159	Energy	5520	45,468.79	45,468.79	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700201	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	7,375.95	7,375.95	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700201	00412	School Elections	5010	162,608.40	162,608.40	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700201	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	2,427,196.54	2,427,196.54	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700201	08922	Equipment	5010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
						4,449,499.68	4,449,499.68	0.00	0.00	

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KENT

Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700301	00150	Contractual Services	5510	528,198.78	528,198.78	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700301	00159	Energy	5520	37,502.48	37,502.48	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700301	00412	School Elections	5010	36,631.41	36,631.41	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700301	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	158,581.24	158,581.24	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700301	00150	Contractual Services	5510	535,682.00	535,682.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700301	00159	Energy	5520	27,738.55	27,738.55	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700301	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	3,367.04	3,367.04	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700301	00412	School Elections	5010	35,717.54	35,717.54	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700301	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,057,765.36	1,057,765.36	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700301	08922	Equipment	5010	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700301	08939	Contingency	5010	28,675.00	28,675.00	0.00	0.00	0
						2,529,859.40	2,529,859.40	0.00	0.00	

SUSSEX

Bud Ref	Fund	Dept	Approp	Description	Account	Budget	Expense	Encumbrance	Available Budget*	Percent Available
2024	100	700401	00150	Contractual Services	5510	426,300.00	426,300.00	0.00	0.00	0
2024	100	700401	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	343,195.50	343,195.50	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00140	Travel	5400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00150	Contractual Services	5510	423,660.01	423,660.01	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00159	Energy	5520	24,100.00	24,100.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00160	Supplies and Materials	5600	9,200.00	9,200.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00170	Capital Outlay	5710	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	00412	School Elections	5010	50,520.50	50,520.50	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	08911	Primary and General Elections	5010	1,218,154.85	1,218,154.85	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	08922	Equipment	5010	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	0.00	0
2025	100	700401	08939	Contingency	5010	77,750.00	77,750.00	0.00	0.00	0
						2,652,880.86	2,652,880.86	0.00	0.00	

- FY 2025-FY 2027 Budget Planning and Implementation
 - FY 2025 Budget Wrap-up
 - Expenditures on track/as expected through end of fiscal year
 - Voting Equipment parts inventories being finalized and ordered
 - Poll book replacement/upgrades in progress (awaiting delivery)
 - Remaining quantity of voting machine power backup batteries ordered and on-schedule for summer delivery
 - Will be installed with annual voting machine preventative maintenance
 - FY 2026 Budget Update
 - Updated Governor's Recommended Budget (as amended by the General Assembly's Joint Finance Committee [HB 225 w/HA 1]) passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor
 - No impact on proposed appropriations for Department of Elections
 - Status of FY 2026 "Door Openers"
 - *Definition: Additions to base budget/items or initiatives required for agency operations*
 - Funding for New Castle County warehouse expansion approved
 - Will work with/at direction of OMB/Facilities Management to initiate project after approved funding is available
 - Adding air conditioning to Seaford Warehouse
 - Purchase order allocating funds for project (from FY 2025 allocated budget funding) created and approved
 - Project quotes received and preferred contractor selected
 - Site visits by contractor pending/being scheduled
 - Funding options for support services provided by DTI and proportion of these costs covered by State funding (ongoing costs)
 - Ongoing discussion of cost sharing with allocated federal funds
 - Budget consolidation to streamline budget management and expense processing
 - Continued funding of increased election officer stipends
 - Continued funding for enhanced marketing and public relations efforts (comprehensive, professional campaign promoting elections and voting options) during budget years with Statewide elections
 - Continued funding for creation of parts inventory for equipment repairs
 - Increase in funding to raise board member stipends
 - Not included, will be included as an FY 2027 budget planning "door opener"

- Ongoing operational items:
 - Implementing logistics of combined departmental budget
 - Budget analyst meeting with Directors and budget/accounting "point persons" regarding procedures related to the combined budget
 - Additional Budget Item: Expanded Sussex County Office Space
 - Continued discussion
- Monthly meetings with budget analyst
 - Sommer and Anthony
 - Covers broader budget priorities/planning
- Next steps for 2027 Budget Planning:
 - FY 2027 "door openers"
 - Department is in generally positive position entering FY 2027 budget cycle
 - remaining FY 2026 funds available to cover major upcoming expenditures:
 - Pollbook upgrade
 - Seaford warehouse air conditioning project
 - Next step: drafting new FY 2027 "door opener" items for inclusion in initial round of FY 2027 budget construction, which include:
 - Tracking potential fiscal implications of proposed legislation
 - Staffing needs and potential staffing expansion
 - Anticipated facilities maintenance/enhancements need
 - Technology upgrades/replacement
 - Campaign Finance Reporting System Update
 - Voter Registration System Update

STATE ELECTIONS		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
State Representative District 20 Sussex County	<p>Election Day: Tuesday, August 5th</p> <p>Early Voting Schedule: July 24th – July 26th No Early Voting on Sunday, July 27th July 28th & 29th, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. July 30th – August 3rd, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.</p>	Special Election

NEW CASTLE COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION

KENT COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Town of Bowers	August 2, 2025	Municipal

SUSSEX COUNTY ELECTIONS (School, Municipal, and Outreach)		
ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
City of Rehoboth Beach	August 9, 2025	Municipal
Town of Henlopen Acres	August 30, 2025	Municipal

Public School Elections

- School Board Election May 13, 2025, successfully administered, no issues
- Numerous School Board Members have resigned from various school districts over the last month.
 - District appoints a new board member & seat up for election in the 2026 School Board Election to fill the position for the remainder of the term.
- Public School Referenda:
 - Indian River School District:
 - Referendum on March 20, 2025, failed
 - Referendum on June 5, 2025, failed.
 - Smyrna School District:
 - Referendum on March 15, 2025, failed
 - No current plans for a second attempt

Municipal Elections

- Legislative Updates - Charter Changes Signed into Law by Governor
 - Delmar
 - Adopting State voter registration system
 - Updating voter eligibility requirements in charter
 - Houston
 - Clarifies voting eligibility for multiple owners of a piece of real estate in the town, changes time for municipal elections, updates qualifications for town office holders, updated dates on which nominations of candidacy may be made, updates when elected town officials take office
 - Selbyville
 - Adoption of district representation from at-large representation approach on town council

Monthly Statewide Voter Registration Totals 2025

Date	Number of Registered Voters
JAN 1, 2025	796,834
FEB 1, 2025	799,748
MAR 1, 2025	814,919
APR 1, 2025	815,642
MAY 1, 2025	816,829
JUN 1, 2025	794,084*
JUL 1, 2025	795,217
AUG 1, 2025	
SEP 1, 2025	
OCT 1, 2025	
NOV 1, 2025	
DEC 1, 2025	

* Please note that these registration totals as of 6/1/2025 reflect cancellation of voter registrations completed per the provisions of Delaware Code, Title 15, Section 1704(g).

Voter Registration Transactions – New & Updated Records January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Month	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
January	3,796	1,370	3,796	7,616	559	17,137
February	3,130	1,037	4,162	6,002	524	14,855
March	3,373	1,232	5,764	6,078	639	17,086
April	4,042	1,751	4,765	7,283	891	18,732
May	4,152	1,733	4,536	7,333	795	18,549
June	3,885	1,405	4,222	6,685	867	17,064
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
2025 Total	22,378	8,528	27,245	40,997	4,275	103,423

Voter Registration Transactions						
Annual Totals						
Year	New voters	Updated names	Changed party	New addresses	Pre-Registrations	Total
2024	56,911	21,433	126,545	95,081	9,481	309,451
2023	35,860	13,795	21,829	70,816	5,909	148,209

Voter Removals

Voter Registration Transactions – Removals January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Month	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
January	1,152	0***	1	0***	1	44	168	0	1,366
February	1,259	3,203	43	22	0	31	121	0	4,679
March	1,093	1,214	11	23	0	357	132	0	2,830
April	1,481	821	17	14	0	159	149	0	2,641
May	536	1,142	7	8	0	122	213	24,790	26,818
June	1,417	0***	14	0***	0	333	180	0	1,944
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									
2025 Total	6,938	6,380	93	67	1	1,046	963	24,790	40,278

Voter Registration Removals

Annual Totals

Year	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter	Not a citizen*	AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
2024	9,126	15,427	162	270	4	1,080	2,150	0	28,219
2023	12,322	19,921	1,015	122	0	684	1,604	11,391	47,059

*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.

***Board did not meet in this month, and, therefore, there were no Moved from State nor Requests by Voter records approved for removal by the Board.

- OVR program:
 - 2025 OVR Training schedule underway
 - Maintaining same cadence/frequency of training in non-statewide election year
 - Steady attendance and interest level in OVR training sessions each month
 - Review of 2024 OVR activities
 - Beginning preparations for 2026 Election Cycle
- Key 2024 OVR Program Takeaways
 - VR registrars consistently thorough and timely in the completion of their registration activities
 - Training will continue to emphasize need for attention to detail, completeness/thoroughness, timeliness in submission, use of approved and provided registration materials and forms

Community Relations/Public Information

- State Fair Exhibit 2025
 - July 17th – 26th
 - Voting machine with State Fair ballot (voting for favorite fair food, favorite show), giveaways/Elections' "Swag", voter registration/information, trivia, and Spin & Win wheel!
 - Commissioner's Office, NCC & Kent participating in the outreach! (Sussex team is busy with the RD20 Special Election!) Kent's additional support includes providing voting machines and install/uninstall of exhibit.
- Working with Department webmaster:
 - Redesigning website to latest accessibility standard and design
 - Updating the website with 2026 election information and changes to voter registration processes.
 - 2026 Election, Voting & Candidate Information as filing fees are being set & candidates are already filing for 2026!
- Developing media plan for 2026 Election Cycle

Standardization Efforts

- Voter Registration Process Standardization:
 - County voter registration managers reviewed all existing Department voter registration policies and processes, revised the Department's procedures with the latest updates, and produced the 2025 statewide, standardized Department voter registration procedure manual.
 - Project commenced at the end of May and was completed by mid-June.
- Standardization of Procedures/Documents/Materials Continues:
 - Reviewing and updating materials for 2026 election season

Voting Accessibility Updates

- **2024 General Election Accessibility Report, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.:**
 - July 7, 2025, letter to Commissioner Albence advising the Department of the Report's release on June 30, 2025
 - 90% of General Election polling places were surveyed and assessed for accessibility
 - Parking, entrances/exits, interior routes, voting room set-up
 - Voting equipment availability – Universal Voting Console, an audio tactile voting device with braille legends
 - Report provided testimonials by persons with disabilities describing their voting experiences, both positive feedback and descriptions of areas for needed accessibility improvement
 - Report noted Department's efforts to replace/enhance polling places in response to 2022 report.

- **Department Response:**
 - County Directors and Commissioner carefully reviewing report
 - Developing accessibility improvement plan for 2026 Election Cycle
 - Continued dialogue and collaboration with CLASI, Disability Rights Delaware (DRD) on effective solutions for voters

- **Accessible Parking**
 - CLASI monitors visited a much larger of polling places in 2024 vs, 2022
 - Report indicated 54% of polling places did not offer ADA compliant accessible parking
 - Department mitigated parking issues with signage/traffic cones based on ADA Checklist for Polling Places
 - As polling places are public service buildings in communities (schools, government buildings, community centers, places of worship, etc.) this 54% of facilities with parking issues are also concerns with primary intended use of the facilities.
 - General Assembly has passed legislation (HS 2 for HB 48 w/HA1) that will add tools and enhance enforcement mechanism to ensure that accessible parking in these facilities meets federal (ADA) standards
 - Department will continue to evaluate, mitigate, and work toward accessible parking solutions for voters

- **Universal Voting Console**
 - Additional devices deployed to early voting sites & polling places
 - Election Officer training will be reviewed to continue to reinforce and enhance instruction of UVC setup
 - Polling Place Poster informing voters of UVC accessible voting option

- Continued cross-team "check-in" meetings with a cross-section of operational area leaders with voting equipment and elections systems vendor Elections Systems & Software (ES&S)
 - Operational area leads from Department present (County Directors, Commissioner & Elections IT staff, Voting Equipment, Warehouse, Pollbook, Absentee staff)
- Going forward:
 - Monthly standing meetings with County Directors, Commissioner, and Elections IT staff, Warehouse Managers
 - Quarterly check-in meetings with operational leads from Department

Campaign Finance-Reporting

- Consultation with Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS) support vendor
 - Troubleshooting/conferring on any open items/tickets
 - Evaluating frequency of calls with vendor
 - Maintaining ongoing list of open items, as well as system enhancements related to proposed legislation
- Initial Budgetary Planning Continues Regarding System Upgrade
 - FY 2027 Budget "door opener"
 - Moving the platform to the most current version of software
 - Transitioning to regular cadence for deployment of updates and revisions to system operations (while maintaining Delaware-specific configuration)
 - Initial brainstorming on timing of potential system introduction and
- Campaign Finance Reporting Deadlines For RD 20 Special Election Set
 - Working with nominated candidates as needed
- Non-Filer Follow-Up
- Additional round of demand letters Sent To Committees With Unfiled/Outstanding 2024 Campaign Finance Reports
 - Follow-up with committees replying to this mailing
- Continued work with committees with Unfiled/Outstanding 2024 Annual Reports
 - One-on-one assistance with report completion and troubleshooting
- Working in concert with Department's Deputy Attorney General (DAG) and Delaware DOJ Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust (DCRPT)
- Potential Next Step: Court Action For Non-Filers if continued lack of response

Campaign Finance Violations



2024 Annual (Year-End) Report Tardy and Non-Filers as of July 10, 2025

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Anthony Alexander-Jones for City Council	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Arisa White Campaign 2020	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Ashley Murray For Cape	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Christopher Dalton	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Branden Fletcher	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee For Justin Brant	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Alton Irvin	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Joseph D DiPasquale	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Committee To Elect Keith James	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends for Tripp Keister	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends for Vashun Turner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Billy Edwards	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Darrynn Harris	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends Of LaVaughn McCutchen	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Lillian Oliver	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Sam Guy	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Sam Guy	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Friends of Vashun Turner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Glass for Commissioner	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025



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COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	John Machurek for Delaware	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	LaMar Gunn for Recorder of Deeds	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Machurek for Sheriff	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Members of Shane Darby	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	Supporters of Ronnell Page	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Candidate Committee	The Hollins Campaign	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Black Caucus PAC	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Citizens for a Better Wilmington	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Citizens for Fair Voting	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Delaware Foundation For Legislative Action	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	Genesis Healthcare Corporation State PAC AKA:Genesis Health Ventures State PAC	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	The People's PAC	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Action Committee	We Are Sussex	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Committee	35 Democratic RD	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025
Political Committee	Delaware Kent County Young Republicans	2024 Annual	12/31/2024	1/21/2025

25 Candidate Committees

7 Political Action Committees

2 Political Committees

34 Total Committees

Voting Equipment and Elections Management System

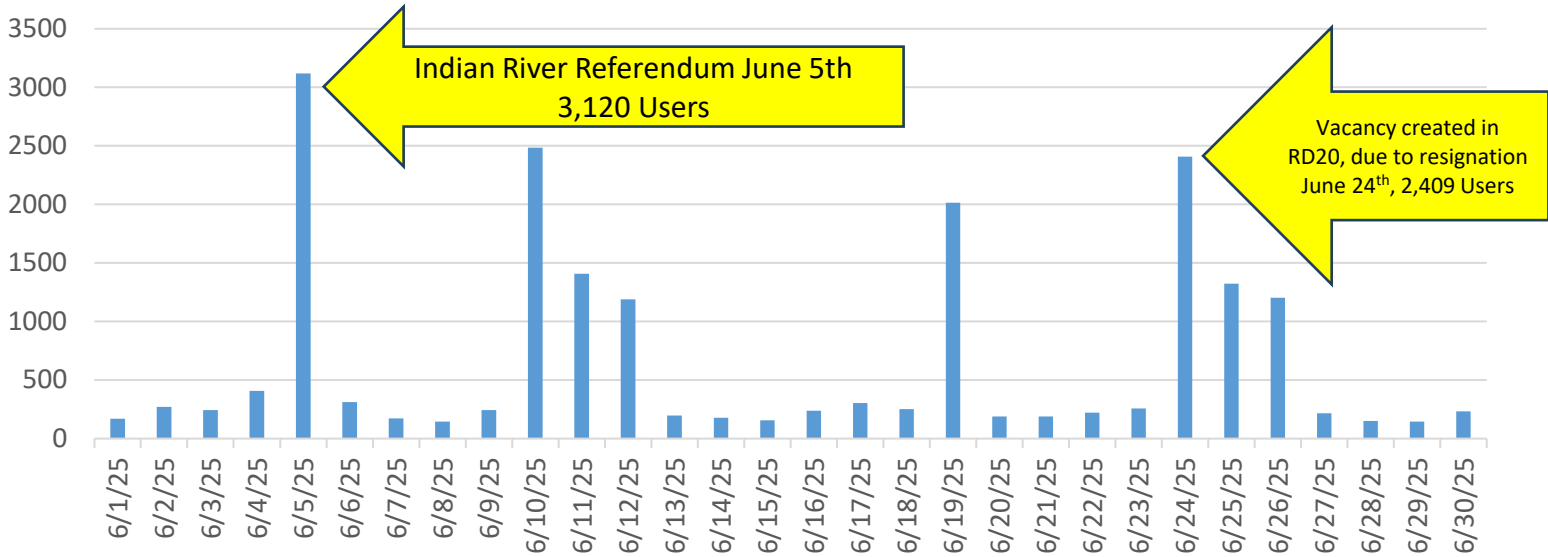
- Voting Equipment Preventative Maintenance
 - Post-Election cycle equipment preventative maintenance activities substantially complete
 - Follow-up in all counties on open items
 - Comprehensive review of equipment operation and maintenance on all mechanical components
 - Department has moved to annual preventative maintenance schedule for all equipment (from an initial bi-annual schedule)
 - Next scheduled maintenance will be late summer/early fall
 - Replacement of all voting machine backup power batteries will be completed during the upcoming preventative maintenance period
 - Continuous review of replacement schedule of any consumable items on machines and planning for replacement schedule for these items
- Voting Machine Parts Inventory
 - Finalizing list and preparing initial parts order
- Pollbooks
 - Department staff participate in sessions discussing planned enhancements to system to increase convenience to voters for use and to staff for equipment preparation for use in elections
 - Continued training and education for staff in ongoing effort to move equipment preparation/elections preparation to an in-house approach
 - Preparing for pollbook upgrades to latest model available

Website Accessibility

- Analytical tools are utilized on a regular basis to review website accessibility and identify issues
- Accessibility enhancements for keyboard, assistive devices, and screen readers are being reviewed
- Continued work is underway/ongoing regarding enhancements to the Election Night Reporting site and its compatibility with assistive devices, etc.

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Number of Users per Day June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025



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Campaign Finance Reporting System Users June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025



- All Facilities:
 - Reviewing results of physical security assessments of all facilities with federal partners (DHS/CISA) & determining feasibility of recommended enhancements.
- State Election Commissioner's Office
 - Reformatted conference room (ballot building area/meeting room): continues to function well
 - Dedicated space has delivered expected results and efficiency
- Kent County Office/Warehouse
 - Replacing natural gas regulator for backup generator
 - Warehouse floor lining: "parking spaces" for voting machines complete
 - Repairs to some badge access hardware
- New Castle County
 - Carvel Building Office
 - Building system upgrade/replacements (sprinklers, etc.) underway starting mid-May 2025 (expected duration: 8 weeks)
 - Warehouse
 - Proposed expansion: funding recommended in FY 2026 GRB
 - If approved by General Assembly, project planning and related work may begin as soon as July 2025
- Sussex County
 - Office
 - Installation of interior security door pending
 - Security officer on-site during office hours until installation is complete
 - Georgetown warehouse
 - Upgrade to ensure accessibility of access ramp at entrance
 - Seaford Warehouse
 - Preparing to launch air conditioning project

Staffing

- Open Positions
 - 2 full-time, Merit positions have been filled in Department's New Castle County office.
 - Election Office Manager position in Commissioner's office
 - Offer made and new team member starting end of July

Conferences/Meetings Attending

- Delaware Artificial Intelligence (AI) Commission: Appointed Member
 - Commission Launched in Summer 2024
 - Next meeting scheduled for Summer 2025 (quarterly)
 - High school student member recently added (legislative update to Commission charter [HB 16])
 - House Joint Resolution (HJR 7 w/HA 1) directing Commission to work with Secretary of State to create a framework to test "innovative and novel technologies that utilize artificial intelligence"
- Election Center (EC) Committees:
 - Postal Committee:
 - Next meeting at the Election Center National Conference (late Summer 2025)
 - Ongoing communications with elections community/stakeholders
 - Program Development and Awards Committee
 - 2025 Annual Conference Planning Continues
 - Review of recently deployed (updated) rewards/recognition program
 - Evaluating relevance of award categories, how entries for awards are solicited/reviewed/selected
 - Review of Hall of Fame/Lifetime Achievement Award nominees
- USPS Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) [USPS Industry Stakeholder Committee] Representing Elections Community
 - New Postmaster General (PMG) Appointed by USPS Board of Governors
 - Initial meeting with PMG at July 2025 MTAC
 - MTAC meeting: July 2025 (virtual participation)
 - Member of Workgroup on Informed Delivery
 - USPS 250th Anniversary Event (MTAC members invited)

General Assembly Legislation (House)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
HB 24 - SA1 W/HA 1	Changes durational residency requirement for voting in municipal elections (to conform with state and federal law). Moves Town of Delmar to adopt State voter registration system for municipal election voter eligibility and sets other general requirements for voter eligibility.	Released from Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee with SA 1.
HB65	Consolidates Presidential and State Primary Elections on Presidential Primary Date (takes affect for Primary Elections held after 12/31/2026).	Released from Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
HB82 – SA 1 (Title 14)	Provides for a resident of a school district to ask Delaware Superior Court to declare a vacancy on a school board if a school district does not report the vacancy to the Department of Elections.	Passed House and Senate. Signed by Governor.
HB85 (Title 14)	Individuals filling vacancies in school boards through the appointment process must complete the background check procedures that filed candidates must also complete, and State Election Commissioner must determine candidate eligibility for candidates filling vacancies.	Passed House and Senate. Awaiting Governor's Action.
HB86	Changes recount margins from 0.5% to 1.0% for statewide/General Assembly/County/City of Wilmington/School Elections. Also eliminates the petition requirement for recompilation of results in school elections.	Passed House. Assigned to Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee
HB112	Requires photo identification (ID) for voting in primary, general, and special elections, and specifies permitted types of ID. Provides first ID card at no charge, with a 420 fee for subsequent ID cards issued. Discusses community events to provide opportunity to obtain ID cards.	Introduced in House and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee
HB180	Constitutional amendment updating eligibility requirements for voter registration regarding felony convictions and makes other needed updates to Delaware law to conform this language with provisions of the U.S. Constitution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes felonies that disqualify one to register to vote Changes period for disqualification for felony conviction to period and individual is imprisoned, unless pardoned only Age to register to vote at 18 vs. 21 Removes durational residency requirements for voter registration of greater than 30 days Strikes language regarding literacy tests to qualify to register to vote 	Released from House Administration Committee.

General Assembly Legislation (House)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
HB183	Initiates primary elections for special elections and updates to special elections-related timeframes and deadlines	Introduced and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
HB188	Would allow registered voters not affiliated with a political party to vote in primary elections. Unaffiliated voters would be able to choose at the primary election in which party's primary they would like to vote and will then be permitted to vote. The voter's unaffiliated party affiliation will not change based on the choice of party's primary.	Introduced and Assigned to House Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
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.	Released from House Elections & Government Affairs Committee; Assigned to Appropriations Committee

General Assembly Legislation (Senate)

Bill Number	Purpose	Status
SS1 for SB2	Bill to amend the Delaware State Constitution to specifically authorize early, in-person voting for primary elections, general elections, and special elections to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly. The bill mirrors the language currently codified in Title 15, Chapter 54, regarding early voting.	Released from House Administration Committee.
SS 1 for SB3	Amends State Constitution to remove reasons for absentee voting; HA 2 adds language that "no excuse" needed to vote via absentee ballot; adds language to confirm permanent absentee status; adds language affirming 10 days of early voting prior to Primary/General/Special Elections	Released from House Administration Committee.
SB14	Constitutional Amendment (first leg) to create and independent redistricting committee to redistrict State House and State Senate following each federal decennial census. State Election Commissioner/Department assigned administrative duties regarding processing of applicants wishing to serve on Commission.	Released from Senate Executive Committee.
SB39	Amends charter of Town of Selbyville related to elections. Creates district representation and updates residency requirements for elected officials.	Signed by Governor.
SB126	Permits voters to vote at any polling place in their county in Primary and General Elections and provides for consolidation of polling places as long as at least one remains per election district, and that the consolidation does not place undue burden on voters.	Introduced in Senate and Assigned to Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee.
SB171	Updates Town of Houston charter including clarification of voting eligibility for multiple owners of a piece of real estate in the town, changes time for municipal elections, updates qualifications for town office holders, updated dates on which nominations of candidacy may be made, updates when elected town officials take office	Signed by Governor.
SB195	Updates Town of Delmar charter including changing the timeframe in which a candidate must notify the Town Manager of their candidacy and provides a means for the town election officials to disqualify a potential voter if the individual has moved outside of town limits but has not yet updated their information with the Department of Elections voter registration list, which the town uses to determine municipal voting eligibility.	Signed by Governor.



Department of Elections New Castle County Office

Report to the Board July 14, 2025

Tracey Dixon, County Director

David Gilefski, Deputy County Director

- City of Newark Special Election tentatively set for 9/23/25
- Tentative move back to Carvel scheduled for 7/21/25
- Inventory of equipment/materials continue at Warehouse
- Visit to outside jurisdictions (Philadelphia & NY) to incorporate possible new processes/supplies.
- Continue search for additional Early Voting/Election Day polling places



Department of Elections Kent County Office

Report to the Board July 14, 2025

Doris Reed-Young, County Director

Ralph Artigliere, Deputy County Director

- Our four scheduled School Board Elections went quite smoothly.
- The Milford School District “Student Government” Election was completed. We deployed a total of seven voting machines at two separate locations. 785 votes were cast during the election.
- We completed the Delaware Girls State Election on June 17 at the American Legion in Dover. Approximately 60 votes were cast. Doris gave a presentation regarding elections in general, election code & regulation, and opened it up for Q&A.
- We delayed our “Coffee & Donuts” open house that was planned for May. There was a lack of interest for the late May dates due to the holiday. We will probably push it out to the Sept-Oct timeframe.
- The shipment of new batteries for our XL voting machine fleet recently arrived. The next step is Installation for the new batteries and disposal of the old batteries.
- Kent County finished submitting the requested materials and documents pertaining to the ongoing audit.



Department of Elections Sussex County Office

Report to the Board July 14, 2025

Kenneth A. McDowell, County Director

Tracey L. Wilkerson, Deputy County Director

- Currently, we are heavily engaged with making preparations for the RD 20 Special Election that will take place on August 5th.
- All our polling locations and Early Voting locations are set.
- We moved one Election Day polling location temporarily from Sports at the Beach (due to lack of A/C) to Mariner Middle School's gymnasium. The proximity combined with the large voting area is ideal to house the 3,680 total voters. However, the polling place will return to Sports at the Beach for the 2026 Primary and General as the lack of A/C isn't as big of an issue during September and November.
- We have two Early Voting locations- Mariner Middle and Lewes Elementary. We decided to add Lewes Elementary School as it was brought to our attention the major issue with residents on the Eastern side of Route 1 having difficulty making the commute to Mariner Middle School with summer beach traffic and bridge repairs.
- All poll workers have been hired and assigned to their polling locations (big shout out to Tracey for burning the candle at both ends to make it happen so quickly).
- Training will begin Thursday July 11th. All classes have been assigned.
- Building of the election will take place Saturday, July 13th after the Minor Party deadline ends on Friday, July 12th.
- Early voting will begin July 24th 7 AM to 7PM for the first five days and 11 AM to 7 PM for the second five days. We decided to swap the long and short EV days after the 2024 General Election to offset the longer lines we encountered on the first days in Sussex County.
- Rehoboth Beach is holding an election on August 9, 2025.
- We are waiting to hear if Henlopen Acres will hold an election on August 30th and the filing deadline is July 13th.
- Fenwick Island has canceled the election they had scheduled for August 2nd.
- We have accepted a proposal to have A/C added to the Seaford Warehouse. This will not only make it cooler, but the reduced humidity will be a great benefit to the machines. We do not have an installation date.
- The security door came back damaged from the manufacturer again. We have insisted on a steel door instead of aluminum in hopes that we can bring an end to this string of bad luck.