

**STATE OF DELAWARE  
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS  
NEW CASTLE COUNTY OFFICE**

**State Senate – 5<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
Special Election – Saturday, February 15, 2025**

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<b>DATE</b> All times are Eastern (local) time	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Delaware Code, Title 15 Section reference(s) (unless otherwise stated)</b>
January 6, 2025	Vacancy created in office of State Senator for the 5 <sup>th</sup> Senate District.	
January 11, 2025	Writ of Election issued by the Governor of the State of Delaware and February 15, 2025 set as date for Special Election to fill vacancy.	§ 7101, § 7102(a)
January 11, 2025	Writ of Election received at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office in Wilmington.	§ 7101
January 13, 2025	Proclamation posted at the New Castle County Courthouse and on State of Delaware website, and the Department of Elections website.	§ 7104(1)
January 16, 2025	Campaign Finance 30-Day Senate District 5 Special Election reporting period ends.	§ 8030(b)(2)
January 21, 2025	Campaign Finance 30-Day Senate District 5 Special Election report due.	§ 8030(c)(2)
January 21, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.	Deadline for a political party with ballot status in the 2024 General Election to submit nominating certificate to nominate a candidate at Department of Elections, New Castle County Office.	§ 7103(a), § 7103(d)

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January 21, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.	Deadline for an unaffiliated candidate to file required forms at Department of Elections, New Castle County Office.	§ 3002 § 7103(b)
January 24, 2025	Approximate date that the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office begins sending absentee ballots.	
January 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.	Logic & Accuracy Testing of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Senate District Special Election Absentee Voting Tabulating Equipment at the Department of Elections New Castle County Office, 820 North French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.	§ 5008A § 5523
January 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.	Random Selection of Voting Machine and Election District for State Senate District 5 Special Election Post-Election Audits at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, 820 North French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801.	§ 5012A(b)&(c)
January 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.	Certification of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Senate District Special Election ExpressVote XL Voting Machines to be used for Early Voting at the Department of Elections New Castle County Warehouse, 220 Lisa Drive, New Castle, Delaware 19720.	§ 5008A
January 31, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.	Logic & Accuracy Testing of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Senate District Special Election ExpressVote XL Voting Machines to be used for Early Voting at the Department of Elections New Castle County Warehouse, 220 Lisa Drive, New Castle, Delaware 19720.	§ 5008A
<b>Tuesday, February 4, 2025 7AM</b>	<b>Early Voting period for Special Election begins. See details below.</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 4, 2025 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
February 5, 2025 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> to register to vote to be eligible to vote in the Special Election.	§ 2037
<b>Wednesday, February 5, 2025 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>

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<b>Thursday, February 6, 2025 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
February 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.	Certification of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Senate District Special Election ExpressVote XL Voting Machines to be used for Special Election Day at the Department of Elections New Castle County Warehouse, 220 Lisa Drive, New Castle, Delaware 19720.	§ 5008A
February 7, 2025	Campaign Finance 8-Day Senate District 5 Special Election reporting period ends.	§ 8030(b)(3)
February 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.	Logic & Accuracy Testing of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Senate District Special Election ExpressVote XL Voting Machines to be used for Special Election Day at the Department of Elections New Castle County Warehouse, 220 Lisa Drive, New Castle, Delaware 19720.	§ 5008A
<b>Friday, February 7, 2025 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
Friday, February 7, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for a person to declare as a write-in candidate at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office.	§ 3402, § 3405
<b>Saturday, February 8, 2025 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
<b>Sunday, February 9, 2025 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
February 10, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> to file Campaign Finance State Senate District 5 Special Election Report.	§ 8030(c)(3)
<b>Monday, February 10, 2025 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
February 11, 2025	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office to mail absentee ballots for the Special Election.	§ 5504(b)

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<b>Tuesday, February 11, 2025 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 12, 2025 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
<b>Thursday, February 13, 2025 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Early Voting for the Special Election offered at the designated Early Voting Sites, which are the Claymont Community Center and the Police Athletic League of Wilmington (Wilmington PAL).</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
<b>Thursday, February 13, 2025 7PM</b>	<b>Early Voting period for Special Election ends.</b>	<b>Chapter 54</b>
TBD	Preparation and Scanning of Special Election Absentee Ballots at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, 820 North French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801. This meeting will recess and reconvene as necessary until all absentee ballots have been processed and tabulated. <b>Please note no ballots will be tabulated until the close of polls on Special Election Day, February 15, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.</b>	§ 5510 – § 5515
February 14, 2025 at 12 Noon	The last time (12 Noon) the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office may issue an absentee ballot for the Special Election.	§ 5503(a)
<b>Saturday, February 15, 2025 7 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Special Election</b> <b>Polling Places in State Senate District 5 are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Eligible voters must vote at their assigned polling place on Special Election Day.</b>	<b>§ 7101, § 7102(a)</b>
<b>Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 8 p.m.</b>	<b>Deadline for the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office, 820 North French Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801 to receive an absentee ballot for the Special Election to be counted. Absentee ballots cannot be accepted at early voting sites and polling places.</b>	<b>§ 5508(b)</b>
February 17, 2025 at 10 a.m.	Canvass of the Special Election by the Board of Canvass at the New Castle County Court House.	§ 7107
February 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.	Voting Machine & Election District Audit of the State Senate District 5 Special Election at the Department of Elections, New Castle County Warehouse & Training Center, 220 Lisa Drive, New Castle, DE 19720.	§ 5012A

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December 31, 2025	Campaign Finance Year-End Special Election Report reporting period ends.	§ 8002(11)(a)(1) § 8030(b)(1)
January 20, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to file Campaign Finance 2025 Year-End Special Election Report.	§ 8030(c)(1)

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