

2026

STATE OF DELAWARE ELECTION CALENDAR

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November 6, 2024	Department of Elections Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2026 State Primary, and General Elections from uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S.	§ 5518(a)
December 31, 2025	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, 2026	Department of Elections County Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2026 State Primary and General Elections.	§ 5503(d)(4)
January 1, 2026 through July 15, 2026	Persons desiring to appear on the ballot in the 2026 General Election as unaffiliated with a political party may begin to circulate petitions and have petitions executed.	§ 3002(d)
January 20, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which includes candidate committees, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 2025 Year-End Campaign Finance report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(c)(1)
March 6, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for candidates for school board elections to file notice of candidacy.	Title 14 § 1075(a)
April 12, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 30-Day School Board Election Report period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of school board candidates on the May 12, 2026 School Board Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8030(b)(2)

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April 14, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which include candidate committees of school board candidates on the May 12, 2026 school board election ballot, and political committees, and political action committees that have contributed to the school board candidates on the school board election ballot) to file the 30-Day School Board Election Report (must be filed electronically through the Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(c)(2)
May 4, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-Day School Board Election Report period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of school board candidates on the May 12, 2026 School Board Election ballot, and political committees, and political action committees that have contributed to the school board candidates on the school board election ballot).	§ 8030(b)(3)
May 6, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which include candidate committees of school board candidates on the May 12, 2026 school board election ballot, and political committees, and political action committees that have contributed to the school board candidates on the school board election ballot) to file the 8-Day School Board Election Report (must be filed electronically through the Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(c)(3)
May 8, 2026	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections Offices to mail absentee ballots requested for School Board Elections,	Title 14 §§ 209 and 1086(b)(2)
May 11, 2026 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 12, 2026	<p>School Board Elections Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	Title 14 § 1072(c)

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May 12, 2026 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 14, 2026 [tentative] [but, in no event, later than May 26, 2026]	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 29, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE to change political party affiliation before the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election.	§ 2049(a)
July 1, 2026 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)
July 14, 2026 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 17, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for filed candidates to withdraw without forfeiting filing fees.	§ 3101(2) § 3106(c)
July 15, 2026	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)

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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, 2026	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 16, 2026	DEADLINE for the State Election Commissioner to designate and publicize the early voting sites for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election.	§ 5403(a)
August 16, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 30-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election ballot and all other committees.	§ 8030(b)(2)
August 18, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which include candidate committees of candidates on the September 15, 2026 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 22, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE to register to vote before the September 15, 2026 State Primary election.	§ 2036
August 25, 2026	DEADLINE for minor political parties to have the required number of registered voters in order to place their respective candidates on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot.	§ 3001

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August 31, 2026	DEADLINE for uniformed service members and citizens living outside the United States to register to vote before the September 15, 2026 State Primary election.	§ 1902(c)
September 1, 2026 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 1, 2026 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 2, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting Period for the State Primary Election begins – see details below. Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 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
September 3, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 4, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 5, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 6, 2026 and September 7, 2026	NO EARLY VOTING Labor Day, State and Federal Holiday - Monday, September 7, 2026. No Early Voting offered on Sunday, September 6, 2026 and Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026.	
September 7, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the September 15, 2026 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)

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September 8, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 9, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 9, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of September 15, 2026 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)
September 10, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 11, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 11, 2026	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections County Offices to mail absentee ballots for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election.	§ 5504(b)
September 12, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 12, 2026	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	§ 304(d)
September 13, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the 2026 State Primary Election ends. Early Voting for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
September 14, 2026 at 12 noon	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections County Offices to issue absentee ballots for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election.	§ 5503(a)
September 15, 2026	<p>State Primary Election Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.</p>	<p>§ 3101(3) § 3104 § 3110 § 3161</p>

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September 15, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election to the Department of Elections County Office of the county in which the voter resides.	§ 5508(b)
September 17, 2026 by 8:00 p.m.	DEADLINE for State Board of Elections to convene to examine disputes related to the September 15, 2026 State Primary Election. (Any protests or objections must be filed by this time.)	§ 3172(b)
September 18, 2026	Department of Elections certifies the results of the September 15, 2026 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 15, 2026 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 21, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for a person, for the November 3, 2026 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 4, 2026	DEADLINE for the State Election Commissioner to designate and publicize the early voting sites for the November 3, 2026 General Election.	§ 5403(a)
October 4, 2026 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 3, 2026 General Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8030(b)(2)
October 6, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of candidates on the November 3, 2026 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 10, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for unregistered citizens to register to vote in the November 3, 2026 General Election.	§ 2036

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October 19, 2026	DEADLINE for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote before the November 3, 2026 General Election.	§ 1902(c)
October 22, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting Period for 2026 General Election begins – see details below. Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 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 23, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 24, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 25, 2026	NO EARLY VOTING	
October 26, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 26, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-Day General Report period ends for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of all candidates on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees).	§ 8030(b)(3)
October 27, 2026 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 28, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54

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October 28, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which includes candidate committees of all candidates on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 8-Day General Report (must be electronically filed through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(c)(3)
October 29, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 30, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 30, 2026	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections Offices to mail absentee ballots for the November 3, 2026 General Election.	§ 5504(b)
October 31, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
October 31, 2026	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	§ 304(d)
November 1, 2026 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.	Early Voting for the November 3, 2026 General Election ends. Early Voting offered at designated Early Voting Sites in each county.	Chapter 54
November 2, 2026 at 12 noon	DEADLINE for the Department of Elections Offices to issue absentee ballots for the November 3, 2026 General Election.	§ 5503(a)
November 3, 2026	2026 General Election Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	DEL. CONST. ART. V § 1
November 3, 2026 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the November 3, 2026 General Election to the Department of Elections Office of the county in which the voter resides.	§ 5508(b)
November 5, 2026 at 10 a.m.	Board of Canvass meets in Superior Court in each county to certify the results of the November 3, 2026 General Election.	DEL. CONST. ART V, § 6 § 5701

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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, 2026 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)
Within 60 days of each of the General Election audits conducted by the Department of Elections	Department of Elections publishes report of audit results and posts the report on the Department’s website (https://elections.delaware.gov).	§ 5012A(e)
January 20, 2027 by 11:59 p.m.	DEADLINE for all political committees (which includes candidate committees, political committees, and political action committees) to file the 2026 Year-End Campaign Finance report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System, https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov).	§ 8030(c)(1)