

# 2020

## STATE OF DELAWARE ELECTION CALENDAR

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DATE All times are Eastern (local) time	EVENT	Delaware Code, Title 15 Section reference (unless otherwise stated)
November 7, 2018	The Department of Elections Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2020 Primary and General Elections from uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S.	5518(a)
December 31, 2019	Campaign Finance Year-End Report period ends for all candidates and committees.	8002(11)(a)(1) 8030(b)(1)
January 1, 2020	Department of Elections County Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2020 Presidential Primary, State Primary and General Elections.	5503(d)(4)
January 1, 2020 through July 15, 2020	Persons running as unaffiliated with a political party can begin to circulate petitions and have petitions executed.	3002(d)
January 21, 2020 by 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all candidates and committees to file the 2019 Year-End Campaign Finance report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	8030(c)(1)
January 29, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the chair of any political party to certify and forward to the State Election Commissioner a copy of the party rules.	3185
February 28, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> to file as a candidate for the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.	3183(a)
February 28, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> to change political party affiliation before the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.	3189

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March 4, 2020 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for chairperson of each political party participating in the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Election to provide the State Election Commissioner with a list of all persons affiliated with such party not already on the ballot and to notify the candidate or the candidate's campaign, that the candidate's name has been provided to the State Election Commissioner.	3183(b)
March 6, 2020 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for candidate wishing to remove his/her name from the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Election ballot to file an affidavit with the State Election Commissioner stating that the candidate is not currently and does not intend to become a candidate in any other state's presidential primary and that the candidate is not currently (or is no longer), and does not intend to become, a candidate for the presidential nomination of the candidate's party.	3183(b)
March 6, 2020 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for candidates for school board elections to file notice of candidacy	Title 14 1075(a)
April 4, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> to register to vote before the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary election.	2036
April 13, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for uniformed service members and citizens living outside the United States to register to vote before the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary election.	1902(c)
April 24, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections County Offices to mail absentee ballots for the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.	5504(b)
April 25, 2020	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	304(d)
April 27, 2020 at 12 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections County Offices to issue absentee ballots for the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.	5503(a)
April 28, 2020	<b>Presidential Primary Election</b> <b>Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.</b>	3181(a)
April 28, 2020 at 8 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Election to the Department of Elections County Office of the county in which the voter resides.	5508(b)
April 29, 2020 through May 29, 2020	Registered voters may change political party affiliation during this period.	2049(a)

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April 30, 2020 by 8:00 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for State Board of Elections to convene to examine disputes related to April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. (Any protests or objections must be filed by this time).	3172(b)
May 1, 2020 Sussex 10:00 a.m. Kent 12:00 noon New Castle 2:00 p.m.	Department of Elections certifies the results of the April 28, 2020 Presidential Primary election in the County Office for the respective county.	3172 3182
May 8, 2020 by 12:00 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections Offices to mail absentee ballots for School Board Elections.	Title 14 1086(b)(2)
May 11, 2020 by 12:00 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections Offices to issue absentee ballots for School Board Elections.	Title 14 1086(b)(3)
<b>May 12, 2020</b>	<b>School Board Elections</b> <b>Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</b>	<b>Title 14 1072(c)</b>
May 12, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> 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, 2020 [tentative] Sussex 10:00 a.m. Kent 12:00 noon New Castle 2:00 p.m. [but, in no event, later than May 27, 2020]	Certification of the School Board Election results by each of the Department of Elections County Offices conducting the election.	Title 14 1083(a)
Within 96 hours of the certification of the results	<b>DEADLINE</b> for 25 or more persons who voted in a School Board Election to request, in accordance with 14 Del.C. § 1083(e), a recompilation of the results.	Title 14 1083(e)
May 29, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> to change political party affiliation before the State Primary Election.	2049(a)
July 1, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the major political party chairpersons to notify State Election Commissioner and respective County Offices of filing fees.	3103(c)

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July 13 to July 16, 2020	National Democratic Convention – Milwaukee, WI	Not Applicable
July 14, 2020 at 12 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> 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 15, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for petitions to be circulated and executed by unaffiliated candidates.	3002(d)
July 17, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for filed candidates to withdraw or file for a different office without forfeiting filing fees.	3101(2) 3101(4) 3106(c)
July 21, 2020 by 11:59 a.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for Democratic Party to file Certificate of Nomination for Presidential candidate.	3303
August 1, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for minor political parties to select candidates at their state or county nominating convention.	3301(e)
Within 10 business days of Minor Political Party Convention	<b>DEADLINE</b> 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 Elections Commissioner and certificates of nomination for all other office are filed with the Department of Elections for all other offices.	3301(b) & (e)
August 16, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 30-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the September 15, 2020 Primary Election ballot and all other committees.	8030(b)(2)
August 18, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for candidates on the September 15, 2020 Primary Election ballot and all other committees to file the 30-Day Primary Report (must be filed electronically through the Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	8030(c)(2)
August 22, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unregistered citizens to register to vote before the September 15, 2020 Primary Election.	2036
August 24 to August 27, 2020	National Republican Convention – Charlotte, NC	Not Applicable

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August 25, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for minor political parties to have the required number of registered voters in order to place their respective candidates on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot.	3001
August 31, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote before the September 15, 2020 Primary Election.	1902(c)
September 1, 2020 by 12:00 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for Republican Party to file Certificate of Nomination for Presidential candidate.	3303
September 1, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> 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 Offices	3303
September 1, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unaffiliated candidates to submit sworn declaration of non-affiliation and nominating petitions.	3002(b)
September 7, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the September 15, 2020 Primary Election ballot and all other committees (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	8030(b)(3)
September 9, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for September 15, 2020 Primary Election candidates and all other committees to file the 8-Day Primary Report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	8030(c)(3)
September 11, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections County Offices to mail absentee ballots for the September 15, 2020 Primary Election.	5504(b)
September 12, 2020	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	304(d)
September 14, 2020 at 12 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections County Offices to issue absentee ballots for the September 15, 2020 Primary Election.	5503(a)
September 15, 2020	<p><b>Primary Election</b> Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.</p>	<p>3101(3) 3104 3110</p>

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September 15, 2020 at 8 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the September 15, 2020 Primary Election to the Department of Elections County Office of the county in which the voter resides.	5508(b)
September 16, 2020 through May 30, 2022	Registered voters (non-candidates) may change political party affiliation.	2049(a)
September 17, 2020 by 8:00 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for State Board of Elections to convene to examine disputes related to September 15, 2020 Primary Election. (Any protests or objections must be filed by this time.)	3172(b)
September 18, 2020 Sussex at 10 a.m. Kent at 12 p.m. New Castle at 2 p.m.	Department of Elections certifies the results of the September 15, 2020 Primary election in the County Office for the respective county.	3172(b)
September 20, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for people to file a Write-In Candidate Declaration Form for Statewide Offices with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices with the respective County Office in which the election is to be held.	3402(c)
October 4, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 30-Day General Report period ends for candidates on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot and all other committees.	8030(b)(2)
October 6, 2020 by 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for November 3, 2020 General Election candidates and all other committees to file the 30-Day General Report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	8030(c)(2)
October 10, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unregistered citizens to register to vote before the November 3, 2020 General Election.	2036
October 19, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote before the November 3, 2020 General Election.	1902(c)
October 26, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance 8-Day General Report period ends for all candidates on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot and all other committees.	8030(b)(3)

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October 28, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all candidates on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot and all other committees to file the 8-Day General Report (must be electronically filed through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	8030(c)(3)
October 30, 2020	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections Offices to mail absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election.	5504(b)
October 31, 2020	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	304(d)
November 2, 2020 at 12 noon	<b>DEADLINE</b> for the Department of Elections Offices to issue absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election.	5503(a)
<b>November 3, 2020</b>	<b>General Election</b> <b>Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</b>	<b>DEL. CONST. ART V § 1</b>
November 3, 2020 at 8 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election to the Department of Elections Office of the county in which the voter resides.	5508(b)
November 5, 2020 at 10 a.m.	Board of Canvass meets in Superior Court to certify the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election.	DEL. CONST. ART V, § 6 5701
December 31, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.	Campaign Finance Year-End Reporting period ends for all candidates and committee.	8030(b)(1)
January 20, 2021 by 11:59 p.m.	<b>DEADLINE</b> for all candidates and committees to file the 2020 Year-End Campaign Finance report (must be filed electronically through the online Delaware Campaign Finance Reporting System).	8030(c)(1)

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