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DELAWARE ELECTION CALENDAR

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DATE	EVENT	Title 15 Reference
November 3, 2010	The Department of Elections begins to accept applications for absentee ballots from uniformed services and overseas citizens for the 2012 Elections.	5518(a)
August 15, 2011	The Department of Elections can accept applications for absentee ballots from regular absentee voters for the 2012 Elections.	5503(d)(4)
January 1, 2012 through July 15, 2012	Persons wishing to run as unaffiliated with a political party may circulate and have petitions executed.	3002(d)
January 20, 2012	DEADLINE Year-end Campaign Finance reports must be filed by 4:30 p.m., January 20, 2012 with the State Election Commissioner or postmarked on or before January 20, 2012.	8030(c)(1)
February 24, 2012	DEADLINE to change political party affiliation before the Presidential Primary.	3189
March 31, 2012	DEADLINE to register to vote before the Presidential Primary.	2036
April 9, 2012	DEADLINE for Military and Overseas Citizens to register to vote before the Presidential Primary.	1902(c)
April 20, 2012	Last day the Department of Elections is required to mail absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary Election.	5504(b)
April 21, 2012	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	304(d)
April 23, 2012 at 12 Noon	The last time that the Department of Elections can issue an absentee ballot for the Presidential Primary.	5503(a)
April 24, 2012	Presidential Primary Election. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.	3181(a)
April 24, 2012 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE to return voted absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary Election to the Department of Elections.	5508(b)

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April 25, 2012 through May 25, 2012	Registered voters may change political party affiliation.	2049(a)
April 26, 2012 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE to report any objection or dispute relating to the Presidential Primary Election to the Department of Elections.	3172(b)
May 25, 2012	DEADLINE to change political party affiliation before the Primary Election.	2049
July 2, 2012	DEADLINE for the major political party chairpersons to set filing fees.	3103(b) & (c)
July 10, 2012 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.	3101(1) 3106
July 13, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for filed candidates to withdraw or file for a different office without forfeiting filing fees.	3101(2) 3101(4) 3106(c)
July 15, 2012	DEADLINE for petitions to be circulated by unaffiliated candidates.	3002(d)
August 1, 2012	DEADLINE for Minor Parties to select their candidates at the party's state or county nominating convention.	3301(e)
August 12, 2012 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance 30-Day Primary Report Close Out for balloted candidates and all other committees.	8030(b)(2)
August 14, 2012	Deadline 30-Day Primary Report Due. Must be filed by 4:30 p.m., August 14, 2012 with the State Election Commissioner or postmarked on or before August 14, 2012.	8030(c)(2)
August 15, 2012	Deadline for Minor Parties to deliver a copy of each nominating resolution, which shall be certified as true and correct by the party's secretary, to the State Election Commissioner for each statewide office and to the respective Department of Elections for all other offices.	3301(e)
August 18, 2012	DEADLINE to register to vote before the Primary Election.	2036
August 21, 2012	Deadline for Minor Parties to have the required number of registered voters in order to put candidates on the General Election Ballot.	3001

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DATE	EVENT	Title 15 Reference
August 27, 2012	DEADLINE for Military and Overseas Citizens to register to vote before the Primary Election.	1902
September 3, 2012 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance 8-Day Primary Report Close Out for balloted candidates and all other committees.	8030(b)(3)
September 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.	Deadline for Major Party officials to file Certificates of Nomination for candidates for offices for which there is no Primary Election, and for Minor Party officials to file Certificates of Nomination.	3303
September 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.	Filing deadline for sworn declaration of non-affiliation and nominating petitions for unaffiliated candidates.	3002(b)
	Last day the Department of Elections is required to mail absentee ballots for the Primary Election	5504(b)
September 5, 2012	Deadline 8-Day Primary Report Due. Must be filed by 4:30 p.m., September 5, 2012 with the State Election Commissioner. Postmarked dates are not acceptable.	8030(c)(3)
September 8, 2012	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	304(d)
September 10, 2012 at 12 Noon	The last time that the Department of Elections can issue an absentee ballot for the Primary Election.	5503(a)
September 11, 2012	Primary Election. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.	3101(3) 3104
September 11, 2012 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the Primary Election to the Department of Elections.	5508(b)
September 12, 2012	Registered voters may change Political Party affiliation.	2049(a)
September 13, 2012 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE to report any objection or dispute relating to the Primary Election to the Department of Elections.	3172(b)
October 1, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE to file a Write In Candidate Declaration Form for Statewide Offices with the State Election Commissioner and for all other candidates with the Department of Elections.	3402(c)

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October 7, 2012 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance 30-Day General Report Close Out for balloted candidates and all other committees.	8030(b)(2)
October 9, 2012	Deadline 30-Day General Report Due. Must be filed by 4:30 p.m., October 9, 2012 with the State Election Commissioner or postmarked on or before October 9, 2012.	8030(c)(2)
October 13, 2012	DEADLINE to register to vote before the General Election.	2036
October 22, 2012	DEADLINE for uniformed services members and overseas citizens to register to vote before the General Election.	1902(c)
October 29, 2012 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance 8-Day General Report Close Out for balloted candidates and all other committees.	8030(b)(3)
October 31, 2012	Deadline 8-Day General Report Due. Must be filed by 4:30 p.m., October 31, 2012 with the State Election Commissioner. Postmarked dates are not acceptable.	8030(c)(3)
November 2, 2012	Last day the Department of Elections is required to mail absentee ballots for the General Election.	5504(b)
November 3, 2012	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Departments of Elections.	304(d)
November 5, 2012 at 12 Noon	The last time that the Department of Elections can issue an absentee ballot for the General Election.	5503(a)
November 6, 2012	General Election. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	State Constitution ART V
November 6, 2012 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the General Election to the Department of Elections.	5508(b)
November 8, 2012	Board of Canvass meets in Superior Court.	State Constitution ART V 5701(a)