

Delaware state executive offices

Elections

2020

See also: [Delaware state executive official elections, 2020](#)

The following state executive offices are up for election in [Delaware](#) in 2020:

[Governor](#)

[Lieutenant Governor](#)

[Insurance Commissioner](#)

Offices

The following is a list of state executive offices in Delaware.

- [Attorney General of Delaware](#)
- [Delaware Insurance Commissioner](#)
- [Delaware Public Service Commission](#)
- [Delaware Secretary of Agriculture](#)
- [Delaware Secretary of Education](#)
- [Delaware Secretary of Labor](#)
- [Delaware Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Control](#)
- [Delaware Secretary of State](#)
- [Delaware State Auditor](#)
- [Delaware Treasurer](#)
- [Governor of Delaware](#)
- [Lieutenant Governor of Delaware](#)

Current officeholders

Office	Name	Party	Date assumed office
Attorney General of Delaware	Kathy Jennings	Democratic	January 1, 2019
Delaware Insurance Commissioner	Trinidad Navarro	Democratic	January 3, 2017
Delaware Public Service Commission	Dallas Winslow	Nonpartisan	2005
Delaware Public Service Commission	Harold Gray	Nonpartisan	2014
Delaware Public Service Commission	Joann Conaway	Nonpartisan	2001
Delaware Public Service Commission	Kim Drexler	Nonpartisan	2015
Delaware Public Service Commission	Mike Karia	Nonpartisan	2015
Delaware Secretary of Agriculture	Michael Scuse	Nonpartisan	January 25, 2017
Delaware Secretary of Education	Susan Bunting	Nonpartisan	January 25, 2017
Delaware Secretary of Labor	Cerron Cade	Nonpartisan	February 2, 2018
Delaware Secretary of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	Shawn Garvin	Nonpartisan	March 15, 2017
Delaware Secretary of State	Jeffrey W. Bullock	Democratic	January 21, 2009
Delaware State Auditor	Kathy McGuinness	Democratic	2019
Delaware Treasurer	Colleen Davis	Democratic	January 1, 2019
Governor of Delaware	John C. Carney Jr.	Democratic	January 17, 2017
Lieutenant Governor of Delaware	Bethany Hall-Long	Democratic	January 17, 2017

Context of the 2020 elections

Party control in Delaware

Delaware Party Control: 1992-2020
Twelve years of Democratic trifectas • No Republican trifectas

Year	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Governor	R	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Senate	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
House	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

Voter information

How the primary works

A [primary election](#) is an election in which registered voters select a candidate that they believe should be a political party's candidate for elected office to run in the general election. They are also used to choose convention delegates and party leaders. Primaries are state-level and local-level elections that take place prior to a general election. Delaware utilizes a [closed primary](#) process, in which the selection of a party's candidates in an election is limited to registered party members.^{[1][2][3][4]}

Poll times

In [Delaware](#), polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. An individual who is in line at the time polls close must be allowed to vote.^[5]

Registration requirements

To vote in Delaware, an individual must meet the following requirements:^[6]

- He or she must be a United States citizen.
- He or she must be a resident of Delaware.
- He or she must be 18 years of age by Election Day.
- He or she must be mentally competent.
- He or she must not be under a felony sentence or convicted of a disqualifying felony.

The deadline for registration is 24 days before an election. An eligible voter can register to vote by mail, by phone, or in person at the Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Health and Social Services, or the Department of Labor.^[7]

Automatic registration

Delaware does not practice [automatic voter registration](#).

Online registration

See also: [Online voter registration](#)

Delaware has implemented an online voter registration system. Residents can register to vote by visiting [this website](#).

Same-day registration

Delaware does not allow [same-day voter registration](#).

Residency requirements

To register to vote in Delaware, you must be a resident of the state. State law does not specify a length of time for which you must have been a resident to be eligible.

Verification of citizenship

Delaware does not require proof of citizenship for voter registration.

Verifying your registration

The site [Vote Delaware](#), run by the Delaware Office of the State Election Commissioner, allows residents to check their voter registration status online.

Voter ID requirements

Delaware **requires voters to present non-photo identification** while voting.^{[8][9]}

The following list of accepted ID was current as of November 2019. [Click here for the Delaware Department of Elections' page on accepted ID to ensure you have the most current information.](#)

- Delaware driver's license
- Delaware state ID
- U.S. passport
- Signed polling place card
- Signed Social Security card
- Signed vehicle registration
- Signed credit card with photo
- Document that identifies the person by photo or signature

Voters who do not present proof of identity can "sign an affidavit of affirmation that the voter is the person listed on the election district record," according to Delaware Code.^[9]

Background

As of December 2019, 34 states enforced (or were scheduled to begin enforcing) [voter identification](#) requirements. A total of 19 states required voters to present photo identification at the polls; the remainder accepted other forms of identification. Valid forms of identification differ by state. Commonly accepted forms of ID include driver's licenses, state-issued identification cards, and military identification cards

Early voting

Delaware does not permit early voting.

As of December 2019, 39 states and the District of Columbia permitted early voting. Early voting permits citizens to cast ballots in person at a polling place prior to an election. In states that permit early voting, a voter does not have to provide an excuse for being unable to vote on election day. States that do not permit early voting still permit some or all citizens to vote early by mail—often known as [absentee voting](#). Some states allow no-excuse absentee voting, while others require an excuse. States that allow *in-person absentee voting* without an excuse are counted among early voting states. [Click here](#) for early voting laws by state.^[12]

On June 30, 2019, Delaware Governor [John Carney](#) (D) signed a bill that established in-person early voting beginning January 1, 2022. The law allows voters to vote "in-person during at least 10 days before an election, up to and including the Saturday and Sunday immediately before the election at locations determined by the State Election Commissioner."^{[13][14]}

Absentee voting

A Delaware voter is eligible to vote absentee in an election if he or she cannot make it to the polls on Election Day for one of the following reasons:^[15]

- The voter is in the public service of the United States or the State of Delaware and is unable to come to the polls.
- Spouses and dependents who live with or accompany public servants of the United States, the State of Delaware, or members of the Uniformed Services are also able to vote by absentee ballot.
- The voter's work, schooling, or care responsibilities prevents him or her from coming to the polls.
- This applies caretakers, students, and otherwise eligible persons who are incarcerated.
 - The voter is sick or temporarily or permanently physically disabled.
 - The voter is on vacation.
 - The voter's religious beliefs prevent him or her from coming to the polls.

Before applying for an absentee ballot, the voter must be registered to vote. The voter must then complete an absentee ballot application from the department of elections office in the county in which they live, which can be found [here](#). Voters can also obtain an absentee ballot from the department of elections office in the voter's county.^[15]