

# HOW TO VOTE IN **DELAWARE'S** PRIMARY ELECTION

**√** SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**



ACLU OF DELAWARE'S VOTER CAMPAIGN WEBSITE

### VOTEDELAWARE.ORG



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DELAWARE VOTER INFO WEBSITE

### VOTE411.ORG/DELAWARE



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### BIT.LY/VOTER-GUIDE2024



DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS WEBSITE

### **ELECTIONS.DELAWARE.GOV**



PERSONALIZED REGISTRATION, BALLOT, & POLLING PLACE INFO

**IVOTE.DE.GOV** 



### **ELIGIBILITY**

To vote in Delaware's Primary Election, you must be:

- · A citizen of the United States; AND
- A resident of Delaware (Delaware is your home); AND
- 18 years old on or before the date of the next General Election.

Note: People with a previous felony conviction on their record who are no longer incarcerated or on probation, parole, work release, early release, supervised custody, or another form of community supervision, are eligible to vote unless their previous felony conviction was for murder, manslaughter, a sexual offense, or a felony constituting an offense against public administration. These disqualifying felonies require a pardon to restore voting rights. Pretrial detention and misdemeanors do not restrict your voting rights.

You must be registered for a party to vote in Delaware's closed primary.

### FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

To find a polling place near you, visit <u>ivote.de.gov</u> and enter your address in the polling location search.

OR

Visit <u>bit.ly/de-polling-places</u> to see all available polling places in your area.

#### **BRING ID**

### Voters must show one of the following forms of ID:

- Valid state-issued photo ID
- Utility bill
- Paycheck
- Any government document with the voter's name and address

In the event you do not have one of the above forms of ID, you can sign an affidavit of affirmation that you are the person listed on the election district record.

The deadline to change parties has lapsed, but if you have not yet chosen a party, you have until Election Day to do so.

### REGISTERING TO VOTE

The Primary Election voter registration deadline in Delaware is Saturday, August 17, 2024.

To check or update your voter registration, or to register as a first-time Delaware voter, visit <u>ivote.de.gov</u>.

If you have moved or changed your name since the last election you participated in, you must update your voter registration by August 17, 2024.



## IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING IN DELAWARE'S PRIMARY ELECTION BEGINS WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2024

### **EARLY VOTING**

As of June 28, 2024, the Delaware Supreme Court reversed a decision of the Delaware Superior Court, therefore protecting early in-person voting and permanent absentee voting in 2024.

For Delaware's 2024 Primary Election, the early voting period will be:

- Wednesday, August 28 to Saturday, August 31, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 3, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 4 to Sunday,
   September 8, 7 a.m. 7 p.m.

### FIND YOUR EARLY VOTING LOCATION

To find a polling place near you, visit <a href="ivote.de.gov">ivote.de.gov</a> and enter your address in the polling location search.

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You can vote at ANY early voting location in your county of residence during the early voting timeframe.

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## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To vote absentee you must qualify for one of the reasons listed on the Department of Elections website.

More info and video assistance at <u>bit.ly/de-absentee-voting.</u>

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- 18 years old on or before the date of the next General Election.

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### REQUEST A BALLOT

You can request an absentee ballot by:

- Visiting ivote.de.gov
- Downloading and returning the absentee ballot request form.
- Calling or emailing the Department of Elections to request an application.
- Picking up an application at the <u>Department of</u> Elections.

Note: If your absentee status in iVote is listed as "Indefinite", you have permanent absentee status. You will automatically receive an absentee ballot for all elections for which you are eligible to vote.

The Department of Elections must mail absentee ballots by Friday, September 6. The Department of Elections can issue absentee ballots up to noon on Monday, September 9.

### RETURN YOUR BALLOT

Note: You can review the status of your absentee ballot at ivote.de.gov

Your ballot must be received by the Department of Elections office for your county by 8 pm on Election Day, Tuesday September 10. You can return your ballot by:

- Placing the ballot in the U.S. Mail
- Dropping off the ballot at the <u>Department of</u> <u>Elections office</u> in your county.



For video assistance, visit <a href="mailto:bit.ly/de-absentee-voting">bit.ly/de-absentee-voting</a>

You can vote absentee in-person at your county Department of Elections office between 8:30 am and 4 pm on business days, or between 8:30 am and noon the day before the election. You must bring ID.

You can vote in-person even if you requested an absentee ballot but did not return it. In this case, it is recommended to bring your blank absentee ballot.



DELAWARE VOTERS CAN CAST THEIR BALLOT IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024.

### **ELECTION DAY**

All eligible Delaware voters can cast their ballot in person on Election Day -Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Polls are open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

# To find your Election Day polling place, visit <u>ivote.de.gov</u> OR <u>bit.ly/de-polling-places</u>

Soon after you register to vote, you should also receive a postcard in the mail with your polling place.

### **TIPS**

Here are a few helpful tips:

- If the polls close while you're still in line, stay in line – you have the right to vote.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one, BEFORE pressing "Vote"
- Report voter suppression when you see it by calling the Election Protection Hotline at 866-687-8683 (866-OUR-VOTE)

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For more information on voter registration, visit the Delaware Department of Elections website by going to <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/bit.ly/DE-Voter-Registration">bit.ly/DE-Voter-Registration</a>.



## FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES ELECTIONS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS.

### DISABILITY

Federal law requires elections to be accessible to voters with disabilities. This includes the right to:

- Vote privately and independently.
- Vote in a polling place that is accessible and free of physical barriers.
- Use an accessible voting machine.
- Assistance from a person of your choice except an employer or union representative.
- Assistance at any point as a means of accommodation.

Election Officers and poll workers must make reasonable accommodations as needed to help you vote. If you believe that your polling place is not accessible, you should contact the Department of Elections for your county before the day of the election to make other arrangements to vote.



For video assistance on accessible voting options, visit bit.ly/accessiblevotingde

### LANGUAGE

Under federal law, voters who have difficulty reading or writing English may receive in-person assistance at the polls from the person of their choice except an employer or union representative.

If you have trouble voting due to lack of English fluency, call one of these hotlines:

- Spanish: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA / 1-888-839-8682
- Arabic: 1-844-YALLA-US / 1-844-925-5287
- Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog,
   Vietnamese: 1-888-API-VOTE / 1-888-274-8683

### IF YOU NEED HELP

Individuals with disabilities who encounter issues at their polling places or have questions can contact:

Joann Kingsley (jkingsley@declasi.org)
Voting Rights Advocate
Disabilities Law Program,
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
800-292-7980 or 302-856-2027



### ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINES

Accessible voting machine features:

- Adjustable height for standing or seated voters.
- Connection for sip-and-puff devices.



Voters who are blind or have a visual impairment can:

- Change the screen to display larger text and high contrast.
- Use headphones to listen to ballot text.
- Black out the screen for privacy.
- Adjust the audio volume and speed.
- Use an audio-tactile keypad with Braille legends.
- · Hear a read-back of their selections.

A voter using the ExpressVote XL audio-tactile keypad, listening to the ballot text by wearing headphones.

### FILING AN ACCESSIBILITY COMPLAINT

If you experience a problem with access to voting or any other voting problem covered by Title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) you may file a formal complaint. You must submit your complaint to the Office of the State Election Commissioner or any of the Departments of Elections for the counties.

The complaint must be:

- · In writing.
- · Notarized.
- Signed and sworn by the voter.

If the complaint is originally submitted to the Department of Elections for the county, it will be forwarded to the State Election Commissioner on the same day it is received

If you require assistance filing a complaint, contact Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI) at 800-292-7980 or 302-856-2027 or by email at jkingsley@declasi.org