### Delaware

- **Chief election authority:** Delaware Department of Elections
- **Who runs elections locally:** County Board of Election Commissioners
- **Number of jurisdictions:** 3
- **State website:** [www.elections.delaware.gov](http://www.elections.delaware.gov)

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### VOTING

- **Voter ID for in-person voting:** ID required
- 36 states require ID to vote in person
- **Early in-person voting:** Begins 10 days before Election Day
- 47 states and D.C. allow early in-person voting; national average is 26 days
- **Vote centers:** Used only during early voting
- 30 states and D.C. allow vote centers
- **No-excuse absentee voting:** Not permitted
- 28 states permit no-excuse absentee voting
- **Mails ballots to all registered voters** (aka “mostly mail elections”)
  - **Ballots are not mailed to all registered voters**
  - Eight states and D.C. mail ballots to all registered voters
- **Deadline for absentee/mail ballot return:** Close of polls on Election Day
  - 31 states require ballots returned by Election Day*
- **Laws governing who can return a voted ballot**
  - Not specified
  - 32 states have laws governing ballot collection
- **Ballot drop boxes**
  - Not specified
  - Six states prohibit; 23 states permit; other states are silent
- **Ballot cure process**
  - No ballot cure process offered statewide
  - 30 states and D.C. have a ballot cure process
- **When absentee/mail ballot processing begins**
  - 30 days before Election Day
  - 34 states and D.C. begin processing before Election Day
- **Electronic ballot return**
  - Permitted for UOCAVA voters and voters with disabilities
  - 33 states and D.C. allow for military and overseas voters; 13 states and D.C. allow for voters with disabilities

### OTHER

- **Pre-election audits (logic and accuracy testing)**
  - Uses pre-election audits
  - 47 states and D.C. have pre-election audits
- **Post-election tabulation audits**
  - Uses post-election audits
  - 48 and D.C. states require post-election audits
- **State primary type**
  - Closed
  - Primaries range from fully open to fully closed

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