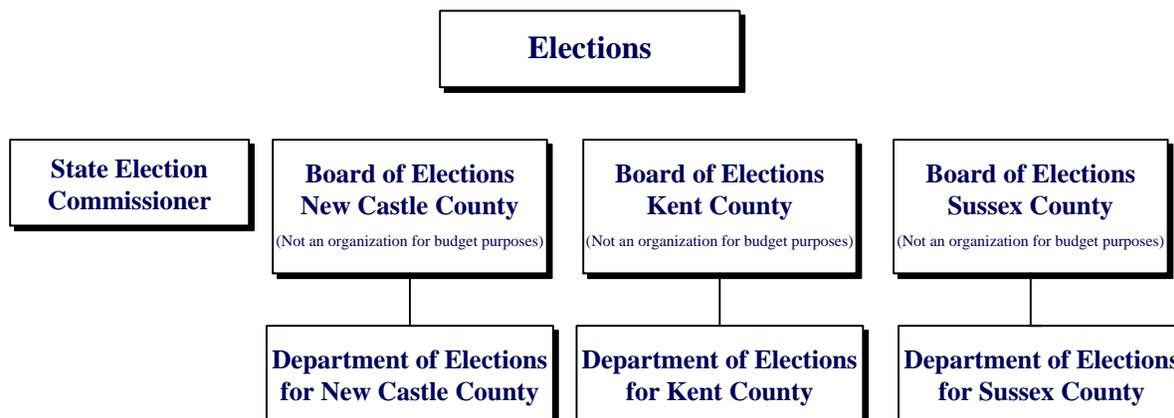


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MISSION

The mission of the Department of Elections is to provide a standardized, secure and accurate election system for the residents of Delaware. The department provides residents with the information access and structure needed to participate, as well as, access to fair and accurate campaign finance reports.

KEY OBJECTIVES

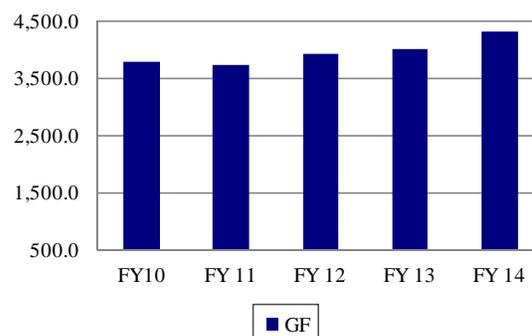
- Ensure the standard administration of Delaware election laws.
- Use technology to improve services to Delaware residents here and abroad.
- Conduct elections for Delaware residents from presidential primaries to school and municipal elections.
- Accurately track and post campaign finance reports.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The department has led the nation in developing the first statewide electronic voting system. Elections have been successfully conducted on all regional levels. In addition, voting machines have audio modules, making them accessible for persons with visual disabilities.

Delaware successfully maintained a statewide voter registration database long before it became a federal mandate.

Five-Year Appropriation History



FUNDING

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	6,459.5	4,315.2	4,349.3
ASF	1.4	--	--
TOTAL	6,460.9	4,315.2	4,349.3

POSITIONS

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	42.0	42.0	42.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	42.0	42.0	42.0

STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER **70-01-01**

MISSION

Coordinate statewide activities and standardize election policies and practices. The office also oversees campaign finance reporting and federal programs, including the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

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KEY OBJECTIVES

- Maintain a statewide voter registration system.
- Coordinate with each county to conduct all mandated elections.
- Educate and assist municipalities in the conduct of their elections.
- Accurately track and post campaign finance reports.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The office provides services to all residents as required by state and federal laws to ensure uniform access to the electoral process.

Delaware has received national recognition for the Electronic Signature project, which uses technology to create a seamless, paperless connection between the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Department of Elections. This same technology is now being utilized by the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and will soon be available to the Department of Labor (DOL), making real-time, electronic submissions the norm for all agencies mandated to process voter registration.

In response to the federal mandate to provide electronic transmission of absentee ballots to military and overseas voters, staff developed its own vendor-free system that will save significant annual maintenance fees.

In accordance with House Bills 300 and 310, enacted by the 146th General Assembly, a new Campaign Finance Information Reporting System will be implemented soon. The new system will be a vast improvement over the current system.

The office participates in Student/Parent Mock Elections, in cooperation with the Departments of Technology and Information, State and Education, as well as The News Journal, the University of Delaware and the League of Women Voters.

As the Chief State Election Official, the Commissioner administers HAVA funding, which mandates federal standards for voting machines, voter registration and access for Delaware voters. These funds have been used to upgrade our voting machines, make polling places accessible and increase the use of technology in all processes.

FUNDING

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	1,060.2	1,184.0	1,192.6
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1,060.2	1,184.0	1,192.6

POSITIONS

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	12.0	12.0	12.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	12.0	12.0	12.0

ACTIVITIES

- Administer the Organized Voter Registrar program, which involves training voter registrars throughout the State.
- Administer HAVA, which sets guidelines for election improvements.
- Collaborate with the Department of Elections in each county to ensure uniformity.
- Maintain the statewide voter registration file.
- Collect and report unofficial results of presidential primaries, state primaries, general and special elections in a timely manner.
- Provide support and assistance to candidates and committees regarding campaign finance laws.
- Work with other state agencies to ensure accuracy regarding the restoration of felon voting rights.
- Implement programs and systems that enable access to information during non-business hours.
- Support municipalities regarding election and campaign finance laws.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
# of candidate committees	1,500	1,300	1,200
# of requests for campaign finance assistance	3,600	2,500	1,800
# of referenda elections	10	10	10
# of school board elections	16	16	16

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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
70-02-01

MISSION

The Department of Elections for New Castle County provides first-class service to residents by registering them to vote and conducting fair and impartial elections.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Provide quality service to all customers.
- Register Delaware residents who apply and are eligible to vote.
- Remove ineligible voters from the list of registered voters.
- Conduct elections in an efficient and impartial manner, as mandated by 14 and 15 Del. C.
- Educate the public regarding the elections process and the use of the State's electronic voting machine.
- Enhance efficiency by streamlining operational procedures.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The department continued to partner with the State Election Commissioner to improve the election process and used technology and staff-initiated innovations to improve efficiency and reduce costs in a challenging fiscal climate.

FUNDING

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	2,938.6	1,597.0	1,610.2
ASF	1.4	--	--
TOTAL	2,940.0	1,597.0	1,610.2

POSITIONS

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	15.0	15.0	15.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	15.0	15.0	15.0

ACTIVITIES

- Register voters.
- Maintain an accurate voter registration database.

- Plan upcoming elections.
- Conduct elections in accordance with state and federal laws.
- Educate department staff and election officers.
- Produce printed materials and resources.
- Engage in public outreach and education initiatives.
- Maintain the election system infrastructure.
- Conduct elections for unions, student governments and other entities.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Voter Registration Transactions

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
New voters	21,908	12,000	22,000
Address changes	24,236	14,000	24,000
Name changes	7,205	5,000	7,000
Party changes	5,617	5,000	5,000

Cancelled Voter Registrations

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
Deceased	3,952	3,500	4,000
Verification programs	13,321	25,000	25,000
Moved out of state	1,646	3,000	3,000
Board actions	8	20	20
Not a citizen	0	20	20

Absentee Ballots

	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2013 Actual*	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
Total ballots issued	6,357	10,874	10,000

**Presidential election year.*

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS FOR KENT COUNTY
70-03-01

MISSION

The Department of Elections for Kent County serves the residents of Kent County and the State of Delaware by operating voter registration programs and conducting all elections in accordance with state and federal laws.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Perform all duties related to conducting an election pursuant to state and federal laws.
- Provide information to the public, candidates and political parties regarding election laws, rules, regulations and registration requirements.
- Conduct all elections mandated by 14 and 15 Del. C. in an efficient, fair and impartial manner.

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- Notify, appoint and train election officers for all elections mandated by 14 and 15 Del. C. to perform uniform and non-partisan elections.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During the past year, the department met filing and voter registration deadlines in a timely and professional manner. The department assisted with municipal election. Six municipalities in Kent County are now using the Voter Registration system pursuant to 15 Del. C. § 7554(b). The department also performed many activities for voter education with the school districts and group functions, such as supplying voting machines, ballots, voter registrars, polling place information, absentee ballot information and promotional items to keep the public aware of the continuing changes in voting practices.

FUNDING

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	1,298.4	852.7	857.8
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1,298.4	852.7	857.8

POSITIONS

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	8.0	8.0	8.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	8.0	8.0	8.0

ACTIVITIES

- Maintain voter registration files, analyze voter registration documents and keep statistical information.
- Maintain a felon database for the prothonotary reports and Criminal Justice Information System.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Voter Registration Transactions

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
New voters	7,800	7,878	8,191
Address change	7,819	7,897	8,292
Name change	2,081	3,000	3,150
Party change	1,781	1,799	1,889

Cancelled Voter Registrations

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
Deceased	1,147	1,158	1,216
Verification programs	249	251	263
Moved out of state	691	697	731

Absentee Ballots

	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2013 Actual*	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
Total voted ballots	2,788	4,478	4,500

*Presidential election year.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS FOR SUSSEX COUNTY

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MISSION

The Department of Elections for Sussex County serves the residents of Sussex County by registering voters and conducting primary, general, special and public school elections in accordance with state and federal laws.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Provide prompt and courteous service to all customers.
- Conduct all elections mandated by 14 and 15 Del. C. in an efficient, fair and impartial manner.
- Register all eligible permanent residents of the State of Delaware who submit a complete and accurate voter registration application.
- Provide mobile registration at scheduled events or at the request of organizations.
- Provide information to the public, candidates and political parties regarding election laws, rules, regulations and registration requirements.
- Educate the public about the use of electronic voting machines and the election process.
- Remove ineligible voters from the voting rolls in accordance with state and federal laws.

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- Enhance the department's productivity through the application of technology and redesign of tasks.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The department continues to manage increasing numbers of new registration, change of address and name applications due to the Motor Voter Act. The act mandates DMV, DHSS and DOL to register eligible residents.

During Fiscal Year 2014, the department will provide for the set up and delivery of voting machines for at least six student government elections, six school district elections and referenda, 26 municipal elections and referenda in Sussex County and the annual Delaware Electric Cooperative Board of Directors election.

FUNDING

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	1,162.3	681.5	688.7
ASF	--	--	--
TOTAL	1,162.3	681.5	688.7

POSITIONS

	FY 2013 ACTUAL	FY 2014 BUDGET	FY 2015 GOV. REC.
GF	7.0	7.0	7.0
ASF	--	--	--
NSF	--	--	--
TOTAL	7.0	7.0	7.0

ACTIVITIES

- Register new voters by mail and mobile registration.
- Process applications received as a result of agency-based registration.
- Maintain voter registration files.
- Conduct school elections and referenda.
- Provide voting machines, training and support for municipal elections and referenda.
- Conduct the primary and general elections in Sussex County.
- Provide voter education.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Voter Registration Transactions

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
New voters	9,562	9,962	9,999
Address change	8,788	9,788	9,899
Name change	1,228	1,328	1,428
Party change	1,908	2,100	2,200

Cancelled Voter Registrations

	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Budget	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
Deceased	1,708	1,351	1,400
Moved out of state	2,049	2,301	2,405
Board action	38	45	55

Absentee Ballots

	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2013 Actual*	FY 2015 Gov. Rec.
Total voted ballots	4,306	7,402	7,500

*Presidential election year.