

Department of Elections FY2023 Budget Public Hearing

November 17, 2021

Achievements

- Acceptance and deployment of new voting equipment
 - Successfully utilized in 2020 Presidential Primary, State Primary, and General Election
- Conversion to new operating system
 - Successful migration to new systems
 - System implementation and extensive team training
 - Strong partnership with DTI/DMV/DHSS
- iVote.de.gov
 - Security enhancements

Achievements

- Enhanced Physical Security at all of office and warehouse locations
- Consolidation of the Department's former county office-based websites
 - Reorganization of consolidated site content
 - Significant enhancement and expansion of site content
- 2020 Elections
 - Successful administration of multiple statewide and local elections amidst COVID-19 pandemic

Achievements

- 2020 Elections (continued)
 - Adaption to changes in operations based on requirements of Executive Order/legislation
 - Scaling up capacity of absentee/vote by mail (when authorized) based on provisions of Order/legislation in short order
 - Automation of absentee/vote by mail operations in an expedited manner
 - Acquired additional office and warehouse space for both our Kent County and Sussex County offices

Voter registration/Voter Turnout

- Continued Growth

- 2021 Registered Voter's as of November 1, 2021 are 751,916. Increase of 12,346 from November 1, 2020.

- Voter Registration List Maintenance

- Enhanced list maintenance activities

- Voter Turnout

- 2020 General Election had highest Voter turnout in history with 68.86% of Registered Voter's casting ballots either by Absentee, Mail or In-Person.

Budgetary Needs

- Statewide

- Early Voting Implementation Costs
 - Dedicated early voting equipment
- New Administrative Specialist Positions (Kent & Sussex County)
- 2022 Primary and General Elections Costs
 - Including implantation to early voting

- New Castle County

- Energy costs
- Potential reformatting of areas of warehouse/training center
- Rent elevator
- Energy

Budgetary Needs (continued)

- Kent County

- Lease for additional office/warehouse space
- New box truck needed

- Sussex County

- Lease for additional office/warehouse space
- Energy costs

Future Considerations:

- Early Voting Implementation
- Background checks for School Board Candidates
- Campaign Finance-Related Updates
 - Provisions of HB 90/SB 176/SB 177

Thank You & Any Questions?

