Delaware Chronology, 1786–1788

1786

21 January–23 February
Virginia issues call for commercial convention to meet at Annapolis.

10 June
House of Assembly appoints committee to consider Virginia’s call for commercial convention.

15–23 June
Legislature elects George Read, Jacob Broom, John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, and Gunning Bedford, Jr. delegates to convention at Annapolis.

11–14 September
Annapolis Convention: Calls for convention to meet in Philadelphia in May 1787.

25 October
House of Assembly receives report of Annapolis Convention.

1787

11 January
Legislature receives Virginia act authorizing election of delegates to convention in Philadelphia in May 1787.

12 January
House of Assembly submits report of Annapolis Convention to committee.

3 February
Legislature elects George Read, Gunning Bedford, Jr., John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, and Jacob Broom delegates to Constitutional Convention.

21 February
Confederation Congress calls Constitutional Convention to meet in Philadelphia in May to amend Articles of Confederation.

25 May–17 September
Constitutional Convention, Philadelphia.

27–31 August
Legislature meets to consider anticipated report of Constitutional Convention.

17 September
Constitutional Convention adjourns sine die.

1 October
Annual legislative election; riots prevent election in Sussex County.

15 October
Election for legislature in Sussex County.

24 October–10 November
Legislative session.

24 October
Constitution read to House of Assembly; committee appointed to report on Constitution.

25 October
Committee reports resolutions calling state convention.

27 October
Legislature passes act altering quorum in House of Assembly.

29 October–7 November
House of Assembly and Legislative Council investigate and void Sussex County election.

9–10 November
Legislature adopts resolutions calling state Convention to meet on 3 December.

10 November
Legislature adopts act altering place of election in Sussex County for year 1787; issues writs for new legislative election in Sussex County; adjourns.

26 November
Delegates elected to state Convention; representatives and councillor elected in Sussex County.

28 November
Sussex County petitions request Delaware Convention to void election of Sussex Convention delegates and to call new election.

3 December
State Convention meets in Dover.

7 December
Convention ratifies Constitution 30 to 0; adjourns sine die.

1788

22 January
Delaware Form of Ratification read to Confederation Congress.

10–24 January
Legislature investigates and validates Sussex County election of representatives and councillor on 26 November 1787.