# Delaware Chronology, 1786–1788

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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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*. |

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| 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. |

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