

New Jersey Chronology, 1786–1788

1786

21 January–23 February

Virginia issues call for commercial convention to meet at Annapolis.

14 March

Legislature receives Virginia's call for commercial convention.

21 March

Legislature elects Abraham Clark, William Churchill Houston, and James Schureman delegates to convention at Annapolis.

11–14 September

Annapolis Convention: Calls for convention to meet in Philadelphia in May 1787.

2 October

New Jersey Gazette prints report of Annapolis Convention.

10 October

Annual legislative election.

23 November

Legislature elects David Brearley, William Paterson, William Churchill Houston, and John Neilson to Constitutional Convention.

1787

21 February

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

18 May


Legislature elects William Livingston and Abraham Clark to Constitutional Convention.

25 May—17 September

Constitutional Convention, Philadelphia.

5 June

Legislature elects Jonathan Dayton to Constitutional Convention.

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Constitutional Convention adjourns sine die.

25 September

Constitution printed in New Brunswick broadside and in Trenton Mercury.

9 October

Annual legislative election.

23 October—7 November

Legislative session.

25 October

Constitution read to Assembly.

26 October

Assembly adopts resolutions calling state Convention.

29 October
Council concurs with Assembly resolutions.

30 October
Assembly authorizes state Convention.

1 November
Council concurs with authorization of state Convention.

7 November
Legislature adjourns.

27 November—1 December
Election of delegates to state Convention.

11–20 December
State Convention meets in Trenton.

18 December
Convention ratifies Constitution 38 to 0.

19 December
Form of Ratification signed.

20 December
Convention adjourns sine die.

1788

9 January
Governor William Livingston sends circular letter to chief executives of other states announcing ratification by New Jersey

1 February
New Jersey Form of Ratification delivered to Confederation Congress.

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