

## Ballot Questions Tally

12-03-2007

## For November 2007 General Election

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1****DEDICATES ANNUAL REVENUE OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO A TAX RATE OF 1% UNDER THE STATE SALES TAX FOR PROPERTY TAX REFORM**

Do you approve the amendment of Article VIII, Section I of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, to provide for the annual dedication and annual appropriation of an amount equal to the annual revenue derived from a tax rate of 1% imposed under the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax, exclusively for the purpose of property tax reform, through a special Property Tax Reform Account established in the constitutionally dedicated Property Tax Relief Fund?

**Interpretive Statement**

This constitutional amendment provides that an amount equal to the annual revenue derived from a tax rate of 1% imposed under the New Jersey Sales and Use Tax Act shall be annually dedicated in a special account in the Property Tax Relief Fund and annually appropriated for property tax reform.

<b>County</b>	<b>Yes Count</b>	<b>No Count</b>
Atlantic	20,423	31,321
Bergen	67,115	69,402
Burlington	45,912	36,395
Camden	44,927	29,490
Cape May	10,521	15,399
Cumberland	8,594	12,346
Essex	34,353	29,232
Gloucester	30,465	20,419
Hudson	17,412	12,968
Hunterdon	11,359	17,914
Mercer	34,228	28,458
Middlesex	48,902	55,815
Monmouth	52,529	71,052
Morris	35,254	54,595
Ocean	43,667	70,086
Passaic	21,798	23,810
Salem	10,183	7,153
Somerset	23,709	34,771
Sussex	13,339	19,010
Union	26,559	30,740
Warren	8,658	11,638
<b>Total</b>	<b>609,907</b>	<b>682,014</b>

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**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 2****STEM CELL RESEARCH BOND ISSUE**

Shall the "New Jersey Stem Cell Research Bond Act," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$450 million for grants to fund "stem cell research projects," as defined in the act, at institutions of higher education and other entities in the State conducting scientific and medical research, and providing the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, provided that recurring revenues of the State are certified by the State Treasurer to be available in an amount equal to the sum necessary to satisfy the annual debt service obligations related to such bonds, be approved?

**Interpretive Statement**

Approval of this act would authorize the sale of \$450 million in State general obligation bonds to provide grants for stem cell, scientific, and medical research, as defined in the act, at institutions of higher education and other nonprofit and for profit entities in the State conducting scientific and medical research, provided that recurring revenues of the State are certified by the State Treasurer to be available in an amount equal to the sum necessary to satisfy the annual debt service obligations related to such bonds. Grants would be awarded by the Commission on Science and Technology, subject to evaluation by an independent research review panel composed of experts in stem cell and related research and by an independent ethics review panel. If a grant recipient realizes a financial gain or benefit directly associated with the research funded by its grant, the act requires the recipient to make payments to the State in an amount representing a reasonable return on the State's investment, as determined by the State Treasurer. The purpose of providing these funds is to promote research that could benefit State residents afflicted with diseases and severe injuries such as Alzheimer's disease, cancer, diabetes, Lou Gehrig's disease, Parkinson's disease, sickle cell anemia and spinal cord injuries.

<b>County</b>	<b>Yes Count</b>	<b>No Count</b>
Atlantic	20,355	32,523
Bergen	77,712	64,299
Burlington	40,989	41,167
Camden	40,746	35,181
Cape May	10,056	16,179
Cumberland	7,327	13,883
Essex	40,753	26,332
Gloucester	23,271	26,699
Hudson	21,695	11,068
Hunterdon	11,516	18,260
Mercer	34,497	30,144
Middlesex	51,553	55,537
Monmouth	55,462	70,629
Morris	40,553	51,124
Ocean	39,848	72,692
Passaic	23,121	23,791
Salem	7,321	9,985
Somerset	26,023	33,524
Sussex	12,141	20,391
Union	30,532	29,655
Warren	7,254	13,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>622,725</b>	<b>696,068</b>

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**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 3****GREEN ACRES, FARMLAND, BLUE ACRES, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOND ACT OF 2007**

Shall the "Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$200 million to provide moneys for (1) the acquisition and development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, (2) the preservation of farmland for agricultural or horticultural use and production, (3) the acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties in the floodways of the Delaware River, Passaic River, and Raritan River, and their tributaries, that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, and (4) funding historic preservation projects; and providing the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, be approved?

**Interpretive Statement**

Approval of this act would authorize \$200 million in funding for Green Acres, farmland, Blue Acres, and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds. The Green Acres program preserves open space, including parks, fish and wildlife habitat, flood prone or affected areas, and lands that protect water supplies. It also funds park improvements and facilities. Of the total sum authorized: (1) \$109 million will be used for Green Acres; (2) \$73 million will be used for farmland preservation purposes; (3) \$12 million will be used to fund a new "Blue Acres" program by which the State may purchase from willing sellers, for open space preservation purposes, properties in the Delaware River, Passaic River, and Raritan River basin floodways that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage; and (4) \$6 million will be used for historic preservation purposes.

<b>County</b>	<b>Yes Count</b>	<b>No Count</b>
Atlantic	23,598	28,401
Bergen	77,848	59,288
Burlington	49,805	32,423
Camden	47,974	27,044
Cape May	12,728	13,256
Cumberland	10,430	10,564
Essex	39,202	25,089
Gloucester	32,588	18,412
Hudson	19,838	10,790
Hunterdon	14,568	15,162
Mercer	38,107	25,564
Middlesex	55,396	49,507
Monmouth	64,976	59,531
Morris	44,540	46,049
Ocean	49,920	63,200
Passaic	24,805	21,171
Salem	10,906	6,482
Somerset	29,530	29,361
Sussex	15,076	17,393
Union	31,169	27,135
Warren	9,455	10,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>702,459</b>	<b>596,522</b>

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**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 4****CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR CERTAIN PERSONS**

Shall the amendment of Article II, Section I, paragraph 6 of the Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, revising the current constitutional language concerning denial of the right to vote by deleting the phrase "idiot or insane person" and providing instead that a "person who has been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting" shall not enjoy the right of suffrage, be adopted?

**Interpretive Statement**

Approval of this amendment concerning the denial of the right to vote would delete the phrase "idiot or insane person" and replace that phrase with "person who has been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting" in describing those persons who shall be denied the right to vote. The phrase "idiot or insane person" is outdated, vague, offensive to many, and may be subject to misinterpretation. This constitutional amendment acknowledges that individuals with cognitive or emotional disabilities may otherwise be capable of making decisions in the voting booth and that their right of self-determination should be respected and protected in this regard. The amendment only denies the right of suffrage to those individuals determined by a court, on a case-by-case basis, to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting.

<b>County</b>	<b>Yes Count</b>	<b>No Count</b>
Atlantic	26,864	24,370
Bergen	83,639	51,054
Burlington	51,660	29,362
Camden	49,837	24,295
Cape May	14,190	10,959
Cumberland	9,956	10,549
Essex	43,249	20,233
Gloucester	31,548	18,091
Hudson	19,013	10,252
Hunterdon	15,652	13,538
Mercer	41,211	21,395
Middlesex	59,957	43,627
Monmouth	72,256	50,777
Morris	53,286	36,272
Ocean	57,812	53,099
Passaic	27,013	18,204
Salem	10,832	6,435
Somerset	34,000	24,293
Sussex	19,195	13,162
Union	34,108	22,803
Warren	10,645	9,159
<b>Total</b>	<b>765,923</b>	<b>511,929</b>