

## Ballot Questions Tally

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## For November 2003 General Election

**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 2****CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO EXPAND  
USES OF DEDICATED TAX REVENUE TO FUND  
HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE CLEANUPS**

Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, expanding the authorized uses of the constitutionally dedicated Corporation Business Tax revenue, to include funding the costs of the remediation of hazardous discharges, and funding the costs of a State underground storage tank inspection program, be approved?

**Interpretive Statement**

Approval of this constitutional amendment would expand the authorized uses of the constitutionally dedicated portion of the Corporation Business Tax revenues to allow funding, including the provision of loans or grants, for the costs of remediation of discharges of hazardous substances. Since 1996, 4% of the annual revenue from the Corporation Business Tax has been constitutionally dedicated, with a minimum of one-half allocated for hazardous discharge cleanup performed by the State, a minimum of one sixth or a minimum of \$5 million allocated for water quality projects and, until December 31, 2008, a minimum of one third allocated for funding loans or grants for underground storage tank upgrades, replacements, closures and remediations. This constitutional amendment would, without increasing taxes, expand the authorized uses of the one third dedicated to underground storage tank projects, to allow that portion to be used also for funding loans or grants to remediate hazardous substance discharges, and for the use of up to \$2 million per year for an underground storage tank inspection program, and, by removing the December 31, 2008 expiration date, would continue its allocation for those purposes.

<b>County</b>	<b>Yes Count</b>	<b>No Count</b>
Atlantic	22,927	15,853
Bergen	83,353	47,409
Burlington	44,420	27,594
Camden	41,028	25,528
Cape May	11,781	8,065
Cumberland	8,923	7,247
Essex	29,207	13,578
Gloucester	30,028	20,382
Hudson	18,643	11,643
Hunterdon	13,452	8,924
Mercer	34,644	17,124
Middlesex	59,076	39,799
Monmouth	61,720	41,714
Morris	45,129	26,771
Ocean	57,182	40,870
Passaic	26,424	17,308
Salem	10,170	7,987
Somerset	29,803	18,168
Sussex	15,099	9,475
Union	30,444	18,525
Warren	11,160	8,479
<b>Total</b>	<b>684,613</b>	<b>432,443</b>