

Ballot Questions Tally

12-16-2005

For November 2005 General Election

PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Shall the amendment of Articles II, IV, V and XI of the Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, establishing the office of Lieutenant Governor, and providing for the term, election, succession, salary, qualifications, and duties of the office, and for an interim succession to be employed in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Governor before the election of the first Lieutenant Governor, be adopted?

Interpretive Statement

Approval of this amendment would establish the office of Lieutenant Governor. Candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor would be elected as joint candidates in the general election. The Lieutenant Governor would serve as acting Governor during brief periods when the Governor is absent from the State or unable to serve and would become Governor in the event of a vacancy in the office of Governor. The Lieutenant Governor would perform other duties as assigned by the Governor or by law. The first Lieutenant Governor would be elected at the general election held in 2009. In the event of a permanent vacancy in the office of the Governor occurring before the inauguration date of the first Lieutenant Governor, the President of the Senate, followed by the Speaker of the General Assembly, would become Governor, rather than acting Governor. A vacancy would be created in the Legislature if the Senate President or Assembly Speaker becomes Governor, to be filled in the manner currently provided by the Constitution.

<u>County</u>	<u>Yes Count</u>	<u>No Count</u>
Atlantic	25,095	23,235
Bergen	89,207	75,930
Burlington	59,845	35,603
Camden	49,764	32,005
Cape May	14,422	11,524
Cumberland	11,742	7,810
Essex	38,593	23,478
Gloucester	35,463	22,825
Hudson	24,610	13,407
Hunterdon	15,459	16,940
Mercer	46,867	33,246
Middlesex	68,489	54,148
Monmouth	70,549	62,470
Morris	66,016	53,443
Ocean	66,966	64,070
Passaic	28,062	25,053
Salem	12,154	8,054
Somerset	38,597	31,411
Sussex	23,870	17,859
Union	36,175	27,506
Warren	14,189	15,316
Total	836,134	655,333