

Ballot Questions Tally

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For November 2010 General Election

PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO DEDICATE ASSESSMENTS ON WAGES BY THE STATE TO THE PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section II of the State Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, which: prohibits collection by the State of assessments based solely on employee wages and salaries for any purpose other than providing employee benefits; dedicates all employer and employee contributions collected for any employee benefit fund, and all returns on investments of those contributions, to the purpose of that fund; and prohibits any transferring, borrowing, appropriating or using of those contributions or returns for any other purpose, be approved?

Interpretive Statement

This proposed constitutional amendment prohibits the collection by the State of assessments based on employee wages and salaries for any purpose except paying employee benefits (or making other employee-authorized or federally required payments, in the case of the State's own employees), dedicates all contributions made to the unemployment compensation fund, the State disability benefits fund, or any other employee benefit fund, and all returns on investments of those contributions, to the purpose of that fund, and prohibits the use of those contributions or returns for any other purpose. The requirements of this proposed amendment do not apply to the gross income tax, which is exclusively dedicated by the Constitution to the purpose of reducing or offsetting local property taxes.

County	Yes Count	No Count
Atlantic	39,909	11,941
Bergen	119,425	30,562
Burlington	77,778	19,631
Camden	75,231	20,509
Cape May	18,238	4,888
Cumberland	16,550	4,413
Essex	71,350	16,307
Gloucester	47,661	13,604
Hudson	31,275	8,871
Hunterdon	27,314	6,353
Mercer	62,914	14,582
Middlesex	85,763	20,710
Monmouth	112,840	23,743
Morris	87,903	19,160
Ocean	109,839	24,903
Passaic	47,346	11,027
Salem	14,734	4,845
Somerset	51,452	12,591
Sussex	31,696	7,622
Union	51,038	13,020
Warren	17,700	4,604
Total	1,197,956	293,886