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Public Question Results
For 11/03/2020--GENERAL ELECTION

Public Question NO. 3

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING SCHEDULE IF CENSUS DATA IS DELAYED

DO YOU APPROVE AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO CHANGE WHEN NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS ARE CREATED IF THE FEDERAL CENSUS DATA IS DELAYED? THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS DELAYED CENSUS DATA COLLECTION. IF NEW JERSEY DOES NOT RECEIVE THE CENSUS DATA IN A TIMELY MANNER, NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS MAY NOT BE READY IN TIME FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN THE YEAR ENDING IN ONE. THIS CHANGE TO THE REDISTRICTING SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW LEGISLATORS TO BE ELECTED THAT YEAR FROM THEIR EXISTING DISTRICTS FOR THEIR TWO-YEAR TERM IN OFFICE. THE NEW DISTRICTS WILL BE USED STARTING WITH THE NEXT SCHEDULED GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Interpretive Statement

THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CHANGES WHEN NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS ARE CREATED IF THE FEDERAL CENSUS DATA IS DELAYED. THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION REQUIRES THAT A CENSUS BE TAKEN EVERY TEN YEARS TO COUNT THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY. CENSUS DATA IS THEN USED TO CREATE NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS TO ENSURE RESIDENTS HAVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS DELAYED CENSUS DATA COLLECTION. THIS MAY DELAY CENSUS DATA TO THE STATES AND MAY AFFECT THE CREATION OF NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS. THE STATE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES AN APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION TO CREATE NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS EVERY TEN YEARS AFTER THE FEDERAL CENSUS IS COMPLETED. IF THE CENSUS DATA IS DELAYED, THE NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS MAY NOT BE CREATED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO HOLD ELECTIONS.

County	Yes Count	No Count
ATLANTIC	61,246	54,943
BERGEN	161,398	117,933
BURLINGTON	142,763	98,582
CAMDEN	139,840	79,191
CAPE MAY	27,246	25,156
CUMBERLAND	27,378	23,995
ESSEX	205,104	94,533
GLOUCESTER	84,109	70,592
HUDSON	140,821	62,952
HUNTERDON	40,704	37,922
MERCER	100,041	58,182
MIDDLESEX	195,276	138,779
MONMOUTH	178,387	173,298
MORRIS	151,147	119,864
OCEAN	140,964	157,008
PASSAIC	118,688	79,132
SALEM	15,003	16,368
SOMERSET	100,805	72,136
SUSSEX	43,358	38,809
UNION	124,254	76,059
WARREN	26,557	29,914
Total	2,225,089	1,625,348