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PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1

**CREATES THE NEW JERSEY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Shall the amendment of Article II of the Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, making permanent provision for the creation of a New Jersey Redistricting Commission to establish Congressional districts, be adopted?

**INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT**

Adoption of this amendment would make permanent provision for the appointment at the beginning of each decade of a bipartisan New Jersey Redistricting Commission to redraw Congressional districts for that decade. A temporary New Jersey Redistricting Commission was established in 1991 to create the Congressional districts for the 1990s.

COUNTIES	YES	NO		YES	NO
Atlantic .....	23,477	15,752	Mercer .....	33,581	22,721
Bergen .....	77,997	57,651	Middlesex ..	52,309	45,628
Burlington .....	32,333	23,842	Monmouth .	54,468	40,373
Camden .....	40,545	33,344	Morris .....	40,421	28,633
Cape May .....	12,340	8,966	Ocean .....	36,684	28,803
Cumberland ....	8,277	9,239	Passaic .....	22,967	19,323
Essex .....	34,650	25,462	Salem .....	6,231	6,954
Gloucester .....	22,078	28,445	Somerset ....	25,762	17,327
Hudson .....	26,824	21,158	Sussex .....	10,138	10,491
Hunterdon .....	11,055	7,961	Union .....	31,546	28,759
			Warren .....	8,842	8,970
SUB TOTAL	289,576	231,820	SUB TOTAL	322,949	257,982
			GRAND TOTAL	612,525	489,802

PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 2

**DEDICATION OF CERTAIN EXISTING MOTOR  
FUELS TAXES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION  
SYSTEM IN THIS STATE**

Shall the amendment to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, agreed to by the Legislature, to dedicate an additional annual amount of the existing motor fuels tax to a special account in the General Fund available only for the funding of the State transportation system, subject to laws enacted on or before December 6, 1984 dedicating any of this amount for debt service on bonds of the State or other uses, from an amount equivalent to the revenue derived from \$0.025 per gallon of the existing tax imposed on motor fuels to an amount equivalent to \$0.07 per gallon of that existing tax for the first two State fiscal years after approval of the amendment, and to an amount equivalent to \$0.08 per gallon of that existing tax for the third State fiscal year after approval of the amendment, and to an amount equivalent to \$0.09 per gallon of that existing tax for the fourth State fiscal year after approval of the amendment and thereafter, and to make the provisions of this constitutional dedication permanent by deleting the current expiration date which is the year 2001, be approved?

**INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT**

This constitutional amendment does not increase the state motor fuels tax, but requires the State to dedicate an additional portion of the existing tax for the funding of the State transportation system through the Transportation Trust Fund. The current dedication is 2.5 cents per gallon. If this proposed constitutional amendment is approved, the total dedication would reach 9 cents per gallon over a four year period. Further, the constitutional dedication of the motor fuels tax revenue would be made permanent and would provide a stable source of funding for the Transportation Trust Fund.

<u>COUNTIES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Atlantic .....	26,592	13,731	Mercer .....	36,909	21,022
Bergen .....	88,591	52,976	Middlesex ..	56,634	39,028
Burlington .....	37,554	20,761	Monmouth .	53,381	40,187
Camden .....	49,451	27,609	Morris .....	46,584	24,917
Cape May .....	13,796	7,992	Ocean .....	47,212	36,192
Cumberland ....	9,825	8,132	Passaic .....	26,532	17,328
Essex .....	39,522	22,767	Salem .....	7,543	6,059
Gloucester .....	29,237	22,206	Somerset ....	27,266	16,445
Hudson .....	31,019	18,765	Sussex .....	13,453	7,889
Hunterdon .....	12,403	7,222	Union .....	40,105	22,887
			Warren .....	9,759	8,546
SUB TOTAL	337,990	202,161	SUB TOTAL	365,378	240,500
			GRAND TOTAL	703,368	442,661

PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 3

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING  
LAWS, RULES OR REGULATIONS WHICH PROVIDE FOR NEW OR  
EXPANDED PROGRAMS OR SERVICES  
BY SCHOOL BOARDS, COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES

Shall the amendment of Article VIII, Section II of the State Constitution, agreed to by the Legislature, which:

(1) prospectively prohibits the Legislative and Executive Branches from imposing unfunded mandates; (2) establishes a Council on Local Mandates to determine whether an unfunded mandate has been imposed; (3) nullifies any such mandates determined to be unfunded; and (4) makes six specific limited exceptions, be approved?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

This amendment is intended to prevent the Legislative and Executive branches of State government from forcing local governments and boards of education to implement many new or expanded programs, unless those programs are accompanied by the means to pay for them. It would do this by providing that laws, rules and regulations would cease to exist if those laws, rules or regulations are determined to be unfunded mandates imposed on boards of education, counties and municipalities. The amendment creates a bipartisan Council on Local Mandates that would determine whether a State law, rule or regulation imposes an unfunded mandate on local governments. Any law, rule or regulation which is declared to be an unfunded mandate by the Council would cease to exist and expire. The decisions of the Council shall be final and not subject to judicial review. The amendment would not apply to (1) federally required mandates or entitlement eligibility standards, (2) mandates equally imposed on the public and private sector, (3) reducing mandates or shifting of mandates among boards of education, municipalities or counties that were not previously the responsibility of the State government, (4) mandates that address the failure to comply with previously enacted laws, rules or regulations, (5) mandates that implement provisions of the State Constitution, and (6) mandates imposed by laws passed by 3/4 majority vote of both houses of the Legislature after a public hearing at which a fiscal analysis is available.

COUNTIES	YES	NO		YES	NO
Atlantic .....	28,435	11,624	Mercer .....	37,108	18,860
Bergen .....	92,017	47,080	Middlesex ..	59,856	39,009
Burlington .....	37,855	19,443	Monmouth .	61,982	34,237
Camden .....	46,481	27,062	Morris .....	49,310	20,253
Cape May .....	14,457	7,119	Ocean .....	52,571	29,234
Cumberland ....	11,139	6,761	Passaic .....	28,790	14,057
Essex .....	38,092	21,303	Salem .....	8,272	5,176
Gloucester .....	29,519	21,194	Somerset ....	28,029	16,369
Hudson .....	28,563	16,700	Sussex .....	14,116	6,919
Hunterdon .....	13,357	5,985	Union .....	39,295	21,162
			Warren .....	11,887	6,079
SUB TOTAL	339,915	184,271	SUB TOTAL	391,216	211,355
			GRAND TOTAL	731,131	395,626

PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 4

**GREEN ACRES, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION, AND BLUE ACRES  
BOND ISSUE**

Shall the "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$340,000,000 to provide moneys for (1) acquiring and developing lands for recreation and conservation purposes, (2) acquiring farmland development easements and funding farmland soil and water conservation projects, (3) funding historic preservation projects, (4) acquiring, for recreation and conservation purposes, coastal properties that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, and (5) acquiring, for recreation and conservation purposes, properties in the floodway of the Passaic river and its tributaries that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage; and providing the way 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 will authorize the sale of \$340 million in State general obligation bonds to be used for acquiring and developing lands for recreation and conservation purposes, purchasing farmland development easements and funding farmland soil and water conservation projects, and funding historic preservation projects and coastal and inland "Blue Acres" projects. Of the total sum authorized: (1) \$250 million will be used for acquiring and developing lands for public recreation and conservation purposes; (2) \$50 million will be used for farmland preservation purposes and for farmland soil and water conservation projects; (3) \$10 million will be used for historic preservation purposes; (4) \$15 million will be used to fund a new "coastal Blue Acres" bond program that will provide grants and low-interest loans to local governments to purchase from willing sellers, for recreation and conservation purposes, coastal properties that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage; and (5) \$15 million will be used to fund a new "inland Blue Acres" bond program by which the State may purchase from willing sellers, for recreation and conservation purposes, properties in the Passaic river basin floodway that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage.

COUNTIES	YES	NO		YES	NO
Atlantic .....	25,710	13,765	Mercer .....	39,103	15,692
Bergen .....	102,039	40,938	Middlesex ..	64,339	33,490
Burlington .....	40,470	17,409	Monmouth .	67,064	30,647
Camden .....	46,318	22,869	Morris .....	49,579	21,002
Cape May .....	13,952	7,395	Ocean .....	54,763	28,551
Cumberland ....	10,134	7,889	Passaic .....	27,549	13,224
Essex .....	42,244	16,515	Salem .....	7,802	5,778
Gloucester .....	34,474	15,940	Somerset ....	30,881	14,038
Hudson .....	29,004	13,534	Sussex .....	14,160	7,204
Hunterdon .....	14,220	5,669	Union .....	41,319	20,117
			Warren .....	11,674	6,722
SUB TOTAL	358,565	161,923	SUB TOTAL	408,233	196,465
			GRAND TOTAL	766,798	358,388