



2014 SELECTED NEW JERSEY ELECTION RESULTS

Voters in New Jersey went to the polls on Tuesday to elect representatives to the United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, local County Boards of Chosen Freeholders, Municipal Offices, School Boards and to determine two ballot questions.

US Senate

In the race for US Senate incumbent Cory Booker defeated Jeff Bell to retain the seat in Washington and in January will begin his first full term.

Office	Democrat	%	Republican	%
US Senate	Booker	56%	Bell	42%

US House of Representatives

Voters maintained the even split of Democrats and Republicans in New Jersey's Congressional Delegation on Tuesday. All nine incumbent House members were successful in their bids for re-election. Democratic State Senator Donald Norcross, Democratic Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson-Coleman, and Republican businessman Tom MacArthur were elected by wide margins to three open-seat races.

Office	Democrat	%	Republican	%
US House of Representatives				
1	Norcross	57%	Cobb	40%
2	Hughes, Jr.	37%	LoBiondo (I)	62%
3	Belgard	44%	MacArthur	55%
4	Scolavino	30%	Smith (I)	69%
5	Cho	43%	Garrett (I)	56%
6	Pallone (I)	62%	Wilkinson	37%
7	Kovach	39%	Lance (I)	59%
8	Sires (I)	77%	Tiscornia	19%
9	Pascrell (I)	68%	Paul	30%
10	Payne, Jr. (I)	85%	Dentley	13%
11	Dunec	37%	Frelinghuysen (I)	63%
12	Watson-Coleman	61%	Eck	37%

Election Impacts on the State Legislature

State Senator Norcross will be sworn in to fill the unexpired House term of former-Congressman Rob Andrews immediately after the votes are certified by the New Jersey Secretary of State. With the Veterans Day holiday next Tuesday, this certification is expected to take place either Monday or Wednesday and Norcross will be sworn in Wednesday or Thursday when the House returns to session.

In the 12th Legislative District, Assemblywoman Watson-Coleman is filling the seat of retiring Democratic Congressman Rush Holt and will be sworn in January. Although the schedule hasn't been posted the House is slated to return on January 3rd so the swearing in for the entire House should be on or close to that date. MacArthur will also take office in January and replaces retiring Republican 3rd District Congressman Jon Runyan.

The vacancies in the New Jersey Legislature left by Norcross and Watson-Coleman must be filled by the respective County Committees within 35 days of those legislators official resignation. Therefore the County Committees in the 5th Legislative District will select someone to fill Norcross's unexpired by the first week of December. Likewise the County Committee for the 15th Legislative District is expected to meet prior to the end of January and could meet earlier depending on when Assemblywoman Watson-Coleman submits her official resignation.

Around the State

A number of key local races were decided on Tuesday. In New Jersey's most populous county, incumbent Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan was defeated in a hard fought campaign by Freeholder James Tedesco in one of the most closely watched contests in the State and one that is being characterized as an upset win for Democrats. In Burlington County, Republicans retained control of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and in Somerset County both Republican candidates won giving that party a 5-0 lock on its Board of Chosen Freeholders. Voters in Union County selected Assemblyman Joe Cryan to be the next Union County Sheriff and the incumbent Freeholders easily won re-election. Cryan, who has served in the General Assembly since 2002, will resign from his 20th District Assembly seat. The Union County Democratic Committee will select his replacement within 35 days of his resignation. In Hudson County the entire Democratic ticket cruised to victory. In Essex County, County Executive Joe DiVincenzo won reelection to a fourth term and Democrats swept all nine Freeholder seats.

Ballot Questions

Voters approved two ballot questions on Bail Reform and Open Space. New Jersey voters approved the proposal to amend the state constitution allowing judges to deny

pre-trial release to some defendants charged with serious crimes. Voters also approved the constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the Corporate Business Tax to open space preservation.

In the cities of Montclair and Trenton, voters approved local ballot questions adopting ordinances mandating Earned Sick Leave for employees within those communities. In Montclair, the measure passed with over 74% of the vote and in Trenton the initiative passed with 85% of the vote. These municipalities join six other towns that have passed similar ordinances.

National Implications

The results of yesterday's National elections for US Senate, House of Representative and various Governors have implications here in New Jersey. Governor Christie's influence as President of Republican Governor's Association helped to propel several key Republican Gubernatorial candidates to victory. As reported by Politico:

Chris Christie on Wednesday celebrated major Republican gubernatorial victories across the country, highlighting GOP pick-ups in states favorable to Democrats. "I love that map this morning," the New Jersey governor and Republican Governors Association chairman said on Fox News. "It looks absolutely fabulous." Christie argued the political geography wasn't as friendly to Republicans in gubernatorial races and he cheered GOP victories in blue states, including for Bruce Rauner in Illinois, Larry Hogan in Maryland and Charlie Baker in Massachusetts. Christie, himself a governor from deep-blue New Jersey, said the gains in Democratic strongholds were particularly satisfying. "If a blue-state governor like me is chairman of the RGA, I work to make the decisions to spend money in states like that and we get victories, that's a great day," he said on NBC's "Today."

Republican control of the United States Senate will reverberate in New Jersey including with senior Senator Robert Menendez who will lose his Chairmanship of the powerful Foreign Relations Committee. Any changes in the Democratic leadership in the House and Senate could likewise be felt at home.