

New Jersey 2009 Primary Election Information

New Jersey's June 2 Primary Election is more than the Republican primary contest for Governor. Governor Corzine has three challengers in the Democratic Primary; a special Senate Republican primary race takes place in District 23 (Warren and part of Hunterdon Counties); and there are contests for General Assembly in 21 of the 40 Districts as well as local and county elections.

Check out the details.

The Nomination for Governor

The Republican primary has three candidates:

Chris Christie, running under a different slogan in each county connecting him with the Republican organization.

Steven Lonegan, running as "Conservative Republican Putting Taxpayers First," except in Passaic County where he is running as "Republican Organization, Inc."

Rick Merkt, running as "The Only Republican With State Experience" except in Sussex County where he is listed as "Regular Republican Organization."

The Democratic primary has four candidates:

Jon Corzine (incumbent), running under a slogan in each county connected with the Democratic organization.

Roger Bacon, running as "A Veteran for Accountability in Trenton."

Carl Bergmanson, running with the slogan, "Restore Democracy And Fiscal Responsibility."

Jeff Boss, running with the slogan, "No Tolls, Lower Taxes, Free College."

Special Senate Election, District 23 (part of Hunterdon and all of Warren County)

Republican primary:

Marcia Karrow (incumbent), running as "Regular Republican Organization" in both counties.

Michael Doherty, running as "Conservative Republican Putting Taxpayers First" in Hunterdon and "Republican Organization" in Warren County.

General Assembly Contests

Districts With Primary Contests:

The following 21 districts have contests. Democrats are the incumbents in 13 of them and Republicans are the incumbents in the other 8.

Districts: 1D, 3D, 4D, 5D, 10R, 14D, 16R, 21R, 22D, 23R, 25R, 26R, 27D, 28D, 29D, 30R, 30R, 31D, 34D, 35D, 37D, 40R.

Information listed by District and Party

1D (Cape May and parts of Atlantic and Cumberland Counties)

Republican primary. Three candidates, two running with party endorsement (Michael Donahue and Frank Conrad) and one candidate (Robert Schaefer) running as "Conservative Republican Putting Taxpayers First (CRPTF) slogan.

3D (Salem and parts of Cumberland and Gloucester Counties)

Republican Primary. Four candidates, two running with party endorsement (Arthur Marchand and Geroge Shivery), one "CRPTF" candidate (Robert Villare) and one as "Traditional Middle-Class Republican (Lee Lucas)." All four candidates in Gloucester County are running as Regular Organization Republican.

4D (Parts of Camden and Gloucester Counties)

Contest in both parties. In Republican primary, two candidates running with party endorsement (Eugene Lawrence and Domenick DiCicco) and one as "CRPTF" candidate (Andrew Savicky). In Democratic primary, one incumbent (Paul Moriarty), one organization nominee (William Collins) and one candidate (John Caramanna) running as "Democratic Affiliation."

5D (Parts of Camden and Gloucester Counties)

Democratic primary. One incumbent (Joe Roberts), one organization nominee (Angel Fuentes) and one candidate running as "Democratic Affiliation (Albert DiSalvio)."

10R (Parts of Monmouth and Ocean Counties)

Republican primary. Two incumbents (David Wolfe and Jim Holzapfel) challenged by two CRPTF candidates (Donato Lombardi, Jr. and Vincent Ferretti).

14R (Parts of Mercer and Middlesex Counties)

Republican primary. Three candidates, two (Rob Calabro and William Harvey, Jr.) are running in Mercer under "Regular Organization Republican" slogan and in Middlesex as "Regular Republican." One candidate, (Brian Hackett), is running in Middlesex as "Middlesex County Republican Organization" and in Mercer as "Republican for Middlesex and Mercer."

16R (Parts of Morris and Somerset Counties)

Republican primary. Two incumbents (Peter Biondi and Denise Coyle) challenged by two "CRPTF" candidates (John Piorier and Robert Leustek).

21R (Parts of Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union Counties)

Republican primary. Two incumbents Jon Bramnick and Nancy Munoz), one candidate running as “Republican for Lower Taxes (Bruce Meringolo).” and one candidate running as “Regular Republican Organization (George Vitureira).”

22D (Parts of Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties)

Democratic primary. Two incumbents (Jerry Green and Linda Stender) challenged by one candidate (Rick Smiley) running as “New Democrat of Plainfield.”

23R (Warren and part of Hunterdon Counties)

Republican primary. One incumbent (John DiMaio), one organization nominee (Erik Peterson), and one candidate running both as “CRPTF.” and “Warren County Republican Organization (Edward Smith).”

25R (Part of Morris County)

Republican primary. One incumbent (Michael Patrick Carroll) and two challengers as “Regular Republican Organization (Anthony Bucco and Douglas Cabana.”

26R (Parts of Morris and Passaic Counties)

Republican primary. Two incumbents (Alex DeCroce and Jay Webber), and one candidate running both as “CRPTF” and Passaic County Republican Organization (Luciano Signorino).”

27D (Part of Essex County)

Democratic primary. Two incumbents John McKeon and Mila Jasey), and one candidate running as “Improving Education (Jermaine Rankin).”

28D (Part of Essex County)

Democratic primary. Two incumbents (Cleopatra Tucker and Ralph Caputo) and three challengers – two running as “Essex County Democrats for Change (Craig Stanley and Shelly Bell) ” and one as “Commitment to A Positive Change (Seth Nwosu).”

29D (Parts of Essex and Union Counties)

Democratic primary. Two incumbents (Grace Spencer and Alberto Coutinho) and one challenger running as “Democrat for Newark Andre Reames).”

30R (Parts of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties)

Republican primary. Two incumbents (Joseph Malone and Ronald Dancer) and one challenger running as “Cut Taxes in (Avi Solomon).”

31D (Part of Hudson County)

Democratic primary. One incumbent (Anthony Chiappone), one organization-endorsed candidate (Charles Mainor) and two candidates running as “Change to Believe In (Ronnie Meadows and Monique Snow).”

34D (Parts of Essex and Passaic Counties)

Democratic primary. Two incumbents (Thomas Giblin and Shiela Oliver) and two challengers running as “Democrats for Change (Gerard Georges, Jr. and Mary Mack).”

35D (Parts of Bergen and Passaic Counties)

Republican primary. Four candidates, two running as "CRPTF" (Lynn Anne Shortway and Goerge Sawey) and two as "Republicans for Responsible Government (Vicki Arians and Walter Garner)."

37D (Part of Bergen County)

Democratic primary. Two incumbents (Gordon Johnson and Valerie Vainieri Huttle) and one challenger running as "The People's Democrat" (Christopher Gagliardi)."

40R (Parts of Bergen, Essex and Passaic Counties)

Republican primary. Two incumbents (David Russo and Scott Rumana) and two challengers running as "CRPTF" and "Passaic County Republican Organization" (Anthony Rottino and Joseph Caruso).

Districts Without Primary Contests

The following 16 districts have no contests since only two candidates in each party are seeking nominations: D indicates the incumbents are Democrats (9 Districts); R indicates the incumbents are Republicans (7 Districts):

Districts 2R, 6D, 7D, 8R, 9R, 11R, 12R, 13R, 15D, 17D, 18D, 19D, 33D, 36D, 38D, 39R

Districts with only one slate:

20D – no Republicans

24R – no Democrats

32R – no Republicans

Notes:

- Fourteen candidates for the General Assembly are running under Steven Lonegan's slogan, "Conservative Republican Putting Taxpayers First," in nine districts: 1, 3, 10, 16, 23, 26, 34, 35, and 40.
- Eagleton's Center for American Women and Politics reports that with two incumbent women legislators not running for re-election and no women running in those districts to take their place, there is a possibility of women losing ground in the state legislature.