

# **2021 General Election Constitutional and Public Questions**

## **State Constitutional Questions**

9/10/21

### **Constitutional Question 1**

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT WAGERING ON ALL COLLEGE SPORT OR ATHLETIC EVENTS**

Do you approve amending the Constitution to permit wagering through casinos and current or former horse racetracks on all college sport or athletic events? Currently, wagering is prohibited on college sport or athletic events that take place in New Jersey. Wagering is also prohibited on an event in which a team from a New Jersey college participates.

### **Interpretive Statement**

Currently, the State Constitution prohibits wagering on college sport or athletic events taking place in New Jersey. It also prohibits wagering on an event in which a New Jersey college team participates. This amendment would allow the Legislature to pass laws permitting wagering on any college sport or athletic event. It would permit wagering even if a New Jersey college team participates in the competition. Such wagering would be permitted only through casinos and current or former horse racetracks.

### **Constitutional Question 2**

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT GAMES OF CHANCE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM THOSE GAMES TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION**

Do you approve amending the Constitution to permit all groups that are allowed to conduct bingo or raffles to use the net proceeds from those games to support their groups? Currently, only veterans and senior citizen groups may use the net proceeds from those games to support their groups. All other groups that are permitted to conduct bingo or raffles may only use the proceeds from those games for certain purposes. They are not permitted to use those proceeds to support their groups. The amendment would allow the other groups that conduct bingo or raffles to use the proceeds to support their groups as well.

### **Interpretive Statement**

The Constitution permits certain groups to conduct games of chance such as bingo or raffles. Those groups are veterans, charitable, educational, religious, fraternal, civic, and senior citizen groups; volunteer fire companies; and first-aid or rescue squads. The net proceeds from those games of chance may only be used for educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or public-spirited uses. However, veterans and senior citizen groups may also use the proceeds from those games to support their groups. This amendment would permit all of the groups authorized to conduct games of chance to use the net proceeds from conducting bingo or raffles to support their groups.

## **BRADLEY BEACH**

### **Public Question 1**

Should the Borough establish a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) for volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members who serve Bradley Beach at a cost of \$1,150 for each eligible volunteer member, at an initial cost of \$17,250.00?

### **Interpretive Statement**

Voting YES means you want the Borough to implement a Length of Service Awards Program for Firefighters and First Aid Volunteers who serve Bradley Beach, at an annual cost of \$1,150 for each eligible volunteer member and at an initial cost of \$17,250.00.

Voting NO means you do not want the Borough to implement a Length of Service Awards Program for Firefighters and First Aid Volunteers who serve Bradley Beach, at an annual cost of \$1,150 for each eligible volunteer member and at an initial cost of \$17,250.00.

## **HOLMDEL**

### **Public Question 1**

Should Holmdel increase the levy for the existing Holmdel Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, from the currently approved and implemented annual levy of two-and-one half cents per \$100 of equalized valuation to three-and-one-half cents per \$100 of equalized valuation, for any or all of the statutory purposes set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.7(a)?

### **Explanatory Statement**

In 1998, Holmdel voters approved the establishment of a Township Open Space Trust Fund, with a dedicated tax levy of \$.01 per \$100 of equalized valuation. In 2000, voters approved an increase in the collection rate to \$.025 per \$100 in equalized valuation. This referendum seeks voter approval for an increase in the dedicated tax levy by one cent to \$.035 per \$100 in equalized valuation. The increase would fund various purposes such as additional acquisitions of open space and improvements to open space and parkland properties.

## **Public Question 2**

Should the Township of Holmdel increase the benefits under the Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Services Award Program Act from the currently authorized amount of \$1,150 per volunteer to the current maximum allowable by law for Holmdel's program, \$1,580 per volunteer, and further authorize automatic cost of living adjustments in future years?

### **Explanatory Statement**

In 2002, Holmdel voters approved a Length of Services Award Program ("LOSAP"), which rewards volunteer first responders from the Holmdel Township Fire Department and First Aid Squad with fixed annual contributions into a tax deferred income account. If approved, this public question would authorize an increase in the benefit from \$1,150 per volunteer to the maximum benefit allowable by law for Holmdel's program, \$1,580 per volunteer, as well as automatic cost of living adjustments to the benefit amount in future years without the need for voter approval. The LOSAP Program is currently established in Holmdel Township Ordinance § 2-33 and otherwise remains unchanged by this public question. LOSAP program documents may be reviewed in the Township Clerk's office.

## **Public Question 3**

Shall a charter commission be elected to study the charter of the Township of Holmdel and to consider a new charter or improvements in the present charter and to make recommendations thereon?

### **Explanatory Statement**

If approved, this public question would establish a charter study commission comprised of five individuals elected at this election to study Holmdel's current Township Committee form of government and consider a potential new charter pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, commonly known as the Faulkner Act. If the charter study commission recommends a change in the form of Holmdel's government, the recommendation would be submitted to Holmdel voters in a public question at a future election.

## **RED BANK**

## **Public Question 1**

Shall a charter commission be elected to study the charter of the Borough of Red Bank and to consider a new charter or improvements in the present charter and to make recommendations thereon?

## **Freehold Regional High School District Board of Education**

Colts Neck, Englishtown, Farmingdale, Freehold Boro, Freehold Twp., Howell, Manalapan, Marlboro

### **Bond Proposal Question**

The Board of Education of the Freehold Regional High School District in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey is authorized (a) to repair and to replace selected roofs and to repave and to repair selected drives and parking lots at Colts Neck High School, Freehold Borough High School, Freehold Township High School, Howell High School, Manalapan High School, and Marlboro High School, including any related site work; (b) to appropriate \$14,460,000 for such improvements; and (c) to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,460,000.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$14,460,000 (consisting of \$4,352,000 for Colts Neck High School, \$588,000 for Freehold Borough High School, \$3,296,000 for Freehold Township High School, \$2,055,000 for Howell High School, \$1,631,000 for Manalapan High School, and \$2,538,000 for Marlboro High School). The projects include \$0 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

Do you approve this bond proposal question?