

Bond Questions Favored by New Jerseyans

Building Our Future Bond Act Has Support of 72% of Voters

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Galloway Township, NJ – The Stockton Polling Institute today released the results of a statewide survey of likely voters which indicates that 72 percent of likely voters support the "Build Our Future Bond Act," 21 percent oppose and 8 percent are not sure/don't know/refuse to answer.

Proponents of the "Build Our Future Bond Act" say the \$750 million will be invested in academic and research facilities in colleges and universities in New Jersey. Institutions receiving funds must provide 25 percent match of the capital funding for projects by the Bond Act.

"Certainly opinions can change, but with the less than three weeks to election day, likely New Jersey voters have expressed their strong support for the higher education bond act," said Daniel J. Douglas, Director, William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

By a majority, but by a lesser margin, likely New Jersey voters favor the Public Question that allows changes in compensation for judges with 62 percent favoring the change in the New Jersey Constitution, 30 percent opposed and 9 percent not sure/don't know/refuse to answer.

Methodology

Interviews are conducted at the Stockton Polling Institute by live interviewers calling from the Stockton College campus. The poll was conducted with 811 likely voters from October 12th to October 18th. Interviewers called both land lines and cell phones. All prospective respondent households in the source telephone list have the same chance of joining the sample because of the random digital dialing system (RDD). The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percent at 95% confidence level. Data is weighted according to United States Census Bureau demographics for New Jersey voter age population.

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