



Hughes Center Poll: Democrats Lead in 3rd District Senate President Has 19 Point Lead

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Galloway, NJ—Likely voters in the 3rd Legislative District support Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney to continue as their State Senator, according to the Richard Stockton College/Zogby Poll commissioned by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Democratic incumbent State Senator Sweeney leads his Republican challenger Michael Mulligan 48% to 29% with 21% not sure.

“Senate President Steve Sweeney may get his bumps and bruises in Trenton, but voters tell him ‘there’s no place like home’ in the 3rd Legislative District,” said Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Sweeney’s running mates and fellow incumbents John J. Burzichelli and Celeste M. Riley lead their Republican opponents Domenick DiCicco and Bob Villare. The Democratic candidates are virtually tied with Burzichelli at 43% and Riley at 44%. The difference is within the margin of error of +/- 4.1%. DiCicco trails with 29% and Villare with 28% - again a virtual tie.

When asked about whether New Jersey was headed in the right direction or was on the wrong track, 3rd District voter were split with 45% responding that the state was headed in the right direction while 47% thought New Jersey was on the wrong track.

Opinions of President Barack Obama were similarly split, with 49% viewing him favorably and 50% viewing him unfavorably.

Governor Chris Christie was viewed favorably by 56% of those polled, while 43% viewed him unfavorably.

K-12 education, healthcare, senior citizen programs and economic development were identified as the top four New Jersey state budget areas that should receive priority funding.

The Stockton-Zogby poll* of 600 likely voters in the new 3rd Legislative District was conducted from September 20 – 28. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 4.1%.

3rd LD Senate Race			3rd LD Assembly Race		
Candidate	May	Sept	Candidate	May	Sept
	%	%		%	%
Stephen M. Sweeney	46	48	John Burzichelli	41	43
Michael Mulligan	26	29	Celeste M. Riley	33	44
Someone else	3	2	Domenick DiCicco	28	29
Not sure	25	21	Bob Villare	28	28
			Someone else	2	1
			Not sure	28	23

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