

Constitutional Convention Update July 2005

For months, NJSBA and a coalition of state education partners have been advocating for a special session to address the property tax issue instead of holding a constitutional convention. Although legislation has passed the Assembly, authorizing a constitutional convention, **the Senate adjourned for summer recess without considering constitutional convention legislation.**

For the question of whether or not to hold a convention, to appear on the November ballot of the 2005 general election, the Senate would need to consider A5269/S2585 by August 2005. The last vote on the constitutional convention legislation (A5269) was May 16, 2005 when it passed the Assembly along partisan lines. While it is still possible that action could be taken on a constitutional convention, it is now very unlikely to see action by the original time lines set by the recommendation's in the Governor's Task Force report. See how your Assembly person voted on May 16th below.

Bill	A-5269 of 2004-2005							
Sponsors	Roberts (D5); Greenstein (D14) +7							
Summary	Authorizes State constitutional convention to reform system of property taxation; makes appropriation.							
House	Date	Seq.	Yes	No	N/V	Abs	Action	Motion By
Assembly	05/16/2005	805	45	30	3	2	3rd Reading/Final	Roberts (D5)

N	Azzolina (R13)	Y	Eagler (D34)	N	Pennacchio (R26)
Y	Barnes (D18)	Y	Egan (D17)	Y	Pou (D35)
Y	Baroni (R14)	Y	Fisher (D3)	Y	Previte (D6)
-	Bateman (R16)	N	Gibson (R1)	Y	Prieto (D32)
N	Biondi (R16)	Y	Gordon (D38)	Y	Quigley (D32)
N	Blee (R2)	Y	Green (D22)	Y	Roberts (D5)
N	Bodine (R8)	Y	Greenstein (D14)	N	Rooney (R39)
N	Bramnick (R21)	Y	Greenwald (D6)	Y	Rumpf (R9)
Y	Burzichelli (D3)	N	Gregg (R24)	N	Russo (R40)
Y	Caraballo (D29)	Y	Gusciora (D15)	Y	Scalera (D36)
N	Carroll (R25)	Y	Hackett (D27)	Y	Sires (D33)
N	Chatzidakis (R8)	N	Holzappel (R10)	Y	Smith, R. (D4)
N	Chiappone (D31)	Y	Johnson (D37)	Y	Stack (D33)
Y	Chivukula (D17)	N	Kean, S. (R11)	Y	Stanley (D28)
Y	Cohen (D20)	N	Malone (R30)	A	Steele (D35)
Y	Conaway (D7)	N	Manzo (D31)	Y	Stender (D22)
Y	Connors (D7)	Y	Mayer (D4)	N	Thompson (R13)
Y	Connors, C. (R9)	N	McHose (R24)	Y	Tucker (D28)
N	Conover (R2)	Y	McKeon (D27)	Y	Van Drew (D1)
N	Corodemus (R11)	N	Merkel (R25)	N	Vandervalk (R39)
Y	Cruz-Perez (D5)	Y	Morgan (D12)	Y	Vas (D19)
Y	Cryan (D20)	-	Munoz (R21)	A	Voss (D38)
N	Dancer (R30)	N	Myers (R23)	Y	Watson Coleman (D15)
N	DeCroce (R26)	N	O'Toole (R40)	Y	Weinberg (D37)
Y	Diegnan (D18)	Y	Oliver (D34)	Y	Wisniewski (D19)
N	DiGaetano (R36)	Y	Panter (D12)	N	Wolfe (R10)

N

Doherty (R23)

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Payne (D29)