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In the three legislative districts holding special elections this November, candidates have reported raising \$1.5 million and spending \$806,852.

Special elections are being held in the 5th, 14th, and 31st districts. According to 29-day reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, the contest for State Senate in the 14th district is the most competitive.

Candidates in the 14th district have raised a combined total \$878,384 and spent \$704,435. Candidates vying for State Senate and Assembly in the 5th district followed at \$573,748 raised and \$98,605 spent.

Individuals' totals are listed in the chart below:

2010 GENERAL ELECTION 29-DAY PRE-ELECTION REPORTING PERIOD						
DISTRICT	CANDIDATE AND/OR COMMITTEE	OFFICE	PARTY	CUMULATIVE RECEIVED	CUMULATIVE EXPENDED	CLOSING BALANCE FROM REPORT
5	NORCROSS, DONALD W	S	D	521,485.04	67,614.26	453,870.78
5	WILSON, GILBERT	A	D	42,262.94	30,990.93	11,272.01
TOTAL				563,747.98	98,605.19	
14	GOODWIN, THOMAS	S	R	206,402.39	149,002.62	57,399.77
14	GREENSTEIN, LINDA R	S	D	671,982.06	555,432.11	116,549.95
TOTAL				878,384.45	704,434.73	
31	O'DONNELL, JASON	A	D	30,450.00	3,812.33	26,637.67
TOTAL SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE RACES				1,472,582.43	806,852.25	

This summary includes reports received as of 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2010. Please check the website or ELEC's public room to view reports received after this date. The reports filed are from candidates filing detailed reports because they have raised or spent in excess of \$4,000.

This summary contains information as reported to the Commission on the 29-day pre-election reporting period or the most recent report filed. For additional information, please review each individual report.

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In addition to the special legislative contests, elections are also being held throughout the State for county and municipal offices.

Jeff Brindle, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, said that 29-day reports show candidates for those offices raising \$6.9 million and spending \$2.6 million.

“Despite the lagging economy, financial activity at the local level remains strong,” Brindle said. “It shows that much is at stake in local elections.”

Brindle noted that “at the local level the State’s Pay-to-Play law does not apply if contracts are publicly advertised, thus allowing contractors to ignore the lower limits under the statute.”

“This loophole, or the Fair and Open provision, may be contributing to the significant fundraising activity by county and municipal candidates,” he said. “While it is too soon to tell whether local candidate spending will buck the downward trend exhibited by Gubernatorial and Assembly candidates last year, nevertheless it remains solid.”

According to Brindle, the Commission proposed Pay-to-Play reforms in January that would eliminate the fair and open loophole and simplify the law by establishing one State statute and requiring all contracts of \$17,500 or more to be disclosed.

The 29-day pre-election reports show candidates at the county level have raised \$4.8 million and spent \$1.7 million. Municipal candidates have raised \$2.1 million and spent \$906,819.

The charts below show financial activity throughout the 21 counties ranked in terms of receipts and the top 20 municipalities similarly ranked by total receipts.

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ALL COUNTIES – RAISED AND SPENT		
COUNTY	RAISED	SPENT
ESSEX COUNTY	1,264,410.61	63,537.62
BERGEN COUNTY	813,311.36	361,947.68
MIDDLESEX COUNTY	405,808.97	182,204.32
BURLINGTON COUNTY	290,710.46	238,459.17
GLOUCESTER COUNTY	288,357.75	31,848.35
CAMDEN COUNTY	271,602.29	90,360.46
MONMOUTH COUNTY	204,495.87	102,884.14
UNION COUNTY	168,575.27	43,195.53
HUDSON COUNTY	134,997.94	93,769.92
PASSAIC COUNTY	125,732.58	55,202.97
SALEM COUNTY	116,317.59	54,110.15
MERCER COUNTY	108,865.99	42,925.58
SOMERSET COUNTY	102,814.21	15,420.27
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	101,155.94	76,703.92
OCEAN COUNTY	88,619.99	83,144.00
ATLANTIC COUNTY	76,676.37	53,098.41
CAPE MAY COUNTY	72,433.50	17,315.94
MORRIS COUNTY	48,095.72	13,943.78
WARREN COUNTY	32,231.11	14,215.54
SUSSEX COUNTY	21,950.00	17,581.94
HUNTERDON COUNTY	16,474.35	10,428.95

TOP 20 MUNICIPALITIES RAISED AND SPENT		
MUNICIPALITY	RAISED	SPENT
NEW BRUNSWICK CITY	133,670.78	49,122.83
CARTERET BOROUGH	128,990.69	49,772.90
LINDEN CITY	104,997.09	40,827.40
ELIZABETH CITY	90,171.28	25,362.94
TOTOWA BOROUGH	58,125.62	19,102.21
EDISON TOWNSHIP	46,367.00	26,709.91
MONROE TOWNSHIP	45,115.99	6,439.33
HOBOKEN CITY	40,601.15	26,130.24
WALL TOWNSHIP	38,270.99	15,238.67
OCEAN TOWNSHIP	36,402.18	15,751.15
LACEY TOWNSHIP	35,424.91	28,075.42
NORTH ARLINGTON BOROUGH	34,758.50	14,043.87
JERSEY CITY	34,637.59	11,486.79
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP	33,249.61	24,214.38
BELMAR BOROUGH	29,259.66	17,516.42
UNION TOWNSHIP	28,999.77	15,280.51
NORTH CALDWELL BOROUGH	27,125.00	1,500.00
EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP	26,845.38	12,002.85
HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP	25,796.03	8,582.32
PARAMUS BOROUGH	23,802.70	9,033.45

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