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Legislative candidates vying in three legislative districts with special elections this November have reported raising \$2.1 million and spending \$1.4 million.

Special elections are being held in the 5th, 14th and 31st Districts. According to the 11-day reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), the campaign in the 14th district, which traditionally has been viewed as a “swing district” because control has alternated between the two major parties in recent years, is the most heavily contested.

Individuals’ totals are listed in the chart below:

Table 1
Special Legislative Elections
2010 General Election 11-Day Pre-Election Reporting Period

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	OFFICE	PARTY	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT	CLOSING BALANCE
5	Norcross, Donald W	S	D	\$ 548,035	\$ 166,945	\$ 381,090
5	Trout, Harry E *	S	R	\$ 4,000 or less	\$ 4,000 or less	
5	Weag, Christopher J	S	I	NA	NA	
5	Wilson, Gilbert	A	D	\$ 93,252	\$ 72,294	\$ 20,958
5	Gallagher, Barbara A	A	R	NA	NA	
	TOTALS			\$ 641,287	\$ 239,240	
14	Goodwin, Thomas	S	R	\$ 488,462	\$ 350,513	\$ 137,948
14	Greenstein, Linda R	S	D	\$ 846,528	\$ 815,379	\$ 31,149
14	Macdonald, Bruce C *	S	I	\$ 4,000 or less	\$ 4,000 or less	
	TOTALS			\$ 1,334,990	\$1,165,893	
31	O'Donnell, Jason	A	D	\$ 112,515	\$ 26,240	\$ 86,275
31	Turula, Joseph *	A	R	\$ 4,000 or less	\$ 4,000 or less	
31	Wilbeck, Denis F	A	I	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,462	\$ 88
31	Mays, Robert	A	I	NA	NA	
	TOTALS			\$ 114,065	\$ 27,702	
	TOTALS			\$2,090,342	\$1,432,834	

* Candidates who have raised or spent \$4,000 or less are not required by law to file detailed reports. This summary contains information as reported to the Commission on the 11-day pre-election reporting period. This summary includes reports received as of 5:00 P.M. Monday, October 25, 2010. Please check the website or ELEC's public room to view reports received after this date.
NA=Not available at cutoff time

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Jeff Brindle, ELEC’s Executive Director, pointed out that “in the 14th District Senate contest, candidates already have raised and spent more than in 2007, when the District was included in the pilot Clean Elections Program.” The Clean Elections Program offered public funds to legislative candidates who agreed to limit their spending.

Fundraising is up 23 percent compared to 2007, while spending is up 59 percent, Brindle noted.

“The fact that the candidates have already spent most of their funds points to the intensity of the campaign. This is a big race for both parties,” Brindle said. “The numbers also show that the pilot Clean Elections Program, which has been discontinued, did help hold down spending in the district.”

In addition to the special legislative contests, an election is being held for the County Executive’s seat in Bergen County, the state’s most populous county.

Here are the totals raised thus far by the two candidates:

Table 2
Bergen County Executive’s Race
2010 General Election 11-Day Pre-Election Reporting Period

CANDIDATE	PARTY	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT	CLOSING BALANCE
Donovan, Kathleen	R	\$ 274,680	\$ 192,618	\$ 82,061
McNerney, Dennis	D	\$ 531,528	\$ 558,078	\$ (26,550)

At this point in his reelection bid four years ago, McNerney held nearly a 9-1 fundraising edge over Republican opponent Todd Caliguire- \$625,026 to \$68,322. During McNerney’s first election in 2002, the two parties combined spent \$5.5 million, making it one of the most expensive local elections in state history.

Elections also are being held throughout the State for county and municipal offices.

Brindle said that 11-day reports show that candidates for those offices have raised \$11.5 million and spent \$6.6 million.

“While the economic downturn and tighter contribution limitations for state contractors has curtailed political donations in state races, local races continue to attract considerable campaign cash,” said Brindle.

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The 11-day pre-election reports further show that county candidates have raised \$7 million and spent \$4.2 million. Municipal candidates have raised \$4.6 million and spent \$2.4 million.

Table 3
County and Municipal Fundraising Totals
2010 General Election 11-Day Pre-Election Reporting Period

CANDIDATE TYPE	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT
County and Municipal Candidates Combined	\$ 11,549,898	\$ 6,602,229
County Candidates	\$ 6,969,273	\$ 4,234,259
Municipal Candidates	\$ 4,580,625	\$ 2,367,970

The charts below show financial activity throughout the 21 counties ranked by receipts and the top 20 municipalities ranked by receipts.

Table 4
County Financial Activity Ranked by Receipts
2010 General Election 11-Day Pre-Election Reporting Period

COUNTY	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT
Bergen County	\$ 1,635,962	\$ 1,377,299
Essex County	\$ 1,266,261	\$ 138,342
Middlesex County	\$ 639,585	\$ 510,291
Camden County	\$ 408,232	\$ 256,423
Burlington County	\$ 392,642	\$ 332,301
Hudson County	\$ 346,900	\$ 213,193
Passaic County	\$ 342,846	\$ 158,471
Gloucester County	\$ 293,358	\$ 154,502
Union County	\$ 249,822	\$ 197,636
Monmouth County	\$ 239,053	\$ 134,478
Atlantic County	\$ 234,679	\$ 197,284
Salem County	\$ 167,356	\$ 121,674
Mercer County	\$ 163,330	\$ 73,496
Cumberland County	\$ 114,948	\$ 124,383
Ocean County	\$ 113,578	\$ 108,953
Somerset County	\$ 106,599	\$ 16,614
Cape May County	\$ 73,484	\$ 18,639
Morris County	\$ 63,094	\$ 28,373
Sussex County	\$ 53,745	\$ 37,726
Warren County	\$ 40,766	\$ 18,842
Hunterdon County	\$ 23,032	\$ 15,339

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Table 5
Municipal Financial Activity Ranked by Receipts
2010 General Election 11-Day Pre-Election Reporting Period

MUNICIPALITIES	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT
New Brunswick City	\$ 174,544	\$ 98,276
Carteret Borough	\$ 138,131	\$ 82,135
Linden City	\$ 109,717	\$ 59,219
Elizabeth City	\$ 95,074	\$ 31,812
Ewing Township	\$ 92,970	\$ 58,040
Washington Township (Gloucester County)	\$ 80,758	\$ 38,874
Jersey City	\$ 71,817	\$ 22,900
North Arlington Borough	\$ 68,981	\$ 31,613
Hoboken City	\$ 67,901	\$ 46,109
Edison Township	\$ 66,767	\$ 53,638
Belmar Borough	\$ 65,887	\$ 45,218
Middletown Township	\$ 65,175	\$ 50,907
Rahway City	\$ 64,536	\$ 42,175
Union Township (Union County)	\$ 64,060	\$ 29,411
Pemberton Township	\$ 63,675	\$ 15,300
Voorhees Township	\$ 62,890	\$ 23,400
Point Pleasant Beach Borough	\$ 61,290	\$ 39,749
Brigantine City	\$ 59,837	\$ 26,505
Lacey Township	\$ 58,628	\$ 37,798
Totowa Borough	\$ 58,626	\$ 25,669

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