
Poll finds Democrats lead in 3rd District

Burzichelli takes 41 percent, Riley takes 33 percent, and DiCicco and running mate Bob Villare, a West Deptford doctor, take 28 percent apiece.

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Republican challengers in South Jersey legislative districts may need more of a boost than Gov. Chris Christie can provide, two recent Stockton/Zogby polls have found.

Nearly two-thirds of likely voters in the newly redrawn 3rd Legislative District gave President Barack Obama favorable marks, compared with just under half feeling positive about GOP upstart Christie.

In a hypothetical matchup, Obama thumps the governor 50 percent to 37 percent.

That should come as a relief to Assembly Democrats John Burzichelli of Gloucester and and Celeste M. Riley of Cumberland County.

Both face a challenge from Republican Domenick DiCicco, drawn into the 3rd from the 4th Legislative District protect Sen. Fred Madden, D-Gloucester, from a tough re-election fight.

Villare submitted a statement indicating he had not accepted a contribution exceeding

Meanwhile, what many expected to be a real horse race in the 8th has yet to materialize because of legal disputes over Olympian Carl Lewis's residency. The Democratic Senate hopeful has not raised or spent enough funds to report dollar amounts to ELEC.

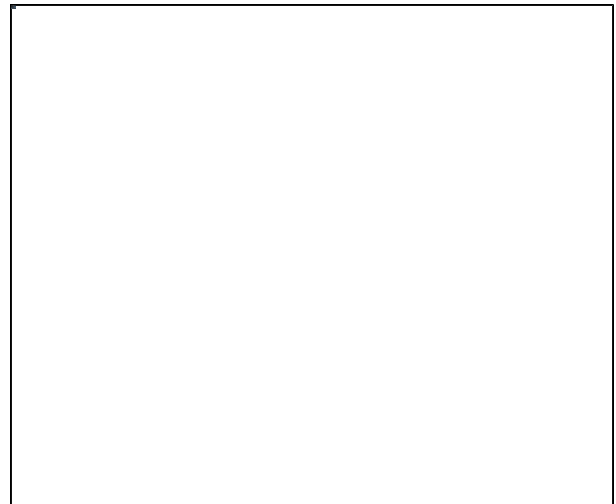
Incumbent Sen. Dawn Marie Addiego, R-Burlington, raised more than \$46,000 and has a little less than half that in her campaign account.

Stockton-Zogby queried 400 likely voters each in districts 2 and 3 from May 4 to 7.

The margin of error is plus or minus 5 percent in both surveys. Any polling done in the 8th District has not been released.

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