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**DiFrancesco Signs Bill Providing Additional Tax Dollar Information to
Voters in Regional School Districts**

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco today signed legislation that will put more information at the fingertips of property tax payers when they vote in regional school district elections.

S-456, sponsored by Senators Girgenti (D-Passaic) and Palaia (R-Monmouth) and Assembly Members Gregg (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/Morris) and Garrett (R-Sussex/Hunterdon/ Morris) enables regional school district boards of education to publish on the school election ballot the specific amount of money each constituent municipality will contribute toward the total moneys to be raised in support of the district.

"This bill enables property taxpayers to receive more information about where their tax dollars are going," said DiFrancesco. "While the state doesn't collect nor spend one cent of property taxes we can help make sure that taxpayers have the facts they need to make informed decisions."

"This bill makes it clear to voters what amount of the budget is tax money coming from their specific municipality," said DiFrancesco. "Well-informed voters are an important part of an accountable government and I commend the sponsors for their work to get this information to voters."

Currently, the ballots for regional school districts show a budget that reflects the entire regional district's budget without explanation of the proportion that each constituent district will pay.

To help ease the burden of property taxes, DiFrancesco has proposed doubling the NJ SAVER rebate, increasing municipal aid by \$100 million and increasing the homestead rebate to \$750.