

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

Who Picks Your Leaders? NJ Ballot Reform Workshop  
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**Directions: Circle the letter of the best answer for each question.**

1. **What was the "county line" in New Jersey?**
  - A. A highway connecting NJ counties
  - B. A ballot design that grouped party-endorsed candidates together
  - C. A boundary between North and South Jersey
  - D. A voter registration requirement
  
2. **How many of NJ's 21 counties used the county line ballot design?**
  - A. All 21
  - B. 19 out of 21
  - C. 10 out of 21
  - D. Only 5
  
3. **Which two counties did NOT use the county line system?**
  - A. Bergen and Essex
  - B. Hudson and Mercer
  - C. Sussex and Salem
  - D. Camden and Ocean
  
4. **What was the average advantage (in percentage points) for candidates on the county line?**
  - A. 10 points
  - B. 25 points
  - C. 38 points
  - D. 50 points
  
5. **What percentage of incumbents on the county line lost their races (2003 to 2023)?**
  - A. 1.4%
  - B. 15%
  - C. 38%
  - D. 80%

6. **Who filed the lawsuit that led to the county line being struck down?**
- A. Governor Murphy
  - B. Representative Andy Kim
  - C. Senator Menendez
  - D. The NJ Supreme Court
7. **In what year did a federal judge declare the county line unconstitutional?**
- A. 2020
  - B. 2022
  - C. 2024
  - D. 2025
8. **What type of ballot design replaced the county line?**
- A. Alphabetical order ballot
  - B. Office-block ballot
  - C. Random number ballot
  - D. Color-coded ballot
9. **What was the voter turnout in the 2025 NJ primary election?**
- A. 8%
  - B. 15%
  - C. 21%
  - D. 45%
10. **County party chairs in NJ were approximately what percentage male?**
- A. 50%
  - B. 65%
  - C. 76%
  - D. 90%
11. **What is a political machine?**
- A. A voting machine used at polling places
  - B. A centralized party organization that controls politics through patronage
  - C. A computer program that counts votes
  - D. A type of government agency

**12. The Gibbs/Richter example showed that each candidate gained about how many percentage points when on the county line?**

- A. 10 points
- B. 20 points
- C. 35 points
- D. 50 points

**13. What does P.L. 2025, c.32 require?**

- A. All elections must be held online
- B. Primary ballots must use an office-block format
- C. Voters must show photo ID
- D. County parties must endorse candidates publicly

**14. In the 2025 primary, what percentage of Assembly seats were contested (up from 11.3% in 2023)?**

- A. 15%
- B. 27.5%
- C. 42%
- D. 60%

**15. At what age can New Jersey residents pre-register to vote?**

- A. 16
- B. 17
- C. 18
- D. 21