

# All Roads Lead To Property Tax Relief

*Governor Christie Has The Roadmap To Real Property Tax Relief For Middle-Class New Jerseyans.  
It's Time For Corzine Democrats To Stop The Traffic Jam.*

Middle-Class New Jerseyans Will Save \$120 Billion Over The Next 30 Years Because Of Historic Pension And Benefits Reform. That Number Could Be Even Greater, But Corzine Democrats Continue To Hit The Brakes On Governor Christie's Common-Sense Reforms.

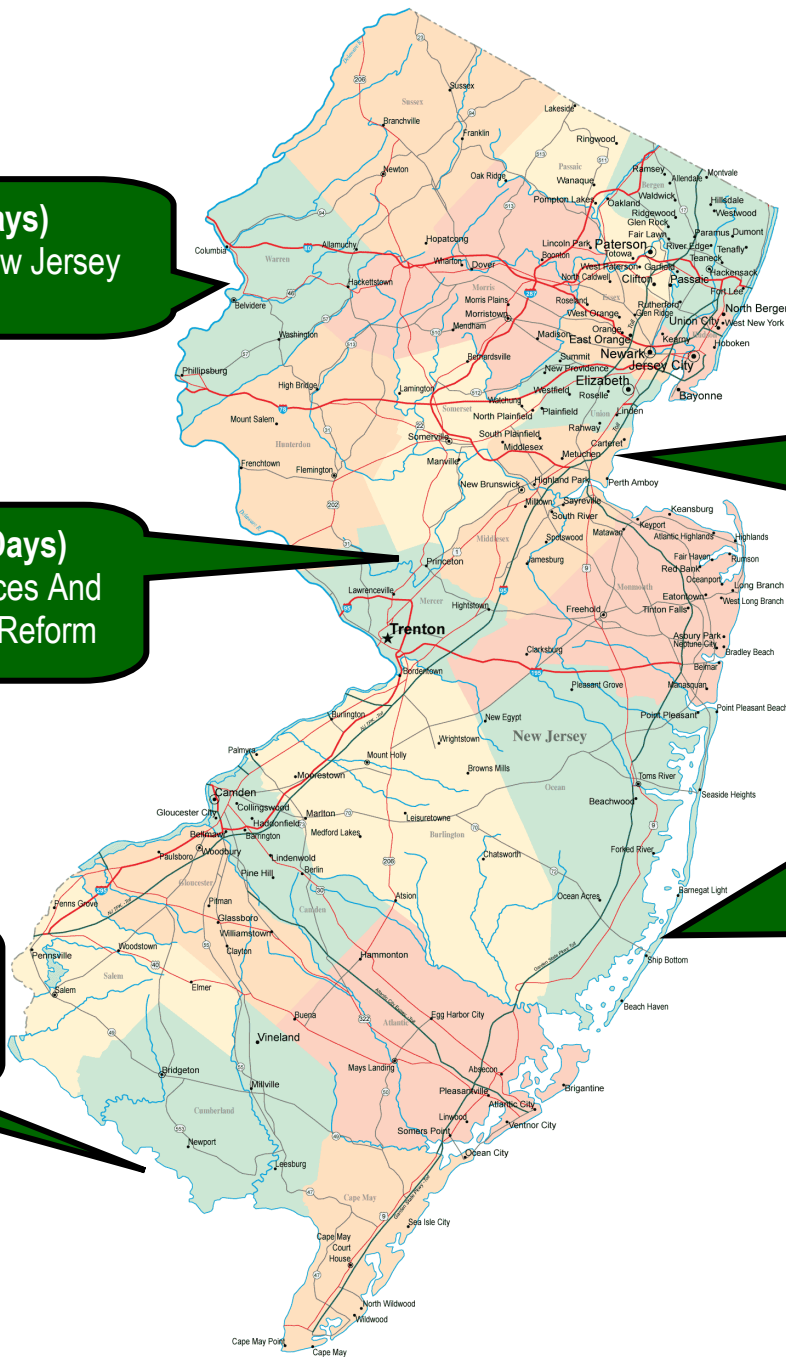
**Exit 284 (Days)**  
Tax Relief For New Jersey Families

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Shared Services And Civil Service Reform

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Common-Sense Ethics Reform

**Exit 333 (Days)**  
Closing Loopholes In The Property Tax Cap

**Exit 855 (Days)**  
End Costly Practice Of Sick Leave Payouts For Government Employees



# Highway Attractions

## **EXIT 284 (Days): TAX RELIEF FOR NEW JERSEY FAMILIES**

**Governor Christie Has Proposed A Bipartisan Compromise To Provide Tax Relief For New Jersey Families:**

- Under Governor Christie's Plan, New Jersey Taxpayers Will Be Able To Claim An Income Tax Credit Of Up To 10 Percent Of Their Property Tax Bill.
  - The 10 Percent Credit Is Capped At \$10,000 Of Property Taxes Paid And All New Jersey Homeowners With Up To \$400,000 In Income Will Be Eligible For Relief.
  - Renters Will Receive A \$200 Year In Property Tax Deduction, Up From \$50 Under Current Law.
- This Plan Will Provide A Savings Of \$775 For The Average Family.
  - To Ensure Additional Relief To New Jersey Job Creators, Net-Profits From A Trade Or Business (Federal Schedule C) Will Not Be Counted Against The Income Tax Cap.
  - These Changes Will Deliver Tax Relief To Nearly 80,000 Additional New Jersey Families.

**Governor Christie's Bipartisan Tax Relief Also Increases The Earned Income Tax Credit To 25 Percent Of The Federal Tax Credit:**

- This Means The Average Eligible Family Will Receive A \$550 Annual Benefit.
  - The EITC Increase Will Be Fully Implemented For Taxable Year 2013 To Provide Immediate Relief To Struggling New Jersey Families.
  - It Will Also Make New Jersey One Of The Most Generous Programs In The Country.

## **EXIT 333 (Days): PROTECTING TAXPAYERS BY CLOSING LOOPHOLES IN THE PROPERTY TAX CAP**

**Governor Christie Has Called On The Legislature To Prevent Municipalities From Increasing User Fees As A Way Of Circumventing The 2% Property Tax Cap:**

- This Legislation Will Apply To Funding For Traditional Services That Were Previously Included The Local Budget.

## **EXIT 799 (Days): REINING IN THE COST OF GOVERNMENT THROUGH CONSOLIDATION**

**Governor Christie Is Committed To Driving Down The Cost Of Government And Enacting Real, Long-Term Solutions To New Jersey's Highest In The Nation Property Taxes:**

- Governor Christie Proposed Legislation To Allow Municipalities Engaging In Complete Consolidation To Spread One-Time Costs Associated With Consolidation Over A Five Year Period.
  - Spreading These Costs Over A Five Year Period Would Allow Consolidating Municipalities To Rapidly Begin Experiencing The Financial Savings Of Those Mergers By Mitigating The One-Time, Upfront Costs Associated With Consolidation.

- Governor Christie Endorsed The Effort To Consolidate Princeton Borough And Princeton Township, Which Was Approved By Voters In 2011 And Took Effect On January 1, 2013.
  - First Year Taxpayer Savings Are Now Expected To Exceed **\$2.8 Million**, Nearly 75 Percent Higher Than Original Forecasts Of \$1.6 Million In Annual Savings.
- Governor Christie Has Called On The Legislature To Pass Real Reform That Will Give Municipalities Greater Flexibility In Order To Remove Barriers To Sharing Services.

## **EXIT 855 (Days): ENDING THE COSTLY PRACTICE OF SICK LEAVE PAYOUTS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

**Governor Christie Supports Ending The Practice Of Distributing Cash Payouts For Sick Days For Government Employees:**

- Governor Christie Conditionally Vetoed Legislation That Would Cap Sick Leave Payouts At \$15,000.
- Democrats' Second Proposal To Cap Payouts At \$7,500 Would Cost To New Jersey Taxpayers A Minimum Of \$3.25 Billion.
- Accumulated Sick And Vacation Payout Liability For Municipalities Statewide Is More Than \$880 Million.

## **EXIT 947 (Days): COMMON-SENSE ETHICS REFORM TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE ACCOUNTABLE**

**Governor Christie Proposed A Rigorous And Far-Reaching Overhaul Of New Jersey's Ethics Laws To Ensure The Highest Standards Of Integrity And Good Government:**

- A New, Detailed Annual Financial Disclosure Statement From Both The Executive And Legislative Branches.
- A Full Ban On Dual Office Holding That Ends Grandfathering
- A Ban On Dual Employment For All State, County And Local Officials And Employees
- An Effective Conflict Of Interest Standard For Legislators
- Pension Forfeiture For Convicted Public Officials
- Forfeiture Of Campaign Funds For Convicted Public Officials
- Prohibition On The Use Of Campaign Funds For Criminal Defense Costs
- Prohibition On "Wheeling" On Campaign Funds
- Uniform Public Contracting Standards
- Extend Pay-To-Play Limitations To Labor Unions
- Shadow Government Reform