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## Democrats Sweeney, Burzichelli, Riley win Third Legislative District seats

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Democrat incumbents in the Thir d Legislative District swept the evote Tuesday, keeping State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and Assemb ly members John Burzichelli and Celeste Riley seated in the legislature for another term.

Sweeney defeated Republican ch allenger Michael Mulligan, and the Democrat A ssembly members beat newcomer Republican Dr. Robert Villare, of West Deptford, as well as incumbent Domenick DiCicco, a Republican from Frank lin Township. DiCicco currently ho lds a Fourth District Assembly seat, but his town was moved into the Third Dist rict when the district map was redrawn earlier this year.

Sweeney, of West Deptford, fini shed with 25,004 votes — 14,365 in the Gloucester County portion of the district; 8,280 in Salem County; and 2,359 in the Cumberland County portion of the district.

Republican challenger Michael Mu Iligan, of Pilesgrove, finished with 11,541 votes in Gloucester County; 7,016 in Salem County; and 1,552 in Cumberland County.

"We have made enormously difficult decisions the changes," Sweeney said. "We angered a lot of people, and this was a low turnout election."

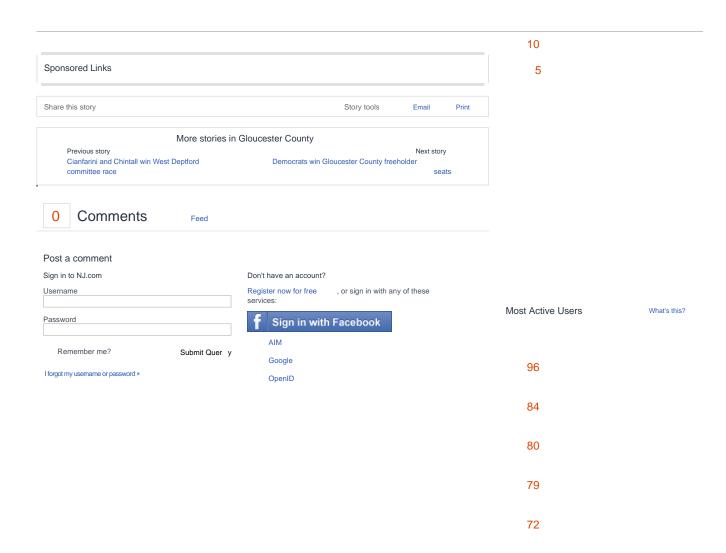
Burzichelli, of Paulsboro, ended the Assembly race as the top vote-getter, consistent with preelection polling released last week by the Rich and Stockton College of New Jersey which found Burzichelli was favored by 42 percent of voters polled.

Tuesday, Burzichelli finished with 24,882 vote s — 14,155 in Gloucester County; 8,405 in Salem County; and 2,322 in Cumberland County.

Riley received 21,494 votes — 13,412 in Gloucester County; 7,838 in Salem County; and 2,414 in Cumberland County.

Villare received 20,518 votes — 11,985 votes in Gloucester Coun ty; 7,054 in Salem County; and 1,479 in Cumberland County. Di Cicco received 20,185 votes — 11, 751 in Gloucester County; 6,890 in Salem County; and 1, 544 in Cumberland County.

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