

## New Jersey Corruption Gives You High Taxes

An FBI agent characterized New Jersey as the most corrupt state in the nation. The political culture in New Jersey must change. The only way to do that is to **REDUCE BIG GOVERNMENT** in the state:

- From 2000 to 2007 New Jersey created 6800 private-sector jobs, but created 55,800 public-sector jobs. The only growth industry in New Jersey is the government.
- New Jersey ranks 50th in the USA in job creation. 79,000 private sector jobs left the state in the last decade.
- An environment of high taxes and overregulation gives rise to excessive complexity for business to get funding and operate honestly. This foments a breeding ground for corruption.

The result-- honest businesses get disgusted and flee the state.

The book *The Soprano State: New Jersey's Culture of Corruption* states that "there are all these little authorities that everyone has to go to for permission -- too much government means too many opportunities for officials looking to cash in." "Corruption thrives on unchecked conflicts of interest. A New Jersey Mayor can also be a member of the state legislature and a partner in a law firm that benefits from legislation he writes. The public's welfare is the last thing on the agenda." For example, former Democratic Senator Wayne Bryant was found guilty of placing himself on the payroll at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. This was a fabricated position to enable him to inflate his pension while he steered millions of taxpayer dollars to the school.

New Jersey is the smallest of the Middle Atlantic States. It has 566 municipal governments and 615 school districts, some of which don't have students, but collect millions in local taxes and have paid administrations. New Jersey has more superintendents than Maryland, Virginia and Delaware combined. State government has 154,500 workers and local governments employ 444,000 workers, for an average of 81 government workers per square mile. The national

average, according to the census bureau, is six government workers per square mile. 36.7 million Californians pay only \$259 per capita to run their government compared to \$289 paid by New Jerseyans, and California is going bankrupt despite paying out 10% less than New Jersey residents. Pennsylvania pays only \$182 per capita, or 37% less than New Jersey to run their government, and Pennsylvania has a greater population approaching 12.5 million compared to New Jersey at slightly fewer than 8.5 million. This is simply unbelievable.

Politicians employ these “supporters” and ensure their loyalty with good pay and pensions totally out of line with the private sector. The result is there are less people putting money into the treasury and more people taking money out. No wonder New Jersey is in a state of financial Armageddon.

The cancer that affects this state must change. A limited government and a freer economy promote an ethical government and a productive economy.

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