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Republican and Democratic candidates in next month's 1st District and 9th District state legislative elections will debate this week in special events sponsored by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Richard Stockton College and The Press of Atlantic City.

The 1st District debate will be held tonight at the Old Courthouse on Route 9 in Cape May Court House.

Democratic state Sen. Jeff Van Drew will face Republican challenger Susan Adelizzi-Schmidt at 6 p.m. Assemblymen Nelson Albano and Bob Andrzejczak, both Democrats, will debate Republican challengers Sam Fiocchi, a Cumberland County freeholder, and Kristine Gabor, a Cape May County freeholder, at 7 p.m.

The 9th District debate will be Wednesday at the Stockton Campus Theater at Richard Stockton College

in Galloway Township. In that debate, incumbent Christopher Connors, a Republican, will face Democrat Anthony Mazzella at 6 p.m. The Assembly debate will have Republican incumbents Brian Rumpf and DiAnne Gove facing Democrats Peter Ferwerda and Christopher J. McManus at 7 p.m.