

# Stockton Poll: Booker Leads Bell 49% to 36%

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Galloway Township, NJ - Incumbent U.S. Sen. Cory Booker leads Republican challenger Jeff Bell by 13 percentage points in U.S. Senate race, according to a poll of likely New Jersey voters released today by the Stockton Polling Institute.

Booker, 45, a Democrat, is ahead 49 percent to 36 percent when voters who lean toward one

Voters identify jobs (19 percent) as the most important issue facing New Jersey. Second is property taxes (18 percent), followed by taxes in general (17 percent) and the economy (14 percent).

The poll finds strong support for a proposed state Constitutional amendment that would allow judges to deny bail to defendants who are flight risks or who pose threats to the public. Eighty-two percent support the proposal, with 11 percent opposed and 6 percent unsure.

A smaller majority (54 percent) supports a second proposed Constitutional amendment that would increase the percentage of the Corporation Business Tax dedicated to environmental programs. The dedication would go from 4 percent to 6 percent on July 1, 2019. Thirty-five percent oppose the proposal, and 10 percent are unsure.

### Methodology

The survey was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy ([www.stockton.edu](http://www.stockton.edu))