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2020 Constituent Survey Results

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As the New York State Legislature 2021 session begins, I am pleased to share the results of our constituent survey. The ideas expressed in the responses will help guide my decisions in Albany and I appreciate your participation and thoughtful responses.

The level of participation this year was very impressive; we received 582 total responses including 367 electronic and 215 paper responses.

Please keep in mind that your input is always welcome year-round, and you should always feel free to reach out to my office with any thoughts or comments.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss these items further, please feel free to email me at mcdonaldj@nyassembly.gov or call my office at 518-455-4474.

Thank you and happy New Year!

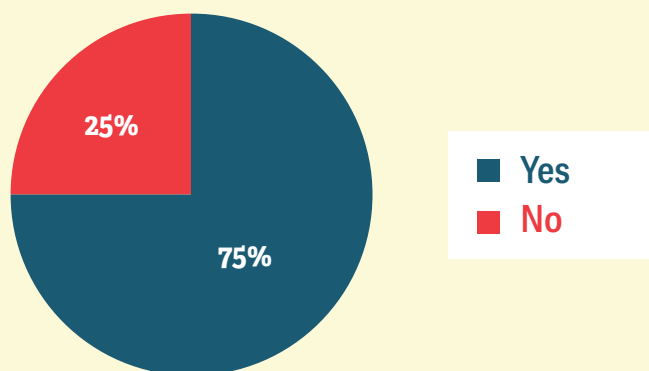
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Various revenue raiser policy proposals have been discussed to address the New York State budget gap and financial issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Do you support the following revenue raisers?

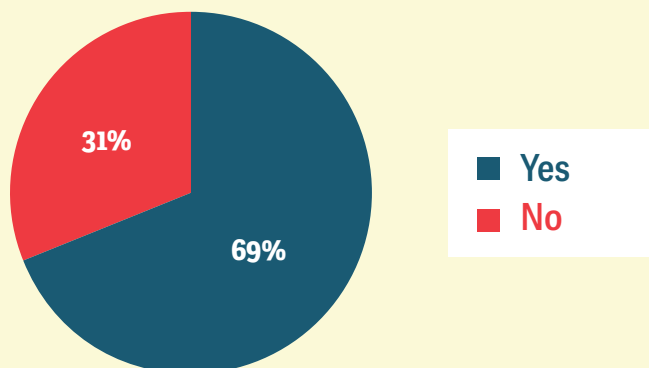
QUESTION 1A:

Additional taxes on multi-millionaires and billionaires?



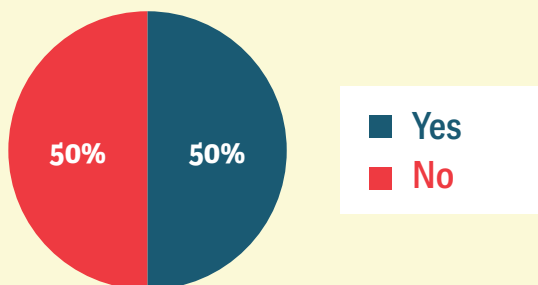
QUESTION 1B:

Legalize marijuana sales for recreational use?



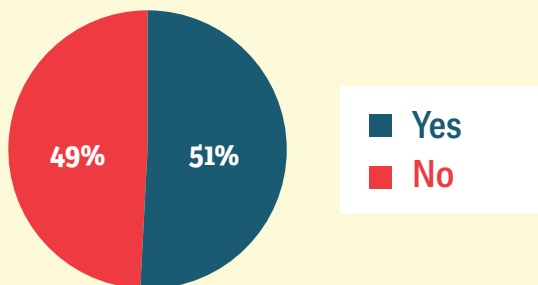
QUESTION 1C:

Stock transfer tax? Removes the rebate on stock transfers and will reinstate a .25 percent tax on transfers of stocks and bonds.



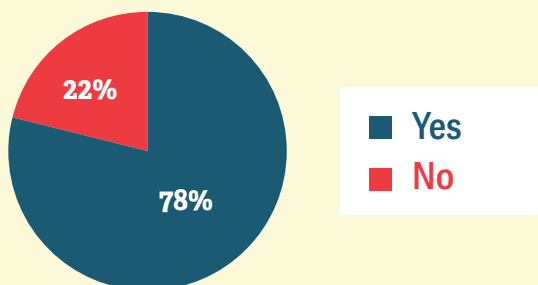
QUESTION 1D:

Legalize sports betting on mobile phones and devices?



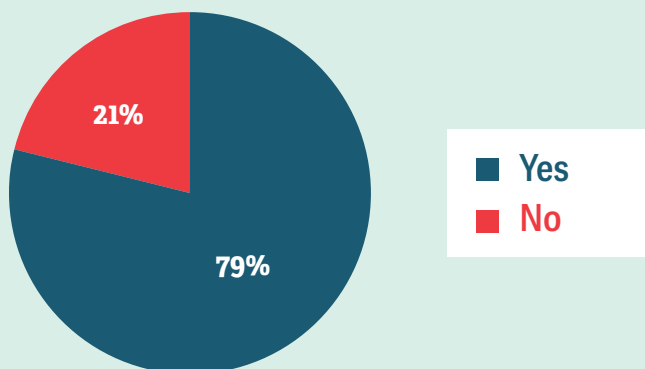
QUESTION 1E:

Pied-à-Terre tax? (non-resident owners of New York City homes worth more than \$5 million would face an annual property tax surcharge starting at 0.5 percent of the value greater than \$5 million and gradually increasing to 4.0 percent of the value greater than \$25 million)



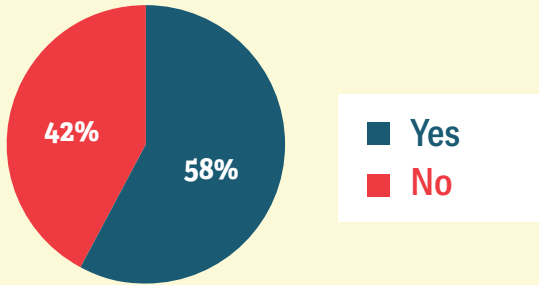
QUESTION 2:

The New York Medical Aid in Dying Act would allow a mentally competent, terminally ill patient to choose to self-administer medication to end his or her life. Do you support passing the Medical Aid in Dying Act into law?



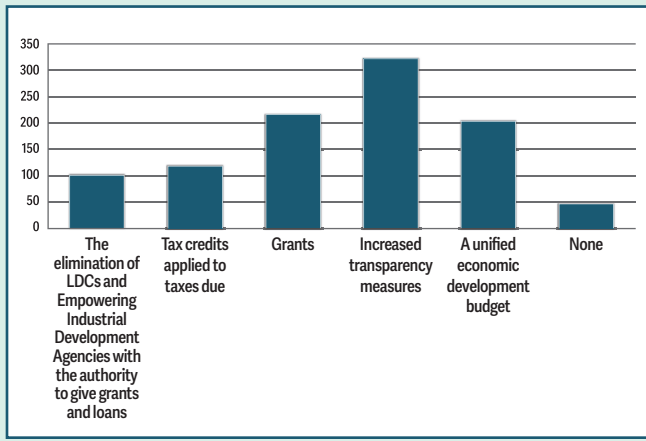
QUESTION 3:

There are groups who are advocating for legislation that would allow early release of elderly New York inmates who are 55 years of age and older out of prisons and onto early parole. Do you support allowing the parole board to evaluate all inmates who are 55 years of age and older for early release from prisons?



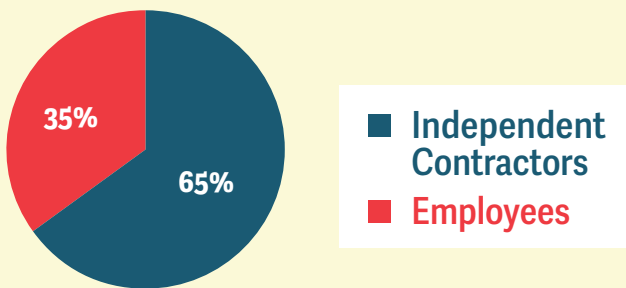
QUESTION 4:

There has been discussion around economic development spending and how we can improve how the state invests in funding projects and targeting incentives. Which of the following proposals, if any, do you support as economic development spending reforms?



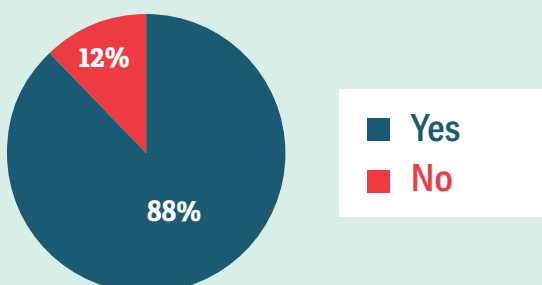
QUESTION 5:

Labor protections for "gig economy" workers (such as Uber, Lyft, DoorDash, Grubhub workers) were voted on in the state of California and are being discussed here in New York. Gig economy workers are generally treated as independent contractors because of the nature of the work and services provided. In the California proposal, there were exemptions for some professions. Should gig employees be classified as independent contractors or as employees?



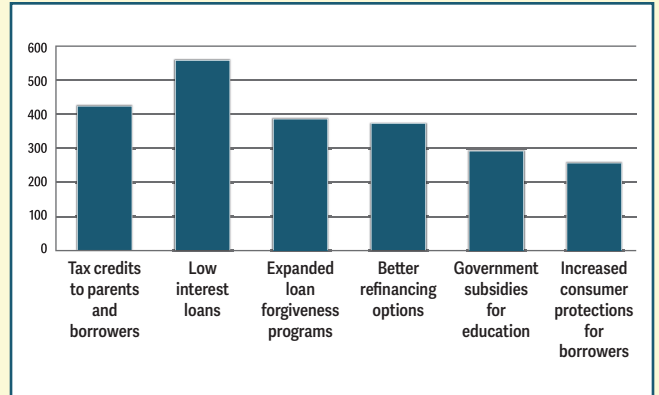
QUESTION 6:

Do you support a consolidated primary date in April? This would result in presidential, congressional, state, and local primaries all being held on the same day?



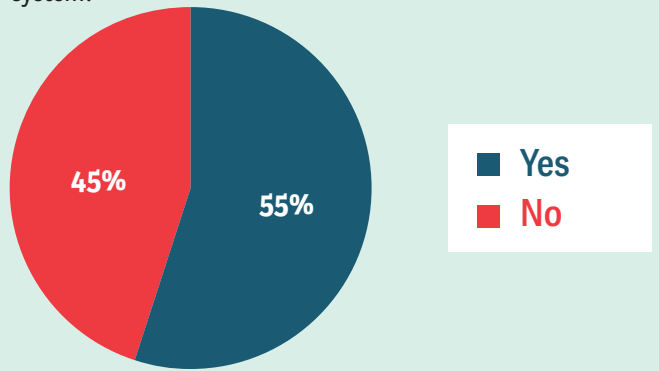
QUESTION 7:

The burden of student loan debt has a profound impact on the economy and not only impacts the financial decisions of the student borrowers but also the parents and guardians who may assist in financing higher education. Which if any of the following do you believe would be the most beneficial in addressing the student loan crisis?



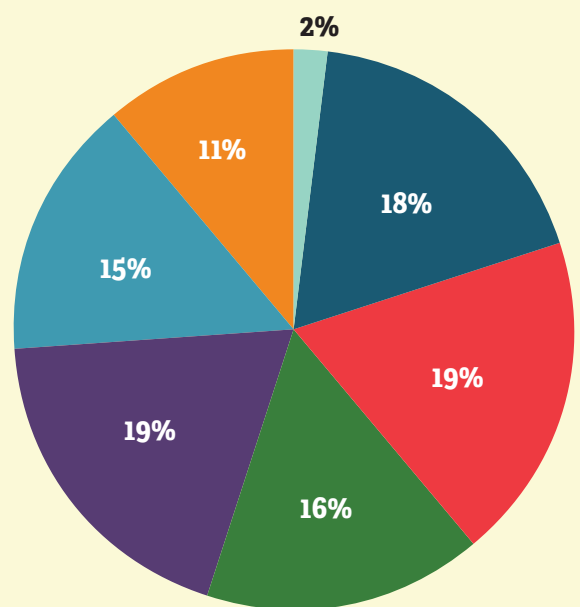
QUESTION 8:

Do you support a single payer (Medicare-for-all) health care system?



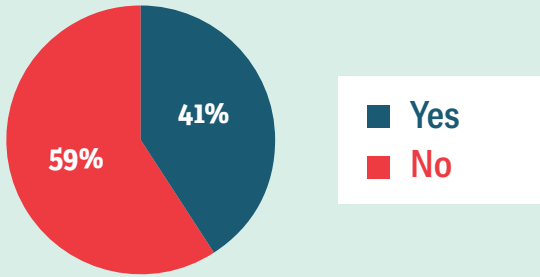
QUESTION 9:

The Governor has made it a priority to encourage shared services between municipalities. Which of the below services would you be most supportive in sharing?



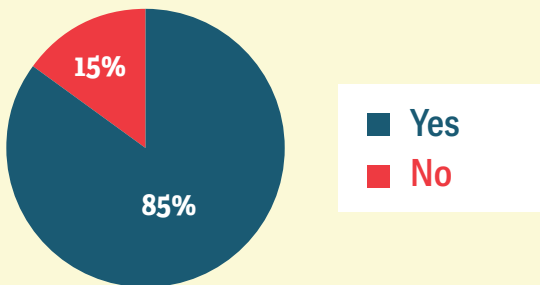
QUESTION 10:

Medicaid is generally the highest cost to county governments. It would cost the state \$2.3 billion to take over Medicaid management from the fifty-five counties outside New York City. Would you be willing to assume the cost of a state takeover in the State budget if it meant either an increase in State taxes or decrease in State services in order to lower your local property taxes?



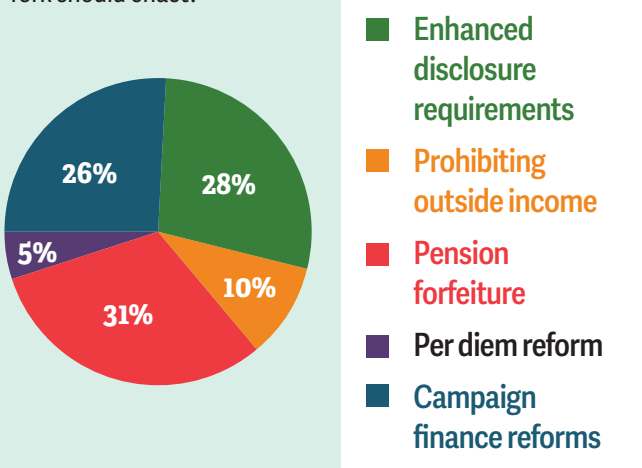
QUESTION 11:

Vacation rental websites, such as Airbnb, HomeAway, and VRBO, are online marketplaces that enable home-sharing. Provided that they are required to pay all related taxes and are compliant with current building codes, would you support these types of businesses in New York?



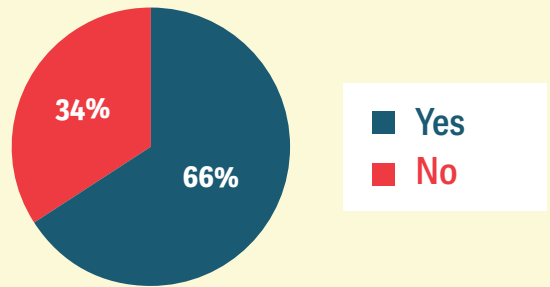
QUESTION 12:

Despite additional charges of corruption there has been little progress in the way of meaningful ethics reform. What in your opinion is the most important ethics reform measure that New York should enact?

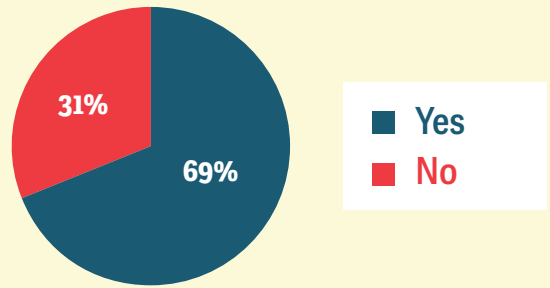


QUESTION 13:

Term Length - Currently, New York State legislators are elected to a two-year term. Do you support legislators continuing to serve two-year terms (every two years having to run for re-election)?

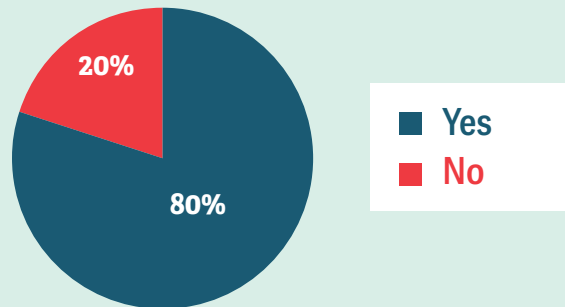


If you answered no to (a), would you support a constitutional amendment that would increase in the length of a term to four years?

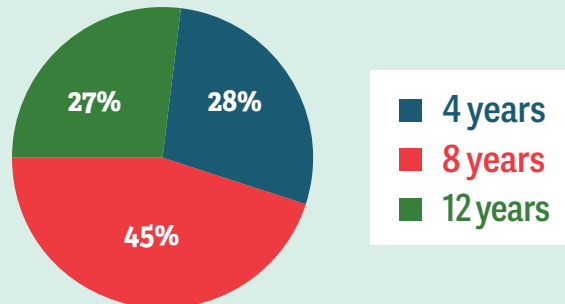


QUESTION 14:

Term Limits - Currently New York State legislators are not subject to term limits, which means they can run for an unlimited number of two-year terms. Should legislators be subject to term limits?

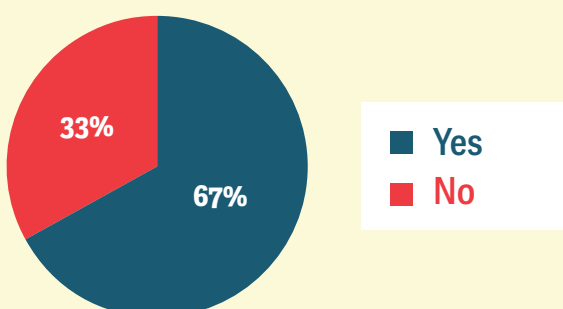


If you answered yes to 14A, how many total years of service should a legislator be limited to?



QUESTION 15:

Currently, New York has a medical marijuana program in place; however it has not legalized marijuana for recreational use. To date, seven states, including neighboring Massachusetts, have legalized marijuana for recreational use. Do you support the full legalization of marijuana in New York?



Do you support expansion of the existing medical marijuana program?

