

NJ District 21 Legislature

Structure & Elections

District 21 represents parts of Somerset, Union, Morris, and Middlesex Counties. Each district elects 1 State Senator and 2 State Assembly members. Senators serve 4-year terms; Assembly members serve 2-year terms. All 80 Assembly seats are up in 2025, making turnout in towns like Green Brook critical.

Key Powers & Responsibilities

State legislators create laws that impact every aspect of daily life.

- **Budget:** Decide state spending (i.e. education aid, transportation, and flood control)
- **Laws:** Write and pass state laws affecting housing, healthcare, the environment, and civil rights.
- **Oversight:** Monitor state agencies to ensure accountability.
- **Constituent Services:** Help residents resolve issues with state programs, benefits, and permits.

Key Issues in 2025

- **School Funding:** Ensuring Green Brook receives fair state aid, limiting property tax hikes.
- **Infrastructure:** Funding flood control projects and Route 22 improvements.
- **Affordability:** Addressing rising property taxes and utility costs.
- **Rights & Representation:** Protecting voting access, immigrant communities, and reproductive rights.

Why This Matters

Because District 21 is highly competitive, Green Brook's turnout can decide which party holds the majority.

That majority determines committee chairs and whether progressive priorities move forward. Every close statewide budget or policy fight is influenced by how districts like ours vote.

Voter Checklist for Candidates

- Will they fight for fair school funding to protect local taxpayers?
- Do they support completing long-delayed flood control projects?
- How will they address property tax relief and affordability?
- Do they stand up for civil rights and fair elections?
- Will they be responsive to Green Brook residents' concerns?

