

Clinton top vote-getter in N.J. primary

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TRENTON, N.J. - U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton won the New Jersey Democratic presidential primary Tuesday, running 10 points ahead of Sen. Barack Obama. With 97 percent of the vote in, Clinton had 54 percent of the vote to 44 percent for Obama, was making a strong showing. The 70 Democratic Convention delegates selected by the primary vote will be divided proportionately between Clinton and Obama. The state has another 57 super delegates. State Sen. President Dick Codey, an Obama supporter, told New Jersey Network they should be divided according to the primary vote, but Gov. Jon Corzine, a Clinton backer, said that would involve changing the party rules mid-election. Clinton, who represents neighboring New York in the Senate, had an overwhelming lead in polls last year. Obama has gained a lot of ground in recent weeks. Democrats saw record turnout for the primary with far more total votes than the Republican Party. In previous election cycles, the primary was in June, when both parties usually had a presumptive nominee.

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