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Written into the state's governing charter would guarantee that New Jersey voters would be the ultimate decision-makers for the state's leader and would not be unduly swayed — either beneficial or detrimental — by a top of the ticket national candidate.

By and large, the decisions proved to be a wise one. Presidential candidates have lost momentum by the time New Jersey chooses a governor a year later, effectively closing the

massed in horrific conditions at the southern border is bound to

The Cattarelli campaign was buoyed by two recent polls showing a considerable lead on Murphy, closing a double-digit lead on the support side in the contest was much more competitive than in

one of the polls was a Republican campaign survey and, like other polls, the favorable results should be viewed with some

Despite some rumbling and criticism over Murphy's decision, he managed to maintain public support for his mask wearing protocol.

Cattarelli's position, framed as a matter of public safety for the vulnerable and on the wrong side of public opinion.

Moreover, his muddled and dubious explanation for the support of Trump's insistence that Biden is a threat to the country. Murphy's assertions of his being a Trump supporter.

While New Jersey has become one of the most liberal states, voters have demonstrated an independent streak in gubernatorial contests.

If the next governors elected in 2022 are Democrats, And, since 1977, only incumbent

The 20-year gubernatorial term has changed the nature of the contests, with voters electing whoever they prefer in the election decision.

While this year has been a dramatic season

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