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# State Sen. C will not see re-election

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State Sen. Chris Brown, R-Atlantic, addresses the crowd in October during the 2019 legislative session. Photo by AP/Wide World

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State Sen. Chris Brannan, R-Atlantic, will not see reelection, he said Tuesday.

Former Atlantic City Mayor Donald Guarise, who previously placed in the runoff assembly in the 2nd District, will instead see the chance Brannan.

Brannan, 66, was expected to announce that he will run for a second term, as he has done in the state Legislature for 10 years, including as an assemblyman.

"This chapter in my life was a page from a book, particularly the story about our successful fight to defeat North Jersey casinos, which is a proud industry that has supported jobs," Brannan said. "I'm grateful for the chance to write all the pages in this chapter."

He said he has been realizing lately that life is short. His father died at 88, when Brannan was 22. Brannan was activated to serve in the military at 26, when he was a first-year law student.

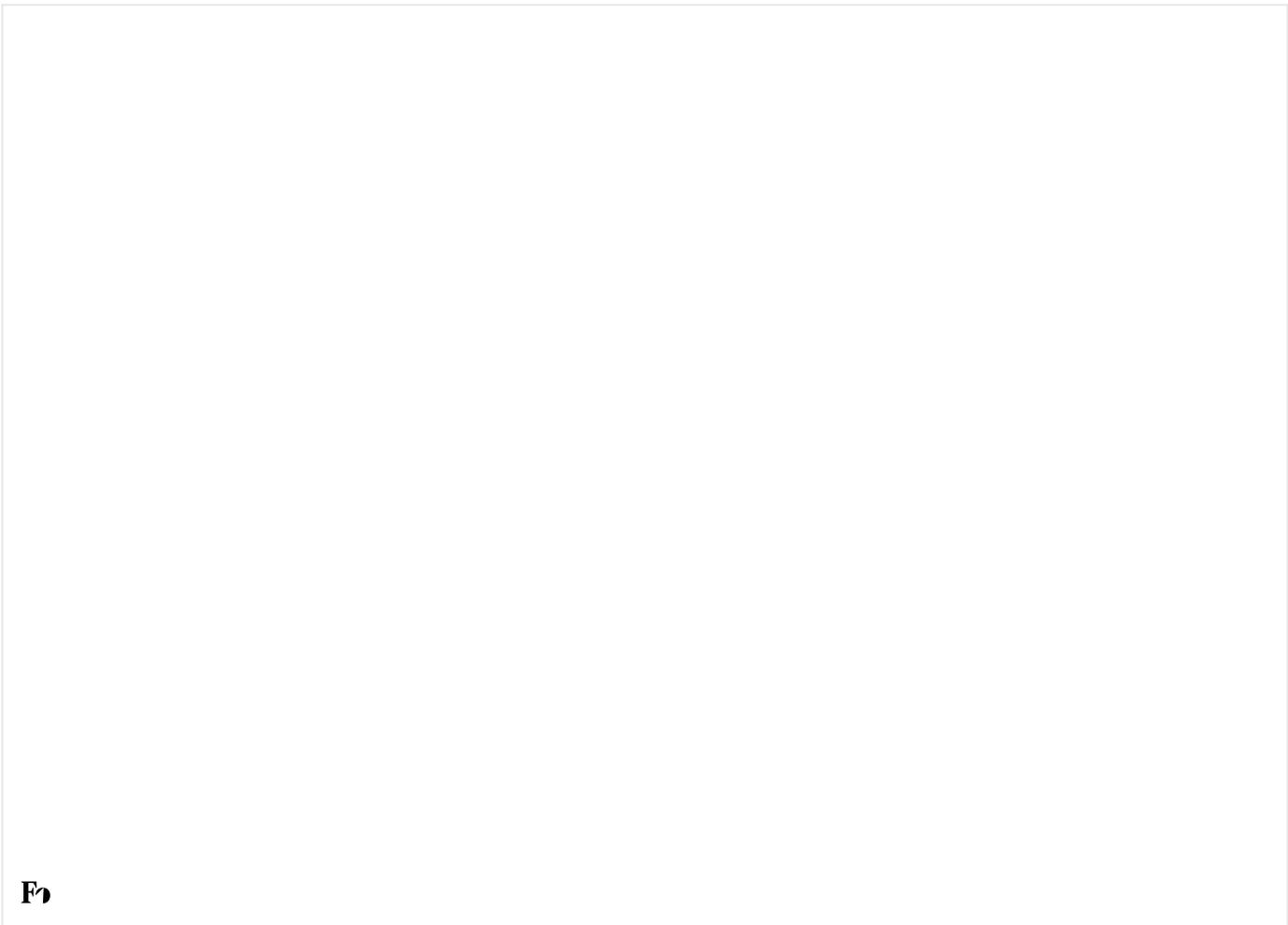
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## **GOP former Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian to run for Assembly in 2nd District**

The expected pickup measure this year's 2nd Legislative District race will be a runoff, predicted by the executive director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University.

"I'm certainly interested. I have a family and close friends, as well as staff members who have been with me," he said. "I'll make a decision later. I've been 18 years in public office and have learned to be a little more patient with my decision-making."



Atlantic County Executive Dennis Lewis said Democrat wanted to run against Brown.

"I will miss him. He served this area extraordinarily well," Lewis said, citing Brown's quiet demeanor and respect for every citizen. "We were lucky to have him as long as we had him."

Lewis said Atlantic County Republicans have a deep bench. A yet to be named GOP will make good candidates, he said, including assemblyman John Rishel, state Rep. John V. C. Mmisi, Guard; C. Mmisi; former assemblyman V. Mmisi; former Brigadier General Phil Gueter; former assemblyman Robert W. Sip; and "S. Y." Cullug; and Atlantic County Chairman Davis.





able to serve. I believe by choosing not to seek re-election, my children are learning not only is there honor and integrity in getting involved in public service, but there is also honor and integrity in gracefully stepping aside to allow others to serve the public.

I appreciate the counsel