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## Webber will be new GOP State Chairman

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Gubernatorial candidate **Christopher Christie** is expected to pick **Jay Webber**, a freshman Republican Assemblyman from Morris County, as the new GOP State Chairman. Webber, a strong conservative, would replace **Tom Wilson** as head of the state party organization.

Webber's selection, which must be ratified by a vote of the Republican State Committee, will likely please conservatives who made up most of **Steven Lonegan's** 42% in Tuesday's primary election.

Webber, 37, was an early supporter of Christie's bid for the Republican nomination for Governor. He was elected to the State Assembly in 2007, four years after losing a primary challenge to State Sen. **Robert Martin**. A Harvard Law School graduate, he served as a Law Clerk to New Jersey Supreme Court Justice **Peter Verniero** and as an aide to U.S. Rep. **Bill Martini**.

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