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MIDDLESEX	163428	447562	43566	654556
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Acushnet	987	3159	298	4444
ATTLEBORO	2944	8695	1051	12690
Berkley	214	670	112	996
Dartmouth	2368	6908	775	10051
Dighton	584	1631	172	2387
Easton	1492	5239	297	7028
Fairhaven	1699	4742	764	7205
FALL RIVER	8446	22025	7368	37839
Freewtown	564	1690	138	2392
Mansfield	1101	4140	255	5496
NEW BEDFORD	9278	24565	4519	38362
No. Attleborough	1632	5961	762	8355
Norton	872	3274	237	4383
Raynham	720	2821	212	3753
Rehoboth	1109	1776	290	3175
Seekonk	2335	2667	583	5585
Somerset	2232	6558	876	9666
Swansea	1938	4302	715	6955
TAUNTON	3475	12077	2855	18407
Westport	1514	3970	552	6036
Totals	45504	126870	22831	195205

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In the County of Dukes County

Chilmark	193	159	21	373
Edgartown	580	635	141	1356
Gay Head	73	32	18	123
Gosnold	36	29	9	74
Oak Bluffs	492	524	149	1165
Tisbury	728	679	148	1555
West Tisbury	343	198	35	576
Totals	2445	2256	521	5222

In the County of Essex

Amesbury	1334	3495	599	5428
Andover	2698	10095	506	13299
BEVERLY	4097	14052	1165	19314
Boxford	432	2042	49	2523
Danvers	2502	8984	546	12032
Essex	424	1093	89	1606
Georgetown	557	2098	129	2784
GLOUCESTER	3609	8170	1207	12986
Groveland	515	1848	98	2461
Hamilton	845	2616	113	3574
HAVERHILL	4654	13777	1960	20391
Ipswich	1588	4046	343	5977
LAWRENCE	5256	18026	3198	26480
LYNN	8887	23346	4010	36243
Lynnfield	1236	5130	179	6545
Manchester	763	2198	141	3102
Marblehead	3008	9422	438	12868
Merrimac	511	1355	114	1980
Methuen	3277	13303	1335	17915
Middleton	424	1377	93	1894
Nahant	577	1596	89	2262
Newbury	603	1650	72	2325
NEWBURYPORT	2006	5094	755	7855
North Andover	1796	7178	487	9461
PEABODY	4207	16759	1568	22534
Rockport	1186	2321	320	3827
Rowley	386	1220	83	1689
SALEM	4101	13424	1640	19165
Salisbury	553	1724	252	2529
Saugus	2719	9069	718	12506
Swampscott	1665	5397	667	7729
Topsfield	623	2327	51	3001
Wenham	454	1464	62	1980
West Newbury	339	1008	52	1399
Totals	67832	216704	23128	307664

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In the County of Franklin

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Ashfield	315	417	41	773
Bernardston	287	566	51	904
Buckland	265	659	80	1004
Charlemont	190	288	32	510
Colrain	256	477	39	772
Conway	323	357	30	710
Deerfield	738	1410	107	2255
Erving	179	476	41	696
Gill	223	411	34	668
Greenfield	2819	5453	655	8927
Hawley	67	53	5	125
Heath	125	99	16	240
Leverett	424	257	23	704
Leyden	84	142	9	235
Monroe	23	68	6	97
Montague	1338	2724	300	4362
New Salem	114	223	18	355
Northfield	559	713	91	1363
Orange	679	1885	164	2728
Rowe	65	141	12	218
Shelburne	282	609	56	947
Shutesbury	256	198	19	473
Sunderland	633	591	64	1288
Warwick	126	152	21	299
Wendell	171	130	28	329
Whately	227	414	46	687
Totals	10768	18913	1988	31669

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In the County of Hampden

Agawam	3063	6756	700	10519
Blandford	147	363	15	525
Brimfield	358	649	64	1071
Chester	165	324	54	543
CHICOPEE	5607	19277	1666	26550
East Longmeadow	1791	4740	275	6806
Granville	161	415	38	614
Hampden	594	1431	67	2092
Holland	204	420	44	668
HOLYOKE	3490	14029	2133	19652
Longmeadow	2243	6439	265	8947
Ludlow	2254	5778	524	8556
Monson	993	1925	187	3105
Montgomery	61	229	8	298
Palmer	1667	3663	358	5688
Russell	193	470	43	706
Southwick	917	1991	127	3035
SPRINGFIELD	16743	30911	6628	54282
Tolland	56	88	11	155
Wales	147	302	19	468
West Springfield	3716	8345	445	12506
WESTFIELD	3805	10725	672	15202
Wilbraham	1536	4617	279	6432
Totals	49911	123887	14622	188420

In the County of Hampshire

Amherst	6744	3787	611	11142
Belchertown	1007	1572	140	2719
Chesterfield	127	245	32	404
Cummington	183	187	33	403
Easthampton	1823	5046	425	7294
Goshen	80	194	17	291
Granby	605	1748	148	2501
Hadley	764	1378	151	2293
Hatfield	427	1096	133	1656
Huntington	273	461	64	798
Middlefield	88	84	9	181

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In the County of Hampshire

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NORTHAMPTON	4959	7888	893	13740
Pelham	307	248	24	579
Plainfield	73	101	11	185
South Hadley	1933	6045	361	8339
Southampton	411	1340	74	1825
Ware	1288	2812	358	4458
Westhampton	140	337	26	503
Williamsburg	399	724	63	1186
Worthington	174	268	26	468
Totals	21805	35561	3599	60965

In the County of Middlesex

Acton	1888	6562	172	8622
Arlington	7395	19452	1365	28212
Ashby	273	771	58	1102
Ashland	744	3237	211	4192
Ayer	535	1532	141	2208
Bedford	1365	4313	302	5980
Belmont	4184	11397	842	16423
Billerica	2961	10299	562	13822
Boxborough	233	950	28	1211
Burlington	2234	7861	506	10601
CAMBRIDGE	20077	19820	3333	43230
Carlisle	390	1279	50	1719
Chelmsford	3362	11709	526	15597
Concord	2391	6053	427	8871
Dracut	1786	7539	615	9940
Dunstable	161	549	39	749
EVERETT	3657	11977	2662	18296
Frammingham	5994	23173	1268	30435
Groton	707	1820	111	2638
Holliston	1024	4798	184	6006
Hopkinton	587	2466	148	3201
Hudson	1263	5247	457	6967
Lexington	4837	11376	918	17131
Lincoln	894	1893	81	2868
Littleton	826	2376	121	3323
LOWELL	7838	26185	3473	37496
MALDEN	5917	17370	2310	25597
MARLBOROUGH	2592	10213	724	13529
Maynard	1028	3310	304	4642
MEDFORD	7272	19673	2644	29589
MELROSE	3630	11293	1088	16011
Natick	3489	10538	916	14943
NEWTON	13705	29030	3087	45822
North Reading	1442	3976	195	5613
Pepperell	710	2013	158	2881
Reading	2764	8919	447	12130
Sherborn	389	1732	55	2176
Shirley	433	1144	76	1653
SOMERVILLE	9903	18875	3126	31904
Stoneham	2665	7347	670	10682
Stow	380	1861	56	2297
Sudbury	1366	5804	184	7354
Tewksbury	2196	7682	371	10249
Townsend	503	1761	128	2392
Tyngsborough	432	1741	119	2292
Wakefield	2873	9732	747	13352
WALTHAM	5316	16111	2689	24116
Watertown	5609	11588	1808	19005
Wayland	1757	5125	209	7091
Westford	1098	4719	231	6048
Weston	1271	4772	192	6235
Wilmington	1492	5461	513	7466
Winchester	2293	8410	673	11376
WOBURN	3297	12728	1246	17271
Totals	163428	447562	43566	654556

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Nantucket	1087	1288	288	2663
Totals	1087	1288	288	2663

In the County of Norfolk

Avon	528	1838	155	2521
Bellingham	1547	4187	337	6071
Braintree	3905	14189	726	18820
Brookline	10171	15684	3317	29172
Canton	1889	7096	442	9427
Cohasset	1241	2790	153	4184
Dedham	2803	10163	831	13797
Dover	406	2308	57	2771
Foxborough	1323	4676	186	6185
Franklin	1862	5390	421	7673
Holbrook	1226	4036	267	5529
Medfield	945	3904	164	5013
Medway	759	2877	158	3794
Millis	653	2426	119	3198
Milton	3249	11565	823	15638
Needham	3581	12603	682	16866
Norfolk	482	1752	73	2307
Norwood	3700	10860	646	15206
Plainville	580	1842	106	2528
QUINCY	10087	31082	2835	44004
Randolph	3300	9694	1048	14042
Sharon	1870	5070	363	7303
Stoughton	2150	8139	838	11127
Walpole	2104	6636	381	9121
Wellesley	3193	11282	553	15028
Westwood	1458	5897	211	7566
Weymouth	5691	18919	1533	26143
Wrentham	621	2071	163	2855
Totals	71324	218976	17589	307889

In the County of Plymouth

Abington	1425	4429	262	6116
Bridgewater	1549	4430	331	6310
BROCKTON	7185	24643	2979	34807
Carver	489	1365	125	1979
Duxbury	1154	4186	140	5480
East Bridgewater	963	2967	295	4225
Halifax	628	1705	96	2429
Hanover	1183	3859	201	5243
Hanson	724	2439	186	3349
Hingham	2260	7848	437	10545
Hull	1332	3149	286	4767
Kingston	927	2128	206	3261
Lakeville	529	1753	187	2419
Marion	148	1441	92	1981
Marshfield	2274	6699	308	9281
Mattapoisett	751	2017	84	2852
Middleborough	1511	4231	446	6188
Norwell	928	3351	173	4452
Pembroke	1244	3946	160	5350
Plymouth	3089	8891	1062	13042
Plympton	212	581	44	837
Rochester	200	868	55	1123
Rockland	1516	4714	404	6634
Scituate	2169	6491	354	9014
Wareham	1923	4456	603	6982
West Bridgewater	628	2422	119	3169
Whitman	1360	4377	264	6001
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In the County of Suffolk

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
BOSTON	54076	108639	33678	196393
CHELSEA	2840	6441	1973	11254
REVERE	4530	13797	2563	20890
Winthrop	2828	6237	912	9977
Totals	64274	135114	39126	238514

In the County of Worcester

Ashburnham	434	1249	98	1781
Athol	996	3478	354	4828
Auburn	1679	5987	409	8075
Barre	472	1418	165	2055
Berlin	218	821	61	1100
Blackstone	907	1715	340	2962
Bolton	289	913	46	1248
Boylston	351	1302	68	1721
Brookfield	254	740	87	1081
Charlton	656	1592	155	2403
Clinton	1453	4056	527	6036
Douglas	371	1236	136	1743
Dudley	858	2518	329	3705
East Brookfield	200	647	57	904
FITCHBURG	3887	11820	1366	17073
GARDNER	1700	6097	941	8738
Grafton	1141	3927	411	5479
Hardwick	293	706	103	1102
Harvard	489	1454	48	1991
Holden	1649	5493	53	7195
Hopedale	400	1694	158	2252
Hubbardston	190	543	38	771
Lancaster	613	1702	147	2462
Leicester	1019	2951	303	4273
LEOMINSTER	2984	10796	1350	15130
Lunenburg	854	2904	183	3941
Mendon	266	1133	89	1488
Milford	1897	7919	862	10678
Millbury	1326	3951	433	5710
Millville	247	476	100	823
New Braintree	107	198	29	334
North Brookfield	431	1417	141	1989
Northborough	976	3894	165	5035
Northbridge	1704	3296	527	5527
Oakham	142	325	21	488
Oxford	797	2969	425	4191
Paxton	378	1514	67	1959
Petersham	182	400	32	614
Phillipston	118	277	30	425
Princeton	210	815	29	1054
Royalston	143	284	22	449
Rutland	370	1303	68	1741
Shrewsbury	2304	8409	557	11270
Southborough	515	2453	81	3049
Southbridge	1751	4089	1134	6974
Spencer	995	3351	377	4723
Sterling	407	1819	98	2324
Sturbridge	595	1797	226	2618
Sutton	465	1843	175	2483
Templeton	520	1937	158	2615
Upton	375	1431	144	1950
Uxbridge	859	2897	325	4081
Warren	428	1177	145	1750
Webster	1259	4684	851	6794
West Boylston	629	2594	156	3379
West Brookfield	308	949	97	1354
Westborough	1217	5101	216	6534
Westminster	510	1819	113	2442
Winchendon	739	1835	207	2781
WORCESTER	17993	44927	6822	69742
Totals	65520	201042	22855	289417

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Counties	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE	42539	26221	5553	74313
BERKSHIRE	34129	28089	7711	69929
BRISTOL	79002	90593	25610	195205
DUKES	3085	1564	573	5222
ESSEX	160391	119088	28185	307664
FRANKLIN	15764	13589	2316	31669
HAMPDEN	101076	71538	15806	188420
HAMPSHIRE	35305	21726	3934	60965
MIDDLESEX	339783	261719	53054	654556
NANTUCKET	1451	910	302	2663
NORFOLK	162774	123266	21849	307889
PLYMOUTH	81764	74022	12050	167836
SUFFOLK	104612	89150	44752	238514
WORCESTER	132627	126454	30336	289417
TOTALS	1274302	1047929	252031	2594262

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The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide for absentee voting by persons who hold religious beliefs in conflict with the act of voting on the day on which any election is to be held.

In the County of Barnstable

Barnstable	8730	4965	931	14626
Bourne	2491	2197	399	5087
Brewster	1628	870	138	2636
Chatham	2334	1458	209	4001
Dennis	3848	2308	420	6576
Eastham	1184	658	85	1927
Falmouth	6416	4103	927	11446
Harwich	2963	1893	249	5105
Mashpee	1005	648	151	1804
Orleans	1952	929	182	3063
Provincetown	1320	550	281	2151
Sandwich	1951	1510	166	3627
Truro	442	293	50	785
Wellfleet	875	468	84	1427
Yarmouth	5400	3371	1281	10052
Totals	42539	26221	5553	74313

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Adams	2375	2679	696	5750
Alford	124	88	14	226
Becket	249	204	37	490
Cheshire	721	763	141	1625
Clarksburg	406	416	70	892
Dalton	1908	1458	199	3565
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Florida	162	180	31	373
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Lanesborough	655	621	95	1371
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Lenox	1615	1099	248	2962
Monterey	253	129	33	415
Mount Washington	31	23	4	58
New Ashford	50	48	6	104
New Marlborough	258	215	57	530
NORTH ADAMS	3737	3355	960	8052
Otis	171	214	58	443
Peru	145	93	16	254
PITTSFIELD	12330	9927	3464	25721
Richmond	465	354	38	857
Sandisfield	142	99	60	301
Savoy	77	115	19	211
Sheffield	661	569	92	1322
Stockbridge	884	461	89	1434

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Tyringham	92	76	18	186
Washington	111	112	16	239
West Stockbridge	357	307	61	725
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Acushnet	1718	2398	328	4444
ATTLEBORO	5566	5783	1341	12690
Berkley	369	512	115	996
Dartmouth	4535	4672	844	10051
Dighton	918	1252	217	2387
Easton	3538	3114	376	7028
Fairhaven	2926	3460	819	7205
FALL RIVER	12867	16827	8145	37839
Freetown	1096	1169	127	2392
Mansfield	2629	2539	328	5496
NEW BEDFORD	15836	17584	4942	38362
No. Attleborough	3694	3704	957	8355
Norton	2000	2082	301	4383
Raynham	1701	1790	262	3753
Rehoboth	1322	1513	340	3175
Seekonk	2316	2603	666	5585
Somerset	4015	4706	945	9666
Swansea	2713	3471	771	6955
TAUNTON	6851	8370	3186	18407
Westport	2392	3044	600	6036
Totals	79002	90593	25610	195205

In the County of Dukes County

Chilmark	247	107	19	373
Edgartown	799	400	157	1356
Gay Head	70	32	21	123
Gosnold	32	32	10	74
Oak Bluffs	628	375	162	1165
Tisbury	920	471	164	1555
West Tisbury	389	147	40	576
Totals	3085	1564	573	5222

In the County of Essex

Amesbury	2631	2131	666	5428
Andover	7926	4674	699	13299
BEVERLY	10918	7089	1307	19314
Boxford	1617	826	80	2523
Danvers	6791	4508	733	12032
Essex	898	607	101	1606
Georgetown	1406	1223	155	2784
GLOUCESTER	7143	4369	1474	12986
Groveland	1221	1113	127	2461
Hamilton	2179	1235	160	3574
HAVERHILL	8371	9606	2414	20391
Ipswich	3285	2265	427	5977
LAWRENCE	11743	11033	3704	26480
LYNN	18885	12615	4743	36243
Lynnfield	3770	2535	240	6545
Manchester	1862	1065	175	3102
Marblehead	8270	4031	567	12868
Merrimac	922	906	152	1980
Methuen	8367	7928	1620	17915
Middleton	996	791	107	1894
Nahant	1313	834	115	2262
Newbury	1303	904	118	2325
NEWBURYPORT	3871	3023	961	7855

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In the County of Essex — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
North Andover	4951	3868	642	9461
PEABODY	11486	9149	1899	22534
Rockport	2244	1197	386	3827
Rowley	865	729	95	1689
SALEM	9266	7698	2201	19165
Salisbury	1139	1114	276	2529
Saugus	6290	5316	900	12506
Swampscott	4547	2466	716	7729
Topsfield	1889	1033	79	3001
Wenham	1276	627	77	1980
West Newbury	750	580	69	1399
Totals	160391	119088	28185	307664

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide for absentee voting by persons who hold religious beliefs in conflict with the act of voting on the day on which any election is to be held.

In the County of Franklin

Ashfield	410	317	46	773
Bernardston	415	431	58	904
Buckland	424	482	98	1004
Charlemont	266	199	45	510
Colrain	376	354	42	772
Conway	401	265	44	710
Deerfield	1135	1007	113	2255
Erving	310	336	50	696
Gill	332	300	36	668
Greenfield	4374	3833	720	8927
Hawley	72	43	10	125
Heath	136	78	26	240
Leverett	503	170	31	704
Leyden	96	127	12	235
Monroe	40	50	7	97
Montague	2009	1991	362	4362
New Salem	203	131	21	355
Northfield	701	561	101	1363
Orange	1227	1266	235	2728
Rowe	77	127	14	218
Shelburne	462	426	59	947
Shutesbury	302	147	24	473
Sunderland	837	390	61	1288
Warwick	146	130	23	299
Wendell	193	111	25	329
Whately	317	317	53	687
Totals	15764	13589	2316	31669

In the County of Hampden

Agawam	5712	4087	720	10519
Blandford	262	247	16	525
Brimfield	573	428	70	1071
Chester	242	240	61	543
CHICOPEE	12929	11799	1822	26550
East Longmeadow	4010	2506	290	6806
Granville	289	277	48	614
Hampden	1260	764	68	2092
Holland	352	276	40	668
HOLYOKE	10073	7347	2232	19652
Longmeadow	6067	2598	282	8947
Ludlow	4148	3870	538	8556
Monson	1579	1327	199	3105
Montgomery	156	132	10	298
Palmer	2636	2644	408	5688
Russell	375	282	49	706
Southwick	1707	1213	115	3035
SPRINGFIELD	29205	17953	7124	54282
Toiland	76	71	8	155
Wales	252	192	24	468
West Springfield	7261	4723	522	12506
WESTFIELD	8286	6069	847	15202
Wilbraham	3626	2493	313	6432
Totals	101076	71538	15806	188420

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In the County of Hampshire

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Amherst	8603	2032	507	11142
Beichertown	1549	1029	141	2719
Chesterfield	211	154	39	404
Cummington	233	154	26	403
Easthampton	3589	3208	497	7294
Goshen	132	135	24	291
Granby	1295	1052	154	2501
Hadley	1138	969	186	2293
Hatfield	725	769	162	1656
Huntington	388	332	78	798
Middleneld	89	80	12	181
NORTHAMPTON	7939	4771	1030	13740
Peiham	372	178	29	579
Plainfield	99	68	18	185
South Hadley	4728	3212	399	8339
Southampton	900	841	84	1825
Ware	2207	1837	414	4458
Westhampton	265	211	27	503
Williamsburg	620	495	71	1186
Worthington	233	199	36	468
Totals	35305	21726	3934	60965

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In the County of Middlesex

Acton	5335	3079	208	8622
Arlington	15793	10626	1793	28212
Ashby	533	500	69	1102
Ashland	1410	2513	269	4192
Ayer	1048	987	173	2208
Bedford	3527	2107	346	5980
Belmont	9233	6209	981	16423
Billerica	6976	5977	869	13822
Boxborough	672	505	34	1211
Burlington	5557	4565	479	10601
CAMBRIDGE	27570	11947	3713	43230
Carlisle	1091	570	58	1719
Chelmsford	8421	6515	661	15597
Concord	5607	2794	470	8871
Dracut	4244	4957	739	9940
Dunstable	349	352	48	749
EVERETT	7362	7981	2953	13296
Framingham	13712	15156	1567	30435
Groton	1448	1063	127	2638
Holliston	2566	3221	219	6006
Hopkinton	1178	1873	150	3201
Hudson	3101	3302	564	6967
Lexington	10680	5414	1037	17131
Lincoln	1964	783	121	2868
Littleton	1839	1334	150	3323
LOWELL	17063	16375	4058	37496
MALDEN	11808	10910	2879	25597
NARLBOROUGH	6130	6481	918	13529
Maynard	2048	2241	353	4642
MEDFORD	13669	12854	3066	29589
MELROSE	8201	6536	1274	16011
Natick	6718	7312	913	14943
NEWTON	27298	13435	5099	45822
North Reading	3262	2128	223	5613
Pepperell	1496	1209	176	2881
Reading	6703	4783	644	12130
Sherborn	1136	989	51	2176
Shirley	836	726	91	1653
SOMERVILLE	15329	12892	3683	31904
Stoneham	5508	4281	893	10682
Stow	1172	1049	76	2297
Sudbury	4339	2782	233	7354
Tewksbury	5361	4449	439	10249
Townsend	1265	982	145	2392

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In the County of Middlesex — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Tynsborough	1041	1106	145	2292
Wakefield	7259	5068	1025	13352
WALTHAM	11208	9724	3184	24116
Watertown	9535	7215	2255	19005
Wayland	4209	2633	249	7091
Westford	3087	2676	285	6048
Weston	3932	2118	185	6235
Wilmington	3652	3310	504	7466
Winchester	6268	4316	792	11376
WOBURN	9044	6809	1418	17271
Totals	339783	261719	53054	654556

SUMMARY

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In the County of Nantucket

Nantucket	1451	910	302	2663
Totals	1451	910	302	2663

In the County of Norfolk

Avon	1104	1207	210	2521
Bellingham	2540	3072	459	6071
Braintree	9409	8459	952	18820
Brookline	19189	6276	3707	29172
Canton	4664	4229	534	9427
Cohasset	2362	1609	213	4184
Dedham	6058	6623	1116	13797
Dover	1573	1097	101	2771
Foxborough	3456	2475	254	6185
Franklin	3609	3533	531	7673
Holbrook	2634	2541	354	5529
Medfield	2432	2393	188	5013
Medway	1873	1736	185	3794
Millis	1648	1411	139	3198
Milton	9075	5737	826	15638
Needham	9830	6104	932	16866
Norfolk	1186	1036	85	2307
Norwood	7927	6483	796	15206
Plainville	1160	1209	159	2528
QUINCY	20964	19463	3577	44004
Randolph	7551	5123	1368	14042
Sharon	5112	1816	375	7303
Stoughton	5452	4678	997	11127
Walpole	4760	3862	499	9121
Wellesley	9076	5188	764	15028
Westwood	3906	3377	283	7566
Weymouth	12766	11341	2036	26143
Wrentham	1458	1188	209	2855
Totals	162774	123266	21849	307889

In the County of Plymouth

Abington	2966	2812	338	6116
Bridgewater	3241	2682	387	6310
BROCKTON	15369	15702	3736	34807
Carver	890	950	139	1979
Duxbury	3560	1737	183	5480
East Bridgewater	1853	2049	323	4225
Halifax	1116	1171	142	2429
Hanover	2753	2257	233	5243
Hanson	1555	1550	244	3349
Hingham	5936	4068	541	10545

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In the County of Plymouth — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hull	2500	1915	352	4767
Kingston	1528	1488	245	3261
Lakeville	748	1500	171	2419
Marion	1027	849	105	1981
Marshfield	5061	3818	402	9281
Mattapoisett	1448	1304	100	2852
Middleborough	2856	2834	498	6188
Norwell	2447	1804	201	4452
Pembroke	2672	2452	226	5350
Plymouth	5946	5842	1254	13042
Plympton	416	377	44	837
Rochester	476	576	71	1123
Rockland	3021	3083	530	6634
Scituate	5100	3515	399	9014
Wareham	3087	3217	678	6982
West Bridgewater	1375	1651	143	3169
Whitman	2817	2819	365	6001
Totals	81764	74022	12050	167836

SUMMARY

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In the County of Suffolk

BOSTON	86011	71955	38427	196393
CHELSEA	4661	4396	2197	11254
REVERE	8590	9099	3201	20890
Winthrop	5350	3700	927	9977
Totals	104612	89150	44752	238514

In the County of Worcester

Ashburnham	893	753	135	1781
Athol	2104	2281	443	4828
Auburn	3672	3843	560	8075
Barre	831	1012	212	2055
Berlin	562	470	68	1100
Blackstone	1177	1385	400	2962
Bolton	746	438	64	1248
Boylston	869	769	83	1721
Brookfield	474	504	103	1081
Charlton	1046	1164	193	2403
Clinton	2851	2568	617	6036
Douglas	676	885	182	1743
Dudley	1635	1661	409	3705
East Brookfield	418	396	90	904
FITCHBURG	7991	7372	1710	17073
GARDNER	4023	3626	1089	8738
Grafton	2536	2482	461	5479
Hardwick	457	519	126	1102
Harvard	1235	698	58	1991
Holden	3575	3089	531	7195
Hopedale	976	1088	188	2252
Hubbardston	355	365	51	771
Lancaster	1483	833	146	2462
Leicester	1877	2006	390	4273
LEOMINSTER	6953	6396	1781	15130
Lunenburg	2135	1572	234	3941
Mendon	614	762	112	1488
Milford	4428	5248	1002	10678
Milbury	2458	2674	578	5710
Millville	297	405	121	823
New Braintree	147	157	30	334
North Brookfield	815	998	176	1989
Northborough	2634	2198	203	5035
Northbridge	1575	1716	2236	5527
Oakham	240	218	30	488
Oxford	1727	2087	377	4191
Paxton	1024	836	99	1959
Petersham	337	242	35	614
Phillipston	188	204	33	425

Votes on Question No. 3 — Concluded

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In the County of Worcester — Concluded

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide for absentee voting by persons who hold religious beliefs in conflict with the act of voting on the day on which any election is to be held.

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Princeton	567	449	38	1054
Royalston	246	172	31	449
Rutland	880	790	71	1741
Shrewsbury	5610	4907	753	11270
Southborough	1222	1708	119	3049
Southbridge	2889	2842	1243	6974
Spencer	2066	2212	445	4723
Sterling	1142	1057	125	2324
Sturbridge	1287	1072	259	2618
Sutton	1025	1236	222	2483
Templeton	1066	1343	206	2615
Upton	826	947	177	1950
Uxbridge	1618	2085	378	4081
Warren	718	856	176	1750
Webster	2594	3168	1032	6794
West Boylston	1544	1636	199	3379
West Brookfield	626	606	122	1354
Westborough	3421	2830	283	6534
Westminster	1217	1077	148	2442
Winchendon	1431	1091	259	2781
WORCESTER	32598	28450	8694	69742
Totals	132627	126454	30336	289417

Votes on Question No. 4 — Law Proposed by an Initiative Petition

Law Proposed by an Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 5, 1975, by a vote of 179-46, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 7, 1975?

AGGREGATE OF VOTES

COUNTIES	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE	11790	56810	5713	74313
BERKSHIRE	7744	54770	7415	69929
BRISTOL	21790	150372	23043	195205
DUKES	1174	3482	566	5222
ESSEX	35500	240884	31280	307664
FRANKLIN	4144	25408	2117	31669
HAMPDEN	20114	149555	18751	188420
HAMPSHIRE	10520	46171	4274	60965
MIDDLESEX	97969	497338	59249	654556
NANTUCKET	591	1744	328	2663
NORFOLK	39672	244824	23393	307889
PLYMOUTH	23712	130427	13697	167836
SUFFOLK	38478	150177	49859	238514
WORCESTER	33529	231356	24532	289417
Totals	346727	1983318	264217	2594262

In the County of Barnstable

Barnstable	2228	11542	856	14626
Bourne	610	3719	758	5087
Brewster	474	2027	135	2636
Chatham	582	3248	171	4001
Dennis	997	5058	521	6576
Eastham	347	1473	107	1927
Falmouth	1964	8609	873	11446
Harwich	749	4077	279	5105
Mashpee	311	1365	128	1804
Orleans	461	2434	168	3063
Provincetown	715	1151	285	2151
Sandwich	431	3053	143	3627
Truro	198	539	48	785
Wellfleet	344	978	105	1427
Yarmouth	1379	7537	1136	10052
Totals	11790	56810	5713	74313

In the County of Berkshire

Adams	613	4590	547	5750
Alford	51	157	18	226
Becket	76	354	60	490
Cheshire	163	1346	116	1625
Clarksburg	72	776	44	892
Dalton	318	3066	181	3565

SUMMARY

SECTION 1 of the act inserts a new chapter 164B into the General Laws and establishes a Massachusetts Power Authority, a body corporate and politic with seven members appointed by the Governor to staggered six year terms. The Authority is to establish and operate a bulk power supply system to supply wholesale electric power to utilities throughout the Commonwealth. The primary purpose of the Authority is to supply the Commonwealth with power with the minimum adverse impact on the environment. The Authority is also authorized to engage in research and development of new sources of power, new siting techniques, and methods of environmental protection.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Authority is authorized to adopt by-laws; adopt an official seal; maintain offices; sue and be sued; construct or acquire facilities either

within or without the Commonwealth; issue revenue bonds and borrow money in anticipation of issuance of revenue bonds; acquire real and personal property; employ professional, managerial and other employees deemed necessary and fix their compensation to be paid solely out of revenues of the Authority; appear before other government agencies; apply for and receive federal or other grants of funds; and enter into contracts and agreements.

The Authority will build and operate all new generating and transmission facilities in the Commonwealth and has the option to purchase existing facilities through negotiation, condemnation, or eminent domain. After an initial two-year period, no other utility may construct a new facility unless the Authority certifies that it lacks the capability to finance the facility and the facility would further the purposes of the act.

The Authority will finance its activities by issuing revenue bonds. The bonds will be exempt from state taxation, but will not be backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Power will be sold to other utilities by contract but no special discounts of bonuses to promote the increased use of power may be given. Public hearings are required on all major contracts.

The Authority is required to develop a master, 20-year demand study and siting plan within 18 months of its incorporation, to be updated each succeeding year. Cities will be selected in accordance with the Electric Power Facilities Siting Council Act of 1973. The Governor and the community in which any facility is to be located must affirmatively approve the facility before it can be constructed.

The Authority will be subject to all applicable federal and state environmental standards and must obtain all necessary federal and state permits and complete all necessary environmental impact statements.

The Authority will be exempt from taxation but will make payments in lieu of taxes to cities and towns in an amount equal to the tax which would be paid of the Authority's real and personal property were owned by a private electric utility company.

The Authority is forbidden from engaging in promotional or image advertising. The Authority has the authority to bargain collectively with its employees and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 150 of the General Laws, which governs the conciliation and arbitration of industrial disputes. Employees of the Authority are not subject to the civil service laws and rules. Employees of utilities displaced by the activities of the Authority have first preference in employment by the Authority.

SECTION 2 of the act amends section 43 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws to provide that if a city or town votes, in accordance with the provision of Chapter 164, to establish a municipal utility and acquire the facilities of the utility currently serving the community, and the utility refuses to sell its property to the city or town, that the Department of Public Utilities will establish a fair price for the facilities, and the utility will be required to accept the price determined by the department and tender the deed for the facilities to the city or town.

Votes on Question No. 4 — Continued

Law Proposed by an Initiative Petition

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In the County of Berkshire — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Egremont	82	528	33	643
Florida	37	314	22	373
Great Barrington	311	2388	538	3237
Hancock	52	265	22	339
Hinsdale	86	618	53	757
Lanesborough	139	1113	119	1371
Lee	253	2211	282	2746
Lenox	303	2367	292	2962
Monterey	103	289	23	415
Mount Washington	15	41	2	58
New Ashford	17	80	7	104
New Marlborough	89	400	41	530
NORTH ADAMS	875	6439	738	8052
Otis	50	345	48	443
Peru	27	214	13	254
PITTSFIELD	2540	19587	3594	25721
Richmond	101	720	36	857
Sandisfield	61	185	55	301
Savoy	28	165	18	211
Sheffield	190	1049	83	1322
Stockbridge	268	1064	102	1434
Tyringham	30	142	14	186
Washington	31	193	15	239
West Stockbridge	89	593	43	725
Williamstown	633	2924	243	3800
Windsor	41	247	13	301
Totals	7744	54770	7415	69929

In the County of Bristol

Acushnet	382	3778	284	4444
ATTLEBORO	1606	9813	1271	12690
Berkley	105	773	118	996
Dartmouth	1075	8265	711	10051
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Fairhaven	784	5445	976	7205
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Votes on Question No. 4 — Continued

Law Proposed by an Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 5, 1975, by a vote of 179-46, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 7, 1975?

In the County of Bristol — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Somerset	541	8564	561	9666
Swansea	751	5568	636	6955
TAUNTON	1774	13389	3244	18407
Westport	706	4811	519	6036
Totals	21790	150372	23043	195205

In the County of Dukes

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Chilmark	97	254	22	373
Edgartown	267	932	157	1356
Gay Head	38	63	22	123
Gosnold	10	54	10	74
Oak Bluffs	220	782	163	1165
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In the County of Essex

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
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Danvers	1317	10014	701	12032
Essex	227	1281	98	1606
Georgetown	245	2405	134	2784
GLOUCESTER	2214	9415	1357	12986
Groveland	221	2141	99	2461
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HAVERTHILL	2469	15857	2065	20391
Ipswich	881	4717	379	5977
LAWRENCE	3441	19671	3368	26480
LYNN	1336	25793	9114	36243
Lynnfield	702	5572	271	6545
Manchester	472	2445	185	3102
Marblehead	1743	10561	564	12868
Merrimac	195	1658	127	1980
Methuen	2002	14486	1427	17915
Middleton	197	1602	95	1894
Nahant	339	1817	106	2262
Newbury	277	1960	88	2325
NEWBURYPORT	1004	5879	972	7855
North Andover	1008	7766	687	9461
PEABODY	2496	18224	1814	22534

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