



*Votes on Question No. 3 — Proposed Amendment to the Constitution*

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**Aggregate of Votes**

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

**SUMMARY**

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**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

**In the County of Berkshire**

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
Egremont	341	263	39	643
Florida	162	180	31	373
Great Barrington	1388	1319	530	3237
Hancock	176	142	21	339
Hinsdale	365	346	46	757
Lanesborough	655	621	95	1371
Lee	1369	1094	283	2746
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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**In the County of Berkshire — Concluded**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Tyringham .....	92	76	18	186
Washington .....	111	112	16	239
West Stockbridge .....	357	307	61	725
Williamstown .....	2355	1192	253	3800
Windsor .....	156	128	17	301
Totals .....	34129	28089	7711	69929

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**In the County of Bristol**

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

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**In the County of Franklin**

Ashfield	410	317	46	773
Bernardston	415	431	58	904
Buckland	424	482	98	1004
Charlmont	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
Tolland	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
Middlefield	89	80	12	181
NORTHAMPTON	7939	4771	1030	13740
Pelham	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**

<b>Cities and Towns</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blanks</b>	<b>Total Ballots</b>
Tyngsborough	1041	1106	145	2292
Wakefield	7259	5068	1025	13352
<b>WALTHAM</b>	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
<b>WOBURN</b>	9044	6809	1418	17271
<b>Totals</b>	<b>339783</b>	<b>261719</b>	<b>53054</b>	<b>654556</b>

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**In the County of Nantucket**

Nantucket	1451	910	302	2663
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1451</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>2663</b>

**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
<b>QUINCY</b>	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>162774</b>	<b>123266</b>	<b>21849</b>	<b>307889</b>

**In the County of Plymouth**

Abington	2966	2812	338	6116
Bridgewater	3241	2682	387	6310
<b>BROCKTON</b>	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**

<b>Cities and Towns</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blanks</b>	<b>Total Ballots</b>
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

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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

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<b>Cities and Towns</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blanks</b>	<b>Total Ballots</b>
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
<b>WORCESTER</b> .....	<b>32598</b>	<b>28450</b>	<b>8694</b>	<b>69742</b>
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>132627</b>	<b>126454</b>	<b>30336</b>	<b>289417</b>

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# 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

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Bourne	610	3719	758	5087
Brewster	474	2027	135	2636
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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

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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
Dighton	223	1968	196	2387
Easton	880	5782	366	7028
Fairhaven	784	5445	976	7205
FALL RIVER	4217	26628	6994	37839
Freetown	290	1982	120	2392
Mansfield	486	4720	290	5496
NEW BEDFORD	4709	29340	4313	38362
North Attleborough	816	6602	937	8355
Norton	556	3573	254	4383
Raynham	353	3127	273	3753
Rehoboth	461	2416	298	3175
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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
Tisbury .....	334	1070	151	1555
West Tisbury .....	208	327	41	576
Totals .....	1174	3482	566	5222

### In the County of Essex

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Amesbury .....	806	3850	772	5428
Andover .....	1622	10942	735	13299
BEVERLY .....	2502	15525	1287	19314
Boxford .....	354	2095	74	2523
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
Hamilton .....	501	2900	173	3574
HAVERHILL .....	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
Merrimack .....	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
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Rockport	712	2750	365	3827
Rowley	163	1433	93	1689
SALEM	2252	14943	1970	19165
Salisbury	322	1960	247	2529
Saugus	1582	10050	874	12506
Swampscott	1088	5831	810	7729
Topshfield	365	2557	79	3001
Wenham	278	1611	91	1980
West Newbury	167	1173	59	1399
Totals	35500	240884	31280	307664

### In the County of Franklin

Ashfield	177	559	37	773
Barnardston	82	774	48	904
Buckland	106	831	67	1004
Charlemont	57	425	28	510
Colrain	92	651	29	772
Conway	146	526	38	710
Deerfield	271	1868	116	2255
Erving	36	618	42	696
Gill	82	559	27	668
Greenfield	939	7235	753	8927
Hawley	35	83	7	125
Heath	47	182	11	240
Leverett	206	465	33	704
Leyden	29	196	10	235
Monroe	7	88	2	97
Montague	504	3552	306	4362
New Salem	54	279	22	355
Northfield	160	1112	91	1363
Orange	291	2256	181	2728
Rowe	24	188	6	218
Shelburne	95	806	46	947
Shutesbury	132	308	33	473
Sunderland	268	952	68	1288
Warwick	58	219	22	299
Wendell	106	182	41	329
Whately	140	494	53	687
Totals	4144	25408	2117	31669

### In the County of Hampden

Agawam	1186	8246	1087	10519
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Chester	90	394	59	543
CHICOPEE	2377	22313	1860	26550
East Longmeadow	660	5797	349	6806
Granville	57	521	36	614
Hampden	273	1760	59	2092
Holland	90	535	43	668
HOLYOKE	1645	15738	2269	19652
Longmeadow	1013	7568	366	8947
Ludlow	925	7150	481	8556
Monson	355	2568	182	3105
Montgomery	26	264	8	298
Palmer	652	4682	354	5688
Russell	69	588	49	706
Southwick	356	2554	125	3035
SPRINGFIELD	6804	38511	8967	54282
Tolland	18	130	7	155
Wales	56	388	24	468
West Springfield	1196	10242	1068	12506
WESTFIELD	1335	13080	787	15202
Wilbraham	737	5198	497	6432
Totals	20114	149555	18751	188420

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Amherst	3554	6644	944	11142
Belchertown	484	2066	169	2719
Chesterfield	46	326	32	404
Cummington	59	325	19	403
Easthampton	849	6009	436	7294
Goshen	30	243	18	291
Granby	248	2048	205	2501
Hadley	369	1762	162	2293
Hatfield	219	1301	136	1656
Huntington	96	637	65	798
Middlefield	30	136	15	181
NORTHAMPTON	2565	10181	994	13740
Pelham	139	414	26	579
Plainfield	24	149	12	185
South Hadley	834	7036	469	8339
Southampton	172	1589	64	1825
Ware	450	3622	386	4458
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Acton	1143	7233	246	8622
Arlington	4065	22453	1694	28212
Ashby	150	886	66	1102
Ashland	437	3437	318	4192
Ayer	292	1739	177	2208
Bedford	852	4457	671	5980
Belmont	2407	13022	994	16423
Billerica	1801	11184	837	13822
Boxborough	152	1022	37	1211
Burlington	1354	8194	1053	10601
CAMBRIDGE	13380	25407	4443	43230
Carlisle	261	1409	49	1719
Chelmsford	1712	13309	576	15597
Concord	1377	6863	631	8871
Dracut	1203	7989	748	9940
Dunstable	102	600	47	749
EVERETT	1779	13365	3152	18296
Frammingham	4100	24726	1609	30435
Groton	349	2156	133	2638
Holliston	577	5200	229	6006
Hopkinton	329	2742	130	3201
Hudson	599	5842	526	6967
Lexington	2972	12568	1591	17131
Lincoln	574	2146	148	2868
Littleton	376	2802	145	3323
LOWELL	5045	28641	3810	37496
MALDEN	3781	19050	2766	25597
MARLBOROUGH	1441	11319	769	13529
Maynard	608	3705	329	4642
MEDFORD	4184	22253	3152	29589
MELROSE	1888	12519	1604	16011
Natick	1868	11822	1253	14943
NEWTON	8508	32111	5203	45822
North Reading	820	4546	247	5613
Pepperell	406	2291	184	2881
Reading	1426	10008	696	12130
Sherborn	265	1861	50	2176
Shirley	198	1375	80	1653
SOMERVILLE	6165	22132	3607	31904
Stonham	1433	8313	936	10682
Stow	240	1967	90	2297
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### In the County of Middlesex — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Wakefield	1394	10942	1016	13352
WALTHAM	2939	16994	4183	24116
Watertown	3119	13099	2787	19005
Wayland	1190	5630	271	7091
Westford	706	5007	335	6048
Weston	789	5097	349	6235
Wilmington	965	5040	1461	7466
Winchester	1403	8953	1020	11376
WOBURN	1985	13506	1780	17271
Totals	97969	497338	59249	654556

### In the County of Nantucket

Nantucket	591	1744	328	2663
Totals	591	1744	328	2663

### In the County of Norfolk

Avon	301	2016	204	2521
Bellingham	876	4761	434	6071
Braintree	1619	16370	831	18820
Brookline	6342	18000	4830	29172
Canton	1230	7651	546	9427
Cohasset	518	3456	210	4184
Dedham	1661	11008	1128	13797
Dover	253	2420	98	2771
Foxborough	725	5212	248	6185
Franklin	1132	6064	477	7673
Holbrook	601	4582	346	5529
Medfield	579	4220	214	5013
Medway	436	3173	185	3794
Millis	389	2669	140	3198
Milton	1753	12691	1194	15638
Needham	1948	13878	1040	16866
Norfolk	288	1921	98	2307
Norwood	1995	12453	758	15206
Plainville	326	2070	132	2528
QUINCY	5246	35407	3351	44004
Randolph	1912	10672	1458	14042
Sharon	1245	5547	511	7303
Stoughton	1302	8668	1157	11127
Walpole	1080	7540	501	9121
Wellesley	1873	12289	866	15028
Westwood	807	6478	281	7566
Weymouth	2875	21325	1943	26143
Wrentham	360	2283	212	2855
Totals	39672	244824	23393	307889

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Bridgewater	890	5008	412	6310
BROCKTON	4470	26481	3856	34807
Carver	276	1586	117	1979
Duxbury	699	4591	190	5480
East Bridgewater	422	3407	396	4225
Halifax	321	1976	132	2429
Hanover	556	4253	434	5243
Hanson	409	2700	240	3349
Hingham	1120	8814	611	10545
Hull	811	3611	345	4767
Kingston	464	2577	220	3261
Lakeville	246	2025	148	2419
Marion	233	1641	107	1981
Marshfield	1260	7648	373	9281
Mattapoisett	296	2465	91	2852
Middleborough	622	5083	483	6188
Norwell	486	3668	298	4452
Pembroke	687	4437	226	5350
Plymouth	1471	10129	1442	13042
Plympton	128	666	43	837
Rochester	86	982	55	1123
Rockland	795	5323	516	6634
Scituate	4264	3220	1530	9014
Wareham	949	5378	655	6982
West Bridgewater	342	2690	137	3169
Whitman	683	5001	317	6001
Totals	23712	130427	13697	167836

**In the County of Suffolk**

BOSTON	32566	120634	43193	196393
CHELSEA	1762	7235	2257	11254
REVERE	2711	14881	3298	20890
Winthrop	1439	7427	1111	9977
Totals	38478	150177	49859	238514

**In the County of Worcester**

Ashburnham	180	1495	106	1781
Athol	446	4023	359	4828
Auburn	924	6693	458	8075
Barre	276	1619	160	2055
Berlin	148	888	64	1100
Blackstone	471	2087	404	2962
Bolton	145	1044	59	1248
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GARDNER	873	6989	876	8738
Gratton	522	4627	330	5479
Hardwick	117	886	99	1102
Harvard	267	1672	52	1991
Holden	591	6016	588	7195
Hopedale	190	1906	156	2252
Hubbardston	106	623	42	771
Lancaster	311	1991	160	2462
Leicester	535	3396	342	4273
LEOMINSTER	1485	12062	1583	15130
Lunenburg	520	3241	180	3941
Mendon	132	1264	92	1488
Milford	1054	8755	869	10678
Millbury	705	4591	414	5710
Millville	99	634	90	823
New Braintree	72	242	20	334
North Brookfield	180	1658	151	1989
Northborough	527	4346	162	5035
Northbridge	684	4286	557	5527
Oakham	39	421	28	488
Oxford	437	3327	427	4191
Paxton	193	1695	71	1959
Petersham	79	503	32	614
Phillipston	42	353	30	425
Princeton	87	935	32	1054
Royalston	84	345	20	449
Rutland	153	1524	64	1741
Shrewsbury	1098	9593	579	11270
Southborough	284	2674	91	3049
Southbridge	665	4922	1387	6974
Spencer	453	3901	369	4723
Sterling	154	2082	88	2324
Sturbridge	258	2075	285	2618
Sutton	309	2013	161	2483
Templeton	232	2236	147	2615
Upton	199	1615	136	1950
Uxbridge	440	3329	312	4081
Warren	185	1403	162	1750
Webster	701	5263	830	6794
West Boylston	294	2927	158	3379
West Brookfield	146	1116	92	1354
Westborough	577	5744	213	6534
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