



*Votes on Question No. 6 — Proposed Amendment to the Constitution*

*Law Proposed by an Initiative Petition*

*Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 146-85, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976?*

**AGGREGATE OF VOTES**

COUNTIES	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE	43392	27459	3462	74313
BERKSHIRE	36568	28009	5352	69929
BRISTOL	65154	114896	15155	195205
DUKES	3263	1644	315	5222
ESSEX	139951	151456	16257	307664
FRANKLIN	14087	15705	1877	31669
HAMPDEN	92121	83989	12310	188420
HAMPSHIRE	36259	22525	2181	60965
MIDDLESEX	319192	302596	32768	654556
NANTUCKET	1409	1105	149	2663
NORFOLK	149863	145119	12907	307889
PLYMOUTH	78488	81307	8041	167836
SUFFOLK	98446	105478	34590	238514
WORCESTER	129041	146897	13479	289417
TOTALS	1207162	1228185	158915	2594262

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**In the County of Barnstable**

Barnstable	8538	5628	460	14626
Bourne	2478	2229	380	5087
Brewster	1721	849	66	2636
Chatham	2495	1400	106	4001
Dennis	3679	2682	215	6576
Eastham	1219	665	43	1927
Falmouth	7105	3907	434	11446
Harwich	3043	1929	133	5105
Mashpee	1045	666	93	1804
Orleans	1906	1060	97	3063
Provincetown	1200	776	175	2151
Sandwich	2190	1372	65	3627
Truro	463	297	25	785
Wellfleet	936	454	37	1427
Yarmouth	5374	3545	1133	10052
Totals	43392	27459	3462	74313

**In the County of Berkshire**

Adams	2637	2700	413	5750
Aiford	142	77	7	226
Becket	269	162	59	490
Cheshire	802	742	81	1625
Clarksburg	419	446	27	892
Dalton	2064	1400	101	3565
Egremont	409	217	17	643
Florida	145	215	13	373
Great Barrington	1456	1306	475	3237
Hancock	186	139	14	339
Hinsdale	427	308	22	757
Lanesborough	746	532	93	1371
Lee	1431	1110	205	2746
Lenox	1624	1135	203	2962
Monterey	283	118	14	415
Mount Washington	33	23	2	58
New Ashford	62	39	3	104
New Marlborough	335	165	30	530
NORTH ADAMS	3370	4158	524	8052
Otis	216	187	40	443
Peru	163	86	5	254
PITTSFIELD	13328	9727	2666	25721
Richmond	578	267	12	857
Sandisfield	157	105	39	301
Savoy	103	95	13	211
Sheffield	842	440	40	1322
Stockbridge	998	378	58	1434
Tyringham	114	66	6	186

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Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Washington	156	78	5	239
West Stockbridge	425	271	29	725
Williamstown	2463	1208	129	3800
Windsor	185	109	7	301
Totals	36568	28009	5352	69929

In the County of Bristol

Acushnet	1249	2987	208	4444
ATTLEBORO	4962	6801	927	12690
Berkley	475	469	52	996
Dartmouth	3420	5920	711	10051
Dighton	977	1319	91	2387
Easton	3472	3404	152	7028
Fairhaven	2262	4123	820	7205
FALL RIVER	9798	23415	4626	37839
Freetown	937	1392	63	2392
Manfield	1643	3746	107	5496
NEW BEDFORD	10526	24690	3146	38362
North Attleborough	2994	4671	690	8355
Norton	1690	2586	107	4383
Raynham	1655	1999	99	3753
Rehoboth	1569	1424	182	3175
Seekonk	2787	2400	398	5585
Somerset	3080	6096	490	9666
Swansea	2406	4152	397	6955
TAUNTON	6904	9880	1623	18407
Westport	2348	3422	266	6036
Totals	65154	114896	15155	195205

In the County of Dukes

Chilmark	265	98	10	373
Edgartown	833	428	95	1356
Gay Head	73	36	14	123
Gosnold	41	26	7	74
Oak Bluffs	651	425	89	1165
Tisbury	951	520	84	1555
West Tisbury	449	111	16	576
Totals	3263	1644	315	5222

In the County of Essex

Amesbury	2250	2700	478	5428
Andover	7292	5502	505	13299
BEVERLY	9194	9442	678	19314
Boxford	1570	922	31	2523
Danvers	5767	5738	527	12032
Essex	979	585	42	1606
Georgetown	1456	1268	60	2784
GLOUCESTER	6241	5947	798	12986
Groveland	1239	1183	39	2461
Hamilton	2137	1361	76	3574
HAVERHILL	8733	10529	1129	20391
Ipswich	3341	2442	194	5977
LAWRENCE	9163	15322	1995	26480
LYNN	15600	16870	3773	36243
Lynnfield	3491	2954	100	6545
Manchester	1865	1148	89	3102
Marblehead	6233	6348	287	12868
Merrimac	889	1041	50	1980
Methuen	6843	10345	727	17915
Middleton	904	941	49	1894
Nahant	1310	904	48	2262
Newbury	1109	1174	42	2325
NEWBURYPORT	2855	4495	505	7855
North Andover	4846	4342	273	9461

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## In the County of Essex — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
PEABODY	9106	12495	933	22534
Rockport	2464	1191	172	3827
Rowley	814	844	31	1689
SALEM	7523	10053	1589	19165
Salisbury	884	1532	113	2529
Saugus	5959	6209	338	12506
Swampscott	3873	3356	500	7729
Topsfield	1914	1067	20	3001
Wenham	1244	693	43	1980
West Newbury	863	513	23	1399
Totals	139951	151456	16257	307664

## In the County of Franklin

Ashfield	454	302	17	773
Bernardston	321	563	20	904
Buckland	390	568	46	1004
Charlemont	266	227	17	510
Colrain	347	401	24	772
Conway	444	252	14	710
Deerfield	1131	1066	58	2255
Erving	268	408	20	696
Gill	313	344	11	668
Greenfield	3018	4759	1150	8927
Hawley	74	46	5	125
Heath	145	86	9	240
Leverett	535	152	17	704
Leyden	95	134	6	235
Monroe	37	57	3	97
Montague	1608	2587	167	4362
New Salem	227	117	11	355
Northfield	620	699	44	1363
Orange	1291	1338	99	2728
Rowe	100	113	5	218
Shelburne	444	472	31	947
Shutesbury	355	106	12	473
Sunderland	818	434	36	1288
Warwick	190	101	8	299
Wendell	199	112	18	329
Whately	397	261	29	687
Totals	14087	15705	1877	31669

## In the County of Hampden

Agawam	5014	4613	892	10519
Blandford	299	219	7	525
Brimfield	579	457	35	1071
Chester	243	271	29	543
CHICOPEE	11964	13409	1177	26550
East Longmeadow	3748	2811	247	6806
Granville	397	195	22	614
Hampden	1277	783	32	2092
Holland	317	328	23	668
HOLYOKE	8760	9212	1680	19652
Longmeadow	5038	3750	159	8947
Ludlow	3881	4303	372	8556
Monson	1649	1347	109	3105
Montgomery	169	123	6	298
Palmer	2702	2769	217	5688
Russell	339	348	19	706
Southwick	1637	1340	58	3035
SPRINGFIELD	25777	22402	6103	54282
Tolland	67	84	4	155
Wales	224	234	10	468
West Springfield	6735	5413	358	12506
WESTFIELD	7700	7136	366	15202
Wilbraham	3605	2442	385	6432
Totals	92121	83989	12310	188420

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**In the County of Hampshire**

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Amherst	8846	1854	442	11142
Belchertown	1661	1000	58	2719
Chesterfield	227	163	14	404
Cummington	232	162	9	403
Easthampton	3669	3350	275	7294
Goshen	150	132	9	291
Granby	1334	1013	154	2501
Hadley	1345	853	95	2293
Hatfield	799	791	66	1656
Huntington	409	359	30	798
Middlefield	106	69	6	181
<b>NORTHAMPTON</b>	<b>7867</b>	<b>5347</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>13740</b>
Pelham	419	145	15	579
Plainfield	115	60	10	185
South Hadley	4732	3403	204	8339
Southampton	1050	746	29	1825
Ware	2042	2237	179	4458
Westhampton	298	192	13	503
Williamsburg	676	479	31	1186
Worthington	282	170	16	468
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36259</b>	<b>22525</b>	<b>2181</b>	<b>60965</b>

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**In the County of Middlesex**

Acton	5125	3406	91	8622
Arlington	14749	12698	765	28212
Ashby	544	530	28	1102
Ashland	1723	2283	186	4192
Ayer	809	1332	67	2208
Bedford	3724	1931	325	5980
Belmont	8785	7115	523	16423
Billerica	6297	7007	518	13822
Boxborough	703	496	12	1211
Burlington	5176	4902	523	10601
<b>CAMBRIDGE</b>	<b>27191</b>	<b>14111</b>	<b>1928</b>	<b>43230</b>
Carlisle	1273	427	19	1719
Chelmsford	7334	8026	237	15597
Concord	5873	2658	340	8871
Dracut	3564	6066	310	9940
Dunstable	399	331	19	749
<b>EVERETT</b>	<b>5704</b>	<b>10407</b>	<b>2185</b>	<b>18296</b>
Framingham	12320	17353	762	30435
Groton	1466	1126	46	2638
Holliston	2732	3201	73	6006
Hopkinton	1489	1660	52	3201
Hudson	3112	3584	271	6967
Lexington	11270	4965	896	17131
Lincoln	2107	662	99	2868
Littleton	1793	1481	49	3323
<b>LOWELL</b>	<b>13710</b>	<b>21775</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>37496</b>
<b>MALDEN</b>	<b>9788</b>	<b>13842</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>25597</b>
<b>MARLBOROUGH</b>	<b>5741</b>	<b>7403</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>13529</b>
Maynard	2092	2377	173	4642
<b>MEDFORD</b>	<b>12163</b>	<b>15846</b>	<b>1580</b>	<b>29589</b>
<b>MELROSE</b>	<b>8003</b>	<b>6944</b>	<b>1064</b>	<b>16011</b>
Natick	6480	7898	565	14943
<b>NEWTON</b>	<b>25841</b>	<b>16665</b>	<b>3316</b>	<b>45822</b>
North Reading	3184	2341	88	5613
Pepperell	1204	1599	78	2881
Reading	6818	4872	440	12130
Sherborn	1386	776	14	2176
Shirley	714	902	37	1653
<b>SOMERVILLE</b>	<b>14624</b>	<b>15409</b>	<b>1871</b>	<b>31904</b>
Stonham	5203	4853	626	10682
Stow	1310	963	22	2297
Sudbury	4622	2605	127	7354
Tewksbury	4527	5514	208	10249

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Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Townsend	1074	1261	57	2392
Tyngsborough	975	1258	59	2292
Wakefield	6389	6305	658	13352
WALTHAM	9777	11817	2522	24116
Watertown	9050	8280	1675	19005
Wayland	4511	2465	115	7091
Westford	3006	2931	111	6048
Weston	4149	1994	92	6235
Wilmington	3461	3493	512	7466
Winchester	6476	4202	698	11376
WOBURN	7652	8246	1373	17271
Totals	319192	302596	32768	654556

## In the County of Nantucket

Nantucket	1409	1105	149	2663
Totals	1409	1105	149	2663

## In the County of Norfolk

Avon	1102	1274	145	2521
Bellingham	1798	4072	201	6071
Braintree	8973	9476	371	18820
Brookline	16781	9164	3227	29172
Canton	4407	4813	207	9427
Cohasset	2578	1519	87	4184
Dedham	6262	6834	701	13797
Dover	1741	991	39	2771
Foxborough	3193	2902	90	6185
Franklin	3068	4383	222	7673
Holbrook	2355	3039	135	5529
Medfield	2589	2352	72	5013
Medway	1331	2384	79	3794
Millis	1223	1928	47	3198
Milton	7890	7337	411	15638
Needham	9594	6671	601	16866
Norfolk	1206	1073	28	2307
Norwood	7424	7383	399	15206
Plainville	1057	1411	60	2528
QUINCY	19247	22996	1761	44004
Randolph	5770	7378	894	14042
Sharon	4207	2937	159	7303
Stoughton	4562	5971	594	11127
Walpole	4861	4067	193	9121
Wellesley	8908	5611	509	15028
Westwood	4305	3149	112	7566
Weymouth	12020	12705	1418	26143
Wrentham	1411	1299	145	2855
Totals	149863	145119	12907	307889

## In the County of Plymouth

Abington	2937	3035	144	6116
Bridgewater	3264	2857	189	6310
BROCKTON	12784	19143	2880	34807
Carver	969	956	54	1979
Duxbury	3368	2039	73	5480
East Bridgewater	1877	2056	292	4225
Halifax	1125	1254	50	2429
Hanover	2569	2589	85	5243
Hanson	1567	1618	164	3349
Hingham	5961	4177	407	10545

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Hull .....	2243	2350	174	4767
Kingston .....	1674	1476	111	3261
Lakeville .....	1093	1274	52	2419
Marion .....	1041	880	60	1981
Marshfield .....	5098	4030	153	9281
Mattapoisett .....	1211	1582	59	2852
Middleborough .....	2788	3175	225	6188
Norwell .....	2444	1823	185	4452
Pembroke .....	2610	2650	90	5350
Plymouth .....	5965	5596	1481	13042
Plympton .....	462	349	26	837
Rochester .....	471	623	29	1123
Rockland .....	2826	3461	347	6634
Scituate .....	5229	3619	166	9014
Wareham .....	2764	3861	357	6982
West Bridgewater .....	1446	1668	55	3169
Whitman .....	2702	3166	133	6001
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>78488</b>	<b>81307</b>	<b>8041</b>	<b>167836</b>

**In the County of Suffolk**

<b>BOSTON .....</b>	<b>83420</b>	<b>82915</b>	<b>30058</b>	<b>196393</b>
<b>CHELSEA .....</b>	<b>3709</b>	<b>6158</b>	<b>1387</b>	<b>11254</b>
<b>REVERE .....</b>	<b>6704</b>	<b>11918</b>	<b>2268</b>	<b>20890</b>
<b>Winthrop .....</b>	<b>4613</b>	<b>4487</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>9977</b>
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>98446</b>	<b>105478</b>	<b>34590</b>	<b>238514</b>

**In the County of Worcester**

Ashburnham .....	901	846	34	1781
Athol .....	2237	2434	157	4828
Auburn .....	3925	3987	163	8075
Barre .....	1052	915	88	2055
Berlin .....	616	458	26	1100
Blackstone .....	831	1927	204	2962
Bolton .....	794	434	20	1248
Boylston .....	911	779	31	1721
Brookfield .....	520	520	41	1081
Charlton .....	1178	1126	99	2403
Clinton .....	2628	3067	341	6036
Douglas .....	740	932	71	1743
Dudley .....	1766	1759	180	3705
East Brookfield .....	411	465	28	904
<b>FITCHBURG .....</b>	<b>6260</b>	<b>10022</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>17073</b>
<b>GARDNER .....</b>	<b>3936</b>	<b>4255</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>8738</b>
<b>Grafton .....</b>	<b>2518</b>	<b>2781</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>5479</b>
Hardwick .....	547	494	61	1102
Harvard .....	1368	609	14	1991
Holden .....	3851	2976	368	7195
Hopedale .....	483	1705	64	2252
Hubbardston .....	461	288	22	771
Lancaster .....	1373	1025	64	2462
Leicester .....	2000	2150	123	4273
<b>LEOMINSTER .....</b>	<b>5263</b>	<b>8644</b>	<b>1223</b>	<b>15130</b>
Lunenburg .....	1967	1903	71	3941
Mendon .....	409	1042	37	1488
Milford .....	1960	8392	326	10678
Millbury .....	2473	3023	214	5710
Millville .....	281	477	65	823
New Braintree .....	212	107	15	334
North Brookfield .....	982	947	60	1989
Northborough .....	2738	2230	67	5035
Northbridge .....	2305	2676	546	5527

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Oakham	288	194	6	488
Oxford	1780	2115	296	4191
Paxton	1070	863	26	1959
Petersham	374	228	12	614
Phillipston	226	187	12	425
Princeton	659	385	10	1054
Royalston	275	156	18	449
Rutland	972	734	35	1741
Shrewsbury	5208	5778	284	11270
Southborough	1451	1553	45	3049
Southbridge	2818	3138	1018	6974
Spencer	2030	2538	155	4723
Sterling	1201	1086	37	2324
Sturbridge	1383	998	237	2618
Sutton	1180	1211	92	2483
Templeton	1202	1339	74	2615
Upton	734	1151	65	1950
Uxbridge	1377	2523	181	4081
Warren	778	890	82	1750
Webster	2834	3544	416	6794
West Boylston	1783	1539	57	3379
West Brookfield	667	634	53	1354
Westborough	3206	3223	105	6534
Westminster	1274	1105	63	2442
Winchendon	1428	1241	112	2781
WORCESTER	32946	33149	3647	69742
Totals	129041	146897	13479	289417

**SUMMARY**

The proposed act would require every beverage container sold or offered for sale in the Commonwealth to have a refund value of at least five (5) cents, and would prohibit the sale of metal beverage containers with flip-tops. It would apply to containers for beer and other malt beverages and to soft drinks. It would not apply to containers for dairy products or natural fruit juices, nor to containers which are biodegradable.

The act would authorize the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to certify containers as reusable or recyclable. It contains both enforcement and penalty provisions and would take effect on February 1, 1977.



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**AGGREGATE OF VOTES**

COUNTIES	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE ..	22708	46746	4859	74313
BERKSHIRE ..	8455	56130	5344	69929
BRISTOL ..	39524	137265	18416	195205
DUKES ..	2043	2678	501	5222
ESSEX ..	66888	220594	20182	307664
FRANKLIN ..	5796	23705	2168	31669
HAMPDEN ..	32395	143696	12328	188420
HAMPSHIRE ..	14508	43457	3000	60965
MIDDLESEX ..	170246	442358	41952	654556
NANTUCKET ..	878	1528	257	2663
NORFOLK ..	77041	214700	16148	307889
PLYMOUTH ..	41856	116805	9175	167836
SUFFOLK ..	75791	124274	38449	238514
WORCESTER ..	50562	219085	19770	289417
TOTALS ..	608691	1793022	192549	2594262

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**In the County of Barnstable**

Barnstable ..	4432	9492	702	14626
Bourne ..	1341	3243	503	5087
Brewster ..	861	1685	90	2636
Chatham ..	1157	2662	182	4001
Dennis ..	2123	4132	321	6576
Eastham ..	623	1245	59	1927
Falmouth ..	3711	7013	722	11446
Harwich ..	1501	3392	212	5105
Mashpee ..	622	1066	116	1804
Orleans ..	888	2029	146	3063
Provincetown ..	970	955	226	2151
Sandwich ..	1033	2476	118	3627
Truro ..	311	432	42	785
Wellfleet ..	564	791	72	1427
Yarmouth ..	2571	6133	1348	10052
Totals ..	22708	46746	4859	74313

**In the County of Berkshire**

Adams ..	624	4811	315	5750
Alford ..	40	177	9	226
Becket ..	89	343	58	490
Cheshire ..	153	1409	63	1625
Clarksburg ..	66	810	16	892
Dalton ..	361	3059	145	3565
Egremont ..	135	478	30	643
Florida ..	51	298	24	373
Great Barrington ..	452	2388	397	3237
Hancock ..	63	264	12	339
Hinsdale ..	93	633	31	757
Lanesborough ..	151	1131	89	1371
Lee ..	305	2232	209	2746
Lenox ..	368	2365	229	2962
Monterey ..	137	255	23	415
Mt. Washington ..	16	40	2	58
New Ashford ..	21	81	2	104
New Marlborough ..	118	373	39	530
NORTH ADAMS ..	866	6785	401	8052
Otis ..	88	309	46	443
Peru ..	39	201	14	254
PITTSFIELD ..	2660	20331	2730	25721
Richmond ..	125	704	28	857
Sandisfield ..	85	167	49	301
Savoy ..	31	163	17	211
Sheffield ..	216	1042	64	1322
Stockbridge ..	267	1082	85	1434

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In the County of Berkshire — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Tyringham	28	145	13	186
Washington	49	181	9	239
West Stockbridge	130	558	37	725
Williamstown	578	3075	147	3800
Windsor	50	240	11	301
Totals	8455	56130	5344	69929

In the County of Bristol

Acushnet	899	3313	232	4444
ATTLEBORO	2596	9201	893	12690
Berkley	204	705	87	996
Dartmouth	2029	7363	659	10051
Dighton	449	1792	146	2387
Easton	1712	5042	274	7028
Fairhaven	1526	4942	737	7205
FALL RIVER	7752	24481	5606	37839
Freetown	530	1766	96	2392
Mansfield	800	4516	180	5496
NEW BEDFORD	8083	26593	3686	38362
North Attleborough	1242	6502	611	8355
Norton	896	3301	186	4383
Raynham	692	2886	175	3753
Rehoboth	863	2049	263	3175
Seekonk	1684	3301	600	5585
Somerset	1745	7330	591	9666
Swansea	1514	4914	527	6955
TAUNTON	2948	13006	2453	18407
Westport	1360	4262	414	6036
Totals	39529	137265	18416	195205

In the County of Dukes

Chilmark	169	180	24	373
Edgartown	516	690	150	1356
Gay Head	60	47	16	123
Gosnold	15	51	8	74
Oak Bluffs	417	620	128	1165
Tisbury	565	857	133	1555
West Tisbury	301	233	42	576
Totals	2043	2678	501	5222

In the County of Essex

Amesbury	1059	3694	675	5428
Andover	2770	10040	489	13299
BEVERLY	4381	13946	987	19314
Boxford	511	1957	55	2523
Danvers	2094	9434	504	12032
Essex	378	1145	83	1606
Georgetown	507	2168	109	2784
GLOUCESTER	3379	8519	1088	12986
Groveland	453	1941	67	2461
Hamilton	668	2768	138	3574
HAVERHILL	3873	14980	1538	20391
Ipswich	1226	4446	305	5977
LAWRENCE	5308	18577	2595	26480
LYNN	9373	23343	3527	36243
Lynnfield	1523	4840	182	6545
Manchester	780	2145	177	3102
Marblehead	2563	9831	474	12868
Merrimac	409	1485	86	1980
Methuen	3451	13403	1061	17915
Middleton	379	1438	77	1894
Nahant	622	1545	95	2262
Newbury	554	1690	81	2325
NEWBURYPORT	1761	5462	632	7855

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**In the County of Essex — Concluded**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
North Andover	1685	7237	539	9461
PEABODY	4594	16622	1318	22534
Rockport	1091	2457	279	3827
Rowley	331	1299	59	1689
SALEM	3817	13906	1442	19165
Salisbury	579	1754	196	2529
Saugus	3515	8422	569	12506
Swampscott	1972	5215	542	7729
Topfield	596	2340	65	3001
Wenham	377	1505	98	1980
West Newbury	309	1040	50	1399
Totals	66888	220594	20182	307664

**In the County of Franklin**

Ashfield	202	544	27	773
Bernardston	145	727	32	904
Buckland	166	776	62	1004
Charlemont	97	385	28	510
Colrain	152	592	28	772
Conway	190	494	26	710
Deerfield	451	1720	84	2255
Erving	68	611	17	696
Gill	99	546	23	668
Greenfield	1314	6410	1203	8927
Hawley	39	80	6	125
Heath	65	165	10	240
Leverett	282	388	34	704
Leyden	44	184	7	235
Monroe	11	85	1	97
Montague	735	3409	218	4362
New Salem	71	273	11	355
Northfield	225	1070	68	1363
Orange	327	2300	101	2728
Rowe	38	174	6	218
Shelburne	128	779	40	947
Shutesbury	184	268	21	473
Sunderland	422	824	42	1288
Warwick	60	222	17	299
Wendell	117	184	28	329
Whately	164	495	28	687
Totals	5796	23705	2168	31669

**In the County of Hampden**

Agawam	2112	7697	710	10519
Blandford	90	425	10	525
Brimfield	234	786	51	1071
Chester	98	403	42	543
CHICOPEE	3311	22032	1207	26550
East Longmeadow	1190	5356	260	6806
Granville	95	491	28	614
Hampden	449	1584	59	2092
Holland	153	489	26	668
HOLYOKE	2286	15757	1609	19652
Longmeadow	1448	7237	262	8947
Ludlow	1571	6591	394	8556
Monson	677	2298	130	3105
Montgomery	50	239	9	298
Palmer	1015	4440	233	5688
Russell	85	596	25	706
Southwick	597	2354	84	3035
SPRINGFIELD	10926	37388	5968	54282
Tolland	35	113	7	155
Wales	123	328	17	468
West Springfield	2399	9743	364	12506
WESTFIELD	2246	12460	496	15202
Wilbraham	1205	4890	337	6432
Totals	32395	143696	12328	188420

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**In the County of Hampshire**

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Amherst	4732	5699	711	11142
Belchertown	711	1863	145	2719
Chesterfield	79	300	25	404
Cummington	98	292	13	403
Easthampton	1267	5729	298	7294
Goshen	63	214	14	291
Granby	485	1885	131	2501
Hadley	557	1581	155	2293
Hatfield	332	1245	79	1656
Huntington	152	605	41	798
Middlefield	32	138	11	181
<b>NORTHAMPTON</b>	<b>3112</b>	<b>9894</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>13740</b>
Pelham	193	360	26	579
Plainfield	33	144	8	185
South Hadley	1118	6950	271	8339
Southampton	316	1472	37	1825
Ware	779	3469	210	4458
Westhampton	84	405	14	503
Williamsburg	256	875	55	1186
Worthington	109	337	22	468
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14508</b>	<b>43457</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>60965</b>

**In the County of Middlesex**

Acton	2396	4989	1237	8622
Arlington	8001	18988	1223	28212
Ashby	185	869	48	1102
Ashland	733	3269	190	4192
Ayer	468	1647	93	2208
Bedford	1560	4089	331	5980
Belmont	3849	11785	789	16423
Billerica	3655	9711	456	13822
Boxborough	220	966	25	1211
Burlington	3046	7009	546	10601
<b>CAMBRIDGE</b>	<b>17264</b>	<b>22631</b>	<b>3335</b>	<b>43230</b>
Carlisle	418	1250	51	1719
Chelmsford	3246	11947	404	15597
Concord	2095	6317	459	8871
Dracut	2083	7422	435	9940
Dunstable	182	527	40	749
<b>EVERETT</b>	<b>4352</b>	<b>11499</b>	<b>2445</b>	<b>18296</b>
Frammingham	5909	23384	1142	30435
Groton	506	2042	90	2638
Holliston	1075	4759	172	6006
Horokinton	621	2473	107	3201
Hudson	995	5621	351	6967
Lexington	4825	11230	1076	17131
Lincoln	788	1970	110	2868
Littleton	662	2561	100	3323
<b>LOWELL</b>	<b>8077</b>	<b>26840</b>	<b>2579</b>	<b>37496</b>
<b>MALDEN</b>	<b>7074</b>	<b>16222</b>	<b>2301</b>	<b>25597</b>
<b>MARLBOROUGH</b>	<b>2386</b>	<b>10610</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>13529</b>
Maynard	937	3476	229	4642
<b>MEDFORD</b>	<b>8678</b>	<b>18743</b>	<b>2168</b>	<b>29589</b>
<b>MELROSE</b>	<b>4188</b>	<b>10595</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>16011</b>
Natick	3040	11128	775	14943
<b>NEWTON</b>	<b>13043</b>	<b>29000</b>	<b>3779</b>	<b>45822</b>
North Reading	1743	3704	166	5613
Pepperell	636	2100	145	2881
Reading	3029	8655	446	12130
Sherborn	391	1736	49	2176
Shirley	320	1261	72	1653
<b>SOMERVILLE</b>	<b>11433</b>	<b>18026</b>	<b>2445</b>	<b>31904</b>
Stoneham	3132	6918	632	10682
Stow	377	1866	54	2297
Sudbury	1475	5698	181	7354
Tewksbury	2601	7353	295	10249
Townsend	472	1825	95	2392

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Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Tyngsborough	528	1679	85	2292
Wakefield	2868	9753	731	13352
WALTHAM	5842	15530	2744	24116
Watertown	5566	11780	1659	19005
Wayland	1632	5248	211	7091
Westford	1270	4615	163	6048
Weston	1294	4712	229	6235
Wilmington	2088	4806	572	7466
Winchester	2531	8088	757	11376
WOBURN	4461	11436	1374	17271
Totals	170246	442358	41952	654556

**In the County of Nantucket**

Nantucket	878	1528	257	2663
Totals	878	1528	257	2663

**In the County of Norfolk**

Avon	632	1756	133	2521
Bellingham	1335	4431	305	6071
Braintree	4229	13970	621	18820
Brookline	9184	16506	3482	29172
Canton	2471	6580	376	9427
Cohasset	979	3041	164	4184
Dedham	3507	9585	705	13797
Dover	527	2173	71	2771
Foxborough	1376	4640	169	6185
Franklin	1776	5543	354	7673
Holbrook	1429	3864	236	5529
Medfield	1137	3731	145	5013
Medway	758	2921	115	3794
Millis	729	2376	93	3198
Milton	3715	11109	814	15638
Needham	3761	12476	629	16866
Norfolk	585	1648	74	2307
Norwood	3664	10971	571	15206
Plainville	571	1866	91	2528
QUINCY	11695	29856	2453	44004
Randolph	3826	9286	930	14042
Sharon	2123	4927	253	7303
Stoughton	2737	7590	800	11127
Walpole	2355	6444	322	9121
Wellesley	3180	11221	627	15028
Westwood	1759	5613	194	7566
Weymouth	6248	18599	1296	26143
Wrentham	753	1977	125	2855
Totals	77041	214700	16148	307889

**In the County of Plymouth**

Abington	1480	4399	237	6116
Bridgewater	1653	4355	302	6310
BROCKTON	8370	23691	2746	34807
Carver	615	1276	88	1979
Duxbury	1370	3967	143	5480
Fast Bridgewater	1035	2889	301	4225
Halifax	708	1641	80	2429
Hanover	1310	3690	243	5243
Hanson	861	2318	170	3349
Hingham	2040	8083	422	10545
Hull	1319	3203	245	4767
Kingston	960	2121	180	3261
Lakeville	474	1843	102	2419
Marion	441	1461	79	1981
Marshfield	2722	6268	291	9281

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## In the County of Plymouth — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Mattapoisett	598	2178	76	2852
Middleborough	1256	4567	365	6188
Norwell	1102	3142	208	4452
Pembroke	1546	3652	152	5350
Plymouth	3372	8461	1209	13042
Plympton	243	552	42	837
Rochester	201	882	40	1123
Rockland	1682	4624	328	6634
Scituate	2395	6300	319	9014
Wareham	1863	4644	475	6982
West Bridgewater	767	2309	93	3169
Whitman	1473	4289	239	6001
Totals	41856	116805	9175	167836

## In the County of Suffolk

BOSTON	62635	99996	33762	196393
CHELSEA	4246	5469	1539	11254
REVERE	5877	12762	2251	20890
Winthrop	3033	6047	897	9977
Totals	75791	124274	38449	238514

## In the County of Worcester

Ashburnham	285	1432	64	1781
Athol	550	4064	214	4828
Auburn	1516	6289	270	8075
Barre	356	1572	127	2055
Berlin	168	887	45	1100
Blackstone	737	1927	298	2962
Bolton	223	991	34	1248
Boylston	274	1406	41	1721
Brookfield	184	841	56	1081
Charlton	563	1713	127	2403
Clinton	888	4777	371	6036
Douglas	301	1345	97	1743
Dudley	701	2781	223	3705
East Brookfield	150	720	34	904
FITCHBURG	2542	13544	987	17073
GARDNER	1364	6722	652	8738
Grafton	901	4335	243	5479
Hardwick	198	442	462	1102
Harvard	437	1508	46	1991
Holden	910	5619	666	7195
Hopedale	303	1846	103	2252
Hubbardston	163	576	32	771
Lancaster	378	1967	117	2462
Leicester	861	3209	203	4273
LEOMINSTER	1917	12211	1002	15130
Lunenburg	666	3150	125	3941
Mendon	243	1184	61	1488
Milford	1617	8454	607	10678
Millbury	1148	4242	320	5710
Millville	209	528	86	823
New Braintree	70	240	24	334
North Brookfield	324	1569	96	1989
Northborough	950	3971	114	5035
Northbridge	583	2805	2139	5527
Oakham	97	379	12	488
Oxford	757	3124	310	4191
Paxton	317	1571	71	1959
Petersham	115	473	26	614
Phillipston	69	334	22	425
Princeton	162	863	29	1054
Royalston	120	314	15	449
Rutland	259	1424	58	1741
Shrewsbury	1833	9008	429	11270

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**In the County of Worcester — Concluded**

<b>Cities and Towns</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Blanks</b>	<b>Total Ballots</b>
Southborough .....	487	2489	73	3049
Southbridge .....	1199	4669	1106	6974
Spencer .....	765	3689	269	4723
Sterling .....	278	1989	57	2324
Sturbridge .....	496	1896	226	2618
Sutton .....	414	1936	133	2483
Templeton .....	349	2169	97	2615
Upton .....	357	1496	97	1950
Uxbridge .....	714	3108	259	4081
Warren .....	296	1361	93	1750
Webster .....	1170	5032	592	6794
West Boylston .....	499	2772	108	3379
West Brookfield .....	255	1037	62	1354
Westborough .....	1006	5361	167	6534
Westminster .....	343	2010	89	2442
Winchendon .....	466	2162	153	2781
<b>WORCESTER</b> .....	<b>15059</b>	<b>49552</b>	<b>5131</b>	<b>69742</b>
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>50562</b>	<b>219085</b>	<b>19770</b>	<b>289417</b>

**SUMMARY**

The proposed act would impose a general requirement that every electric utility company charge a uniform rate per kilowatt hour of electricity. The proposed act would except from this general rule rates charged to other electric utility companies and to residential customers who heat their principle place of residence by electricity. The Act would also permit a different rate to be charged residential customers for the first three hundred (300) kilowatt hours they consume each month, and would authorize "peak load" pricing whereby a higher rate than the uniform rate per kilowatt hour may be charged during the periods of the day or seasons of the year when consumption of electricity is the greatest. The Act would authorize the Department of Public Utilities to issue implementing rules and regulations and provides for enforcement.

*Votes on Question No. 8 — This Question is Not Binding*

*This Question is Not Binding*

*The following is a non-binding advisory question: "Shall the General Court enact legislation authorizing the construction of an oil refinery and a deep water port, subject to the approval of those communities directly affected and any reservations that the General Court may prescribe?"*

**AGGREGATE OF VOTES**

COUNTIES	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE	43989	24274	6050	74313
BERKSHIRE	40161	21717	8051	69929
BRISTOL	116962	53239	25004	195205
DUKES	2181	2454	587	5222
ESSEX	177385	99365	30914	307664
FRANKLIN	18443	10802	2424	31669
HAMPDEN	117663	53906	16851	188420
HAMPSHIRE	36124	20373	4468	60965
MIDDLESEX	386103	207266	61187	654556
NANTUCKET	1198	1166	299	2663
NORFOLK	189711	92053	26125	307889
PLYMOUTH	105194	48853	13789	167836
SUFFOLK	105528	81312	51674	238514
WORCESTER	172523	86542	30352	289417
TOTALS	1513165	803322	277775	2594262

**SUMMARY**

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**In the County of Barnstable**

Barnstable	9048	4522	1056	14626
Bourne	2865	1728	494	5087
Brewster	1512	991	133	2636
Chatham	2311	1477	213	4001
Dennis	4119	1995	462	6576
Eastham	1081	767	79	1927
Falmouth	6818	3692	936	11446
Harwich	3250	1562	293	5105
Mashpee	1132	528	144	1804
Orleans	1681	1191	191	3063
Provincetown	756	1137	258	2151
Sandwich	2305	1136	186	3627
Truro	371	363	51	785
Wellfleet	700	631	96	1427
Yarmouth	6040	2554	1458	10052
Totals	43989	24274	6050	74313

**In the County of Berkshire**

Adams	3616	1443	691	5750
Alford	142	70	14	226
Becket	271	165	54	490
Cheshire	1005	470	150	1625
Clarksburg	627	209	56	892
Dalton	2360	983	222	3565
Egremont	369	220	54	643
Florida	237	101	35	373
Great Barrington	1497	1131	609	3237
Hancock	198	111	30	339
Hinsdale	442	272	43	757
Lanesborough	817	428	126	1371
Lee	1414	1034	298	2746
Lenox	1614	1068	280	2962
Monterey	200	183	32	415
Mt. Washington	39	15	4	58
New Ashford	67	33	4	104
New Marlborough	296	175	59	530
NORTH ADAMS	4926	2134	992	8052
Otis	268	127	48	443
Peru	152	87	15	254
PITTSFIELD	13925	8302	3494	25721
Richmond	546	275	36	857
Sandisfield	150	99	52	301
Savoy	125	66	20	211
Sheffield	813	405	104	1322
Stockbridge	752	562	120	1434



Votes for Question No. 8 — Continued

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In the County of Berkshire — Concluded

Cities and Towns	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Tyringham .....	114	56	16	186
Washington .....	141	83	15	239
West Stockbridge .....	384	282	59	725
Williamstown .....	2461	1040	299	3800
Windsor .....	193	88	20	301
Totals .....	40161	21717	8051	69929

In the County of Bristol

Acushnet .....	3038	1093	313	4444
ATTLEBORO .....	7841	3506	1343	12690
Berkley .....	588	292	116	996
Dartmouth .....	6690	2554	807	10051
Dighton .....	1552	632	203	2387
Easton .....	4669	1941	418	7028
Fairhaven .....	4370	1971	864	7205
FALL RIVER .....	18823	11365	7651	37839
Freetown .....	1560	717	115	2392
Mansfield .....	3397	1754	345	5496
NEW BEDFORD .....	24523	9123	4716	38362
North Attleborough .....	5152	2115	1088	8355
Norton .....	2817	1257	309	4383
Raynham .....	2440	1017	296	3753
Rehoboth .....	1955	873	347	3175
Seekonk .....	3448	1517	620	5585
Somerset .....	6153	2609	904	9666
Swansea .....	4199	2034	722	6955
TAUNTON .....	10127	5088	3192	18407
Westport .....	3620	1781	635	6036
Totals .....	116962	53239	25004	195205

In the County of Dukes

Chilmark .....	121	226	26	373
Edgartown .....	576	610	170	1356
Gay Head .....	43	61	19	123
Gosnold .....	45	22	7	74
Oak Bluffs .....	528	475	162	1165
Tisbury .....	672	724	159	1555
West Tisbury .....	196	336	44	576
Totals .....	2181	2454	587	5222

In the County of Essex

Amesbury .....	2741	1934	753	5428
Andover .....	8410	3915	974	13299
BEVERLY .....	11803	6138	1373	19314
Boxford .....	1774	652	97	2523
Danvers .....	7484	3612	936	12032
Essex .....	889	587	130	1606
Georgetown .....	1763	857	164	2784
GLOUCESTER .....	6100	5369	1517	12986
Groveland .....	1542	795	124	2461
Hamilton .....	2376	1015	183	3574
HAVERHILL .....	11296	6693	2402	20391
Ipswich .....	3521	2050	406	5977
LAWRENCE .....	14105	8611	3764	26480
LYNN .....	21307	9258	5678	36243
Lynnfield .....	4506	1738	301	6545
Manchester .....	1740	1180	182	3102
Marblehead .....	7872	4206	790	12868
Merrimac .....	1146	674	160	1980

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