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QUESTION 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, *on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 1998?*

SUMMARY

This proposed law would create a new voluntary system allowing candidates for state office who agree to campaign spending limits and $100 contribution limits to receive a set amount of public funds for their campaigns, starting with the 2002 election. The proposed law would also limit transfers of money from national political parties to state political parties for administrative, overhead, or party-building activities. It would also require candidates for state office who had raised or spent at least a set minimum amount in an election cycle to file their required campaign finance reports with the state electronically, and the public would have prompt electronic access to such reports.

The new funding system would replace the existing system of limited public financing of campaigns for statewide office. To participate in the new system, a candidate would have to raise a minimum number of contributions from registered voters in the relevant district, as follows: Governor, 6000; Lt. Governor, Attorney General, or Treasurer, 3000; Secretary of State or Auditor, 2000; Executive Councillor, 400; State Senator, 450; State Representative, 200. Such contributions would have to be between $5 and $100 and be collected during a limited period: for statewide candidates beginning on August 1 of the year before the election, for other candidates beginning on January 1 of the election year, and for all candidates ending on the last day to file nomination papers with the Secretary of State.

For any election, a participating candidate could not accept contributions of more than $100 from any person or political committee and could not

Office	Primary Election: Public Funds	Primary Election: Spending Limit	General Election: Public Funds	General Election: Spending Limit
Governor	$1,500,000	$1,800,000	$1,050,000	$1,200,000
Lt. Governor	$383,000	$450,000	$255,000	$300,000
Attorney General or Treasurer	$360,000	$450,000	$240,000	$300,000
Secretary of State or Auditor	$120,000	$150,000	$80,000	$100,000
Councillor	$19,000	$24,000	$13,000	$16.000
Senator	$43.000	$54,000	$29,000	$36.000
Representative	$15,000	$18,000	$9,000	$12,000

A participating candidate running unopposed would receive only half the listed amount of public funds and could spend correspondingly less than a candidate with an opponent. All funds could be spent only for campaign purposes. Any unspent public funds from a primary or general election would have to be returned after that election. A participating candidate who violated the contribution or spending limits would have to return all public funds, become ineligible for further funds, and in some cases pay fines.

Candidates who do not accept public funds would have to report any spending in excess of the limit shown above and could be fined for failing to do so. If such a non-participating candidate spent more than the limit, participating candidates in that race would immediately receive, and could spent, public "matching funds" equal to the amount of the excess spending. The total amount of public funding (including matching funds) a candidate could receive would be limited to twice the spending limit for that race. During the general election campaign, running mates for Governor and Lt. Governor would be treated as teams in order to determine the distribution of any matching funds.

raise or spend any money other than these contributions and public funds.

Candidates meeting all of these requirements would, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, receive public funding in the primary and general elections. This would come from a new state Clean Elections Fund, consisting of amounts voluntarily contributed through the checkoff on the state income tax return, any amounts appropriated by the Legislature, and any money in the existing state election campaign fund.

The chart below shows the amounts of public funds a candidate could receive in the primary and general elections. A candidate could raise and spend private contributions in order to bring his or her spending up to the spending limit shown below.

An individual or political committee's total in-kind contributions (such as goods and some services) to a participating candidate would be limited to $500 per election. Higher limits would govern political parties' in-kind contributions. Participating candidates could not accept more than a set amount in such contributions, ranging from $3,000 per election for Representative up to $35,000 for Governor.

The expenditure, contribution, and public funding limits would be adjusted every two years for inflation. A special commission (including elected officials and private citizens) would be set up to meet every two years to review the system and recommend any needed changes. The state Director of Campaign Finance could issue regulations to interpret and enforce the proposed law.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the rest of the law would stay in effect.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
Barnstable	60,862	64.54%	27,329	28.98%	6,115	6.48%	94,306
Berkshire	25,793	62.06%	8,760	21.08%	7,006	16.86%	41,559
Bristol	80,023	55.93%	42,916	30.00%	20,136	14.07%	143,075
Dukes	4,330	67.18%	1,462	22.68%	653	10.13%	6,445
Essex	132,212	58.47%	70,513	31.19%	23,380	10.34%	226,105
Franklin	16,619	70.52%	5,314	22.55%	1,634	6.93%	23,567
Hampden	72,862	61.38%	29,728	25.04%	16,120	13.58%	118,710
Hampshire	32,456	68.08%	10,950	22.97%	4,267	8.95%	47,673
Middlesex	287,507	60.25%	135,251	28.34%	54,448	11.41%	477,206
Nantucket	2,282	63.39%	795	22.08%	523	14.53%	3,600
Norfolk	138,738	58.87%	74,036	31.42%	22,890	9.71%	235,664
Plymouth	83,595	57.33%	49,833	34.18%	12,383	8.49%	145,811
Suffolk	75,659	51.24%	33,965	23.00%	38,018	25.75%	147,642
Worcester	116,996	52.25%	81,624	36.45%	25,294	11.30%	223,914
TOTALS	1,129,934	58.39%	572,476	29.58%	232,867	12.03%	1,935,277

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	12,063	5,955	962	18,980
Bourne	3,558	1,944	1,202	6,704
Brewster	3,359	1,064	196	4,619
Chatham	2,591	990	197	3,778
Dennis	4,613	2,158	365	7,136
Eastham	1,879	701	152	2,732
Falmouth	8,955	4,031	1,025	14,011
Harwich	3,768	1,647	317	5,732
Mashpee	2,820	1,375	258	4,453
Orleans	2,434	994	179	3,607
Provincetown	1,139	341	148	1,628
Sandwich	5,219	2,477	395	8,091
Truro	692	229	60	981
Wellfleet	972	368	91	1,431
Yarmouth	6,800	3,055	568	10,423
TOTALS	**60,862**	**27,329**	**6,115**	**94,306**
Berkshire County				
Adams	1,759	657	378	2,794
Alford	131	50	12	193
Becket	308	108	86	502
Cheshire	788	279	113	1,180
Clarksburg	356	162	52	570
Dalton	1,384	531	221	2,136
Egremont	387	91	36	514
Florida	144	69	29	242
Great Barrington	1,617	446	231	2,294
Hancock	140	58	33	231
Hinsdale	338	109	50	497
Lanesborough	490	186	201	877
Lee	1,094	344	424	1,862
Lenox	1,224	381	417	2,022
Monterey	282	47	15	344
Mt. Washington	54	5	2	61
New Ashford	54	22	8	84
New Marlborough	281	96	36	413
NORTH ADAMS	2,551	986	543	4,080
Otis	239	97	78	414
Tisbury	1,001	351	144	1,496
West Tisbury	738	234	117	1,089
TOTALS	**4,330**	**1,462**	**653**	**6,445**
Essex County				
Amesbury	2,394	1,098	986	4,478
Andover	7,161	4,014	794	11,969
BEVERLY	8,092	4,162	1,288	13,542
Boxford	1,966	1,002	237	3,205
Danvers	5,533	3,067	682	9,282
Essex	915	391	128	1,434
Georgetown	1,469	791	269	2,529
GLOUCESTER	6,206	2,608	1,116	9,930
Groveland	1,217	772	166	2,155
Hamilton	1,931	915	211	3,057
HAVERHILL	8,462	5,110	1,651	15,223
Ipswich	3,294	1,550	467	5,311
LAWRENCE	5,771	3,139	1,496	10,406
LYNN	12,356	5,824	2,310	20,490
Lynnfield	2,929	1,720	441	5,090
Manchester-by-the-Sea	1,546	656	174	2,376
Marblehead	5,527	2,863	750	9,140
Merrimac	1,048	762	165	1,975
Methuen	5,721	4,608	1,720	12,049
Middleton	1,400	747	225	2,372
Nahant	1,085	532	146	1,763
Newbury	1,546	1,033	239	2,818
NEWBURYPORT	4,340	2,008	766	7,114
North Andover	5,298	3,191	800	9,289
PEABODY	10,195	5,770	2,010	17,975
Rockport	2,070	829	332	3,231
Rowley	1,038	659	157	1,854
SALEM	7,550	3,666	1,523	12,739
Salisbury	1,414	653	256	2,323
Saugus	5,431	2,790	934	9,155
Swampscott	3,602	1,675	531	5,808
Topsfield	1,711	810	159	2,680

Peru	138	56	22	216
PITTSFIELD	7,078	2,520	3,413	13,011
Richmond	474	153	50	677
Sandisfield	126	44	28	198
Savoy	119	52	17	188
Sheffield	663	225	108	996
Stockbridge	712	172	75	959
Tyringham	106	36	14	156
Washington	146	64	21	231
West Stockbridge	368	130	77	575
Williamstown	2,041	493	189	2,723
Windsor	201	91	27	319
TOTALS	**25,793**	**8,760**	**7,006**	**41,559**

Bristol County

Acushnet	2,090	918	457	3,465
ATTLEBORO	5,073	3,597	917	9,587
Berkley	856	442	124	1,422
Dartmouth	5,384	2,769	2,005	10,158
Dighton	1,040	498	148	1,686
Easton	3,897	2,375	560	6,832
Fairhaven	2,677	1,286	1,527	5,490
FALL RIVER	11,244	5,544	3,993	20,781
Freetown	1,681	820	207	2,708
Mansfield	3,487	1,931	487	5,905
NEW BEDFORD	14,181	6,361	3,492	24,034
North Attleborough	3,972	2,618	593	7,183
Norton	2,486	1,389	276	4,151
Raynham	2,297	1,402	540	4,239
Rehoboth	1,583	943	249	2,775
Seekonk	2,210	1,536	342	4,088
Somerset	3,660	2,006	906	6,572
Swansea	2,651	1,607	675	4,933
TAUNTON	6,807	3,356	2,057	12,220
Westport	2,747	1,518	581	4,846
TOTALS	**80,023**	**42,916**	**20,136**	**143,075**

Dukes County

Aquinnah	123	21	21	165
Chilmark	372	98	62	532
Edgartown	1,008	369	164	1,541
Gosnold	41	21	3	65
Oak Bluffs	1,047	368	142	1,557
Wenham	990	485	104	1,579
West Newbury	1,004	613	147	1,764
TOTALS	**132,212**	**70,513**	**23,380**	**226,105**

Franklin County

Ashfield	474	161	69	704
Bernardston	467	163	67	697
Buckland	479	150	42	671
Charlemont	267	82	33	382
Colrain	424	106	26	556
Conway	577	159	28	764
Deerfield	1,433	409	135	1,977
Erving	287	99	33	419
Gill	359	122	36	517
Greenfield	3,872	1,121	341	5,334
Hawley	76	33	10	119
Heath	186	60	13	259
Leverett	644	127	33	804
Leyden	183	36	21	240
Monroe	22	15	5	42
Montague	1,909	560	210	2,679
New Salem	226	126	22	374
Northfield	749	227	90	1,066
Orange	1,142	726	152	2,020
Rowe	94	41	17	152
Shelburne	552	151	45	748
Shutesbury	593	115	29	737
Sunderland	807	229	62	1,098
Warwick	157	72	28	257
Wendell	223	66	26	315
Whately	417	158	61	636
TOTALS	**16,619**	**5,314**	**1,634**	**23,567**

Hampden County

Agawam	4,648	1,927	1,830	8,405
Blandford	242	128	21	391
Brimfield	654	326	91	1,071
Chester	254	119	29	402
CHICOPEE	9,802	3,783	1,555	15,140
East Longmeadow	3,458	1,395	449	5,302
Granville	293	169	38	500
Hampden	1,018	467	138	1,623
Holland	420	211	51	682
HOLYOKE	5,010	2,206	2,010	9,226

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County (continued)				
Longmeadow	4,180	1,580	479	6,239
Ludlow	3,684	1,563	567	5,814
Monson	1,463	552	194	2,209
Montgomery	174	92	18	284
Palmer	2,627	911	345	3,883
Russell	240	124	32	396
Southwick	1,534	691	216	2,441
SPRINGFIELD	18,523	6,940	4,896	30,359
Tolland	74	43	27	144
Wales	304	124	23	451
West Springfield	4,286	1,712	1,791	7,789
WESTFIELD	6,583	3,072	959	10,614
Wilbraham	3,391	1,593	361	5,345
TOTALS	**72,862**	**29,728**	**16,120**	**118,710**
Hampshire County				
Amherst	4,996	1,201	694	6,891
Belchertown	2,473	970	307	3,750
Chesterfield	259	106	33	398
Cummington	250	55	21	326
Easthampton	3,502	1,315	339	5,156
Goshen	208	104	21	333
Granby	1,076	392	469	1,937
Hadley	1,288	477	188	1,953
Hatfield	910	326	116	1,352
Huntington	394	175	43	612
Middlefield	128	58	13	199
NORTHAMPTON	7,996	2,360	813	11,169
Pelham	487	113	30	630
Plainfield	177	58	12	247
South Hadley	3,892	1,386	489	5,767
Southampton	1,192	591	143	1,926
Ware	1,719	723	381	2,823
Westhampton	407	177	52	636
Williamsburg	774	250	77	1,101
Worthington	328	113	26	467
TOTALS	**32,456**	**10,950**	**4,267**	**47,673**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (continued)				
Townsend	1,486	870	153	2,509
Tyngsborough	1,807	1,057	235	3,099
Wakefield	5,098	3,356	1,016	9,470
WALTHAM	7,887	3,929	3,467	15,283
Watertown	7,194	3,229	1,288	11,711
Wayland	4,073	1,507	413	5,993
Westford	4,141	2,254	418	6,813
Weston	3,101	1,201	325	4,627
Wilmington	3,401	2,168	1,451	7,020
Winchester	5,420	2,974	763	9,157
WOBURN	6,063	3,570	2,690	12,323
TOTALS	**287,507**	**135,251**	**54,448**	**477,206**
Nantucket County				
Nantucket	2,282	795	523	3,600
TOTALS	**2,282**	**795**	**523**	**3,600**
Norfolk County				
Avon	955	639	179	1,773
Bellingham	2,860	1,249	403	4,512
Braintree	7,233	4,980	1,205	13,418
Brookline	10,568	3,706	3,380	17,654
Canton	4,748	2,702	811	8,261
Cohasset	2,048	1,117	245	3,410
Dedham	5,304	3,033	894	9,231
Dover	1,313	990	197	2,500
Foxborough	3,795	1,847	471	6,113
Franklin	6,025	2,588	618	9,231
Holbrook	2,117	1,308	368	3,793
Medfield	2,934	1,351	404	4,689
Medway	2,380	1,363	292	4,035
Millis	1,780	917	252	2,949
Milton	6,921	3,756	937	11,614
Needham	7,917	3,439	1,016	12,372
Norfolk	1,966	1,042	277	3,285
Norwood	6,156	3,204	1,042	10,402
Plainville	1,326	801	148	2,275
QUINCY	15,716	10,202	3,148	29,066

Middlesex County

Acton	5,304	2,067	483	7,854
Arlington	11,928	5,179	1,565	18,672
Ashby	552	324	80	956
Ashland	2,721	1,304	271	4,296
Ayer	1,080	520	139	1,739
Bedford	3,036	1,428	713	5,177
Belmont	6,925	2,959	865	10,749
Billerica	6,992	3,951	774	11,717
Boxborough	1,090	492	134	1,716
Burlington	4,781	2,767	547	8,095
CAMBRIDGE	18,953	5,557	3,054	27,564
Carlisle	1,363	613	110	2,086
Chelmsford	7,555	4,559	800	12,914
Concord	5,135	1,897	495	7,527
Dracut	4,771	3,177	725	8,673
Dunstable	532	367	61	960
EVERETT	4,647	2,388	3,481	10,516
Framingham	11,736	5,294	1,572	18,602
Groton	2,097	894	231	3,222
Holliston	3,415	1,502	388	5,305
Hopkinton	2,842	1,414	344	4,600
Hudson	3,765	2,190	767	6,722
Lexington	8,396	2,911	2,133	13,440
Lincoln	1,903	501	99	2,503
Littleton	1,890	890	204	2,984
LOWELL	10,501	6,430	2,209	19,140
MALDEN	8,128	3,992	1,992	14,112
MARLBOROUGH	6,575	3,349	1,207	11,131
Maynard	2,549	1,103	356	4,008
MEDFORD	10,910	5,340	2,385	18,635
MELROSE	6,939	3,522	1,161	11,622
Natick	7,315	3,445	850	11,610
NEWTON	19,285	6,298	6,323	31,906
North Reading	2,765	2,013	438	5,216
Pepperell	2,153	1,010	226	3,389
Reading	5,562	2,870	711	9,143
Sherborn	1,247	535	150	1,932
Shirley	1,110	613	121	1,844
SOMERVILLE	13,202	4,952	2,022	20,176
Stoneham	4,902	2,546	692	8,140
Stow	1,575	802	239	2,616
Sudbury	4,296	1,751	445	6,492
Tewksbury	5,413	3,420	667	9,500
Randolph	5,371	2,793	955	9,119
Sharon	4,488	2,070	595	7,153
Stoughton	5,330	3,102	949	9,381
Walpole	6,110	3,126	927	10,163
Wellesley	6,648	2,832	874	10,354
Westwood	3,887	1,870	541	6,298
Weymouth	10,602	6,889	1,566	19,057
Wrentham	2,240	1,120	196	3,556
TOTALS	**138,738**	**74,036**	**22,890**	**235,664**

Plymouth County

Abington	2,814	1,702	318	4,834
Bridgewater	3,403	2,372	624	6,399
BROCKTON	9,837	6,858	2,195	18,890
Carver	2,209	1,078	264	3,551
Duxbury	3,533	1,909	361	5,803
East Bridgewater	1,977	1,318	305	3,600
Halifax	1,497	889	180	2,566
Hanover	2,884	1,931	443	5,258
Hanson	1,636	1,174	234	3,044
Hingham	4,849	2,801	642	8,292
Hull	2,387	1,199	345	3,931
Kingston	2,316	1,304	320	3,940
Lakeville	1,742	964	219	2,925
Marion	1,351	499	123	1,973
Marshfield	5,198	2,916	522	8,636
Mattapoisett	1,777	801	219	2,797
Middleborough	2,981	1,696	374	5,051
Norwell	1,969	1,264	862	4,095
Pembroke	3,289	2,037	389	5,715
Plymouth	9,671	5,146	1,078	15,895
Plympton	537	375	107	1,019
Rochester	993	471	141	1,605
Rockland	2,989	2,036	375	5,400
Scituate	4,597	2,847	529	7,973
Wareham	3,544	1,702	682	5,928
West Bridgewater	1,241	910	179	2,330
Whitman	2,374	1,634	353	4,361
TOTALS	**83,595**	**49,833**	**12,383**	**145,811**

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Suffolk County				
BOSTON	62,376	27,501	33,896	123,773
CHELSEA	2,295	1,184	1,168	4,647
REVERE	7,037	3,541	2,244	12,822
Winthrop	3,951	1,739	710	6,400
TOTALS	**75,659**	**33,965**	**38,018**	**147,642**
Worcester County				
Ashburnham	977	630	115	1,722
Athol	1,276	1,489	155	2,920
Auburn	3,384	2,554	563	6,501
Barre	931	686	185	1,802
Berlin	569	379	90	1,038
Blackstone	1,284	662	228	2,174
Bolton	976	555	132	1,663
Boylston	846	677	119	1,642
Brookfield	542	337	100	979
Charlton	1,746	1,296	258	3,300
Clinton	2,253	1,454	533	4,240
Douglas	1,087	759	194	2,040
Dudley	1,537	1,033	244	2,814
East Brookfield	305	290	81	676
FITCHBURG	4,949	3,267	1,128	9,344
GARDNER	3,015	1,848	458	5,321
Grafton	2,885	1,941	380	5,206
Hardwick	467	310	107	884
Harvard	1,463	656	154	2,273
Holden	2,762	2,495	1,346	6,603
Hopedale	1,283	557	249	2,089
Hubbardston	689	417	92	1,198
Lancaster	1,197	750	175	2,122
Leicester	1,844	1,485	297	3,626
LEOMINSTER	6,262	4,096	1,151	11,509
Lunenburg	1,853	1,051	255	3,159
Mendon	944	580	167	1,691
Milford	4,237	1,974	1,127	7,338
Millbury	2,275	1,779	497	4,551
Millville	394	229	87	710
New Braintree	154	144	29	327
North Brookfield	743	633	175	1,551
Northborough	2,921	1,961	353	5,235
Northbridge	1,862	1,580	740	4,182
Oakham	278	290	49	617
Oxford	1,798	1,391	753	3,942
Paxton	849	738	138	1,725
Petersham	288	203	50	541
Phillipston	228	186	32	446
Princeton	710	554	121	1,385
Royalston	145	161	28	334
Rutland	1,038	716	162	1,916
Shrewsbury	6,139	4,386	1,133	11,658
Southborough	2,083	976	265	3,324
Southbridge	1,966	1,346	1,278	4,590
Spencer	1,716	1,295	312	3,323
Sterling	1,461	1,053	169	2,683
Sturbridge	1,274	962	573	2,809
Sutton	1,568	1,165	249	2,982
Templeton	1,038	744	146	1,928
Upton	1,325	813	216	2,354
Uxbridge	1,859	1,206	323	3,388
Warren	798	441	201	1,440
Webster	2,196	1,510	430	4,136
West Boylston	1,312	1,148	224	2,684
West Brookfield	622	461	147	1,230
Westborough	3,322	1,948	441	5,711
Westminster	1,357	914	166	2,437
Winchendon	1,181	681	127	1,989
WORCESTER	20,533	15,782	5,597	41,912
TOTALS	**116,996**	**81,624**	**25,294**	**223,914**

QUESTION 3

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, *on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 1998?*

SUMMARY

This proposed law would change the state income tax rate on interest and dividend income, which was 12% as of September 1997, to whatever rate applies to Part B taxable income (such as wages and salaries), which was 5.95% as of September 1997. The change would take effect starting in tax year 2000.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
Barnstable	**74,161**	**78.64%**	**13,718**	**14.55%**	**6,427**	**6.82%**	**94,306**
Berkshire	**26,919**	**64.77%**	**6,697**	**16.11%**	**7,943**	**19.11%**	**41,559**
Bristol	**99,037**	**69.22%**	**25,338**	**17.71%**	**18,700**	**13.07%**	**143,075**
Dukes	**4,850**	**75.25%**	**990**	**15.36%**	**605**	**9.39%**	**6,445**
Essex	**172,195**	**76.16%**	**31,833**	**14.08%**	**22,077**	**9.76%**	**226,105**
Franklin	**16,027**	**68.01%**	**5,611**	**23.81%**	**1,929**	**8.19%**	**23,567**
Hampden	**84,392**	**71.09%**	**20,868**	**17.58%**	**13,450**	**11.33%**	**118,710**
Hampshire	**31,707**	**66.51%**	**10,680**	**22.40%**	**5,286**	**11.09%**	**47,673**
Middlesex	**347,866**	**72.90%**	**74,797**	**15.67%**	**54,543**	**11.43%**	**477,206**
Nantucket	**2,652**	**73.67%**	**509**	**14.14%**	**439**	**12.19%**	**3,600**
Norfolk	**178,031**	**75.54%**	**35,055**	**14.87%**	**22,578**	**9.58%**	**235,664**
Plymouth	**110,873**	**76.04%**	**22,585**	**15.49%**	**12,353**	**8.47%**	**145,811**
Suffolk	**82,462**	**55.85%**	**25,371**	**17.18%**	**39,809**	**26.96%**	**147,642**
Worcester	**164,427**	**73.43%**	**35,364**	**15.79%**	**24,123**	**10.77%**	**223,914**
TOTALS	**1,395,599**	**72.11%**	**309,416**	**15.99%**	**230,262**	**11.90%**	**1,935,277**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	15,160	2,829	991	18,980
Bourne	4,269	1,159	1,276	6,704
Brewster	3,821	555	243	4,619
Chatham	3,172	416	190	3,778
Dennis	5,809	913	414	7,136
Eastham	2,190	376	166	2,732
Falmouth	10,782	2,127	1,102	14,011

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Acushnet	2,475	588	402	3,465
ATTLEBORO	6,553	2,176	858	9,587
Berkley	1,079	242	101	1,422
Dartmouth	6,371	1,689	2,098	10,158
Dighton	1,242	284	160	1,686
Easton	5,365	964	503	6,832
Fairhaven	3,190	888	1,412	5,490

Harwich	4,556	821	355	5,732
Mashpee	3,512	701	240	4,453
Orleans	2,990	413	204	3,607
Provincetown	1,154	338	136	1,628
Sandwich	6,517	1,184	390	8,091
Truro	754	175	52	981
Wellfleet	1,109	235	87	1,431
Yarmouth	8,366	1,476	581	10,423
TOTALS	**74,161**	**13,718**	**6,427**	**94,306**

Berkshire County

Adams	1,893	485	416	2,794
Alford	145	31	17	193
Becket	300	81	121	502
Cheshire	855	215	110	1,180
Clarksburg	388	128	54	570
Dalton	1,595	321	220	2,136
Egremont	395	78	41	514
Florida	166	45	31	242
Great Barrington	1,601	392	301	2,294
Hancock	165	38	28	231
Hinsdale	351	102	44	497
Lanesborough	510	135	232	877
Lee	1,111	234	517	1,862
Lenox	1,289	254	479	2,022
Monterey	263	60	21	344
Mt. Washington	51	9	1	61
New Ashford	67	13	4	84
New Marlborough	297	79	37	413
NORTH ADAMS	2,750	775	555	4,080
Otis	251	59	104	414
Peru	152	45	19	216
PITTSFIELD	7,332	1,780	3,899	13,011
Richmond	517	98	62	677
Sandisfield	127	45	26	198
Savoy	117	55	16	188
Sheffield	710	172	114	996
Stockbridge	716	155	88	959
Tyringham	123	16	17	156
Washington	152	64	15	231
West Stockbridge	412	106	57	575
Williamstown	1,903	554	266	2,723
Windsor	215	73	31	319
TOTALS	**26,919**	**6,697**	**7,943**	**41,559**

FALL RIVER	13,281	3,765	3,735	20,781
Freetown	2,077	461	170	2,708
Mansfield	4,538	939	428	5,905
NEW BEDFORD	16,645	4,228	3,161	24,034
North Attleborough	5,329	1,359	495	7,183
Norton	3,187	747	217	4,151
Raynham	3,031	678	530	4,239
Rehoboth	2,047	504	224	2,775
Seekonk	2,903	867	318	4,088
Somerset	4,556	1,199	817	6,572
Swansea	3,424	950	559	4,933
TAUNTON	8,271	1,965	1,984	12,220
Westport	3,473	845	528	4,846
TOTALS	**99,037**	**25,338**	**18,700**	**143,075**

Dukes County

Aquinnah	114	24	27	165
Chilmark	415	62	55	532
Edgartown	1,181	214	146	1,541
Gosnold	53	7	5	65
Oak Bluffs	1,191	233	133	1,557
Tisbury	1,098	261	137	1,496
West Tisbury	798	189	102	1,089
TOTALS	**4,850**	**990**	**605**	**6,445**

Essex County

Amesbury	2,820	639	1,019	4,478
Andover	10,112	1,159	698	11,969
BEVERLY	10,361	1,917	1,264	13,542
Boxford	2,716	283	206	3,205
Danvers	7,477	1,160	645	9,282
Essex	1,118	201	115	1,434
Georgetown	1,938	368	223	2,529
GLOUCESTER	7,261	1,569	1,100	9,930
Groveland	1,684	314	157	2,155
Hamilton	2,533	338	186	3,057
HAVERHILL	11,492	2,231	1,500	15,223
Ipswich	4,127	724	460	5,311
LAWRENCE	7,296	1,475	1,635	10,406
LYNN	14,855	3,283	2,352	20,490
Lynnfield	4,155	566	369	5,090
Manchester-by-the-Sea	1,988	249	139	2,376
Marblehead	7,345	1,094	701	9,140
Merrimac	1,518	312	145	1,975

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County (continued)				
Methuen	8,447	2,298	1,304	12,049
Middleton	1,863	308	201	2,372
Nahant	1,307	324	132	1,763
Newbury	2,186	428	204	2,818
NEWBURYPORT	5,310	1,101	703	7,114
North Andover	7,468	1,087	734	9,289
PEABODY	13,580	2,522	1,873	17,975
Rockport	2,471	507	253	3,231
Rowley	1,462	274	118	1,854
SALEM	9,151	2,020	1,568	12,739
Salisbury	1,733	343	247	2,323
Saugus	6,923	1,311	921	9,155
Swampscott	4,506	788	514	5,808
Topsfield	2,268	270	142	2,680
Wenham	1,325	160	94	1,579
West Newbury	1,399	210	155	1,764
TOTALS	**172,195**	**31,833**	**22,077**	**226,105**
Franklin County				
Ashfield	480	160	64	704
Bernardston	486	137	74	697
Buckland	463	144	64	671
Charlemont	271	81	30	382
Colrain	367	154	35	556
Conway	497	217	50	764
Deerfield	1,400	408	169	1,977
Erving	283	104	32	419
Gill	355	122	40	517
Greenfield	3,746	1,183	405	5,334
Hawley	91	18	10	119
Heath	160	77	22	259
Leverett	474	271	59	804
Leyden	179	44	17	240
Monroe	22	12	8	42
Montague	1,750	685	244	2,679
New Salem	248	98	28	374
Northfield	752	222	92	1,066
Orange	1,473	391	156	2,020
Rowe	105	34	13	152

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County (continued)				
Huntington	438	139	35	612
Middlefield	139	45	15	199
NORTHAMPTON	7,103	2,918	1,148	11,169
Pelham	405	172	53	630
Plainfield	158	72	17	247
South Hadley	4,222	1,010	535	5,767
Southampton	1,405	391	130	1,926
Ware	1,863	610	350	2,823
Westhampton	458	135	43	636
Williamsburg	727	274	100	1,101
Worthington	333	108	26	467
TOTALS	**31,707**	**10,680**	**5,286**	**47,673**
Middlesex County				
Acton	6,411	994	449	7,854
Arlington	13,648	3,459	1,565	18,672
Ashby	699	191	66	956
Ashland	3,417	638	241	4,296
Ayer	1,347	269	123	1,739
Bedford	3,715	577	885	5,177
Belmont	8,255	1,640	854	10,749
Billerica	9,202	1,806	709	11,717
Boxborough	1,417	188	111	1,716
Burlington	6,495	1,090	510	8,095
CAMBRIDGE	16,839	7,063	3,662	27,564
Carlisle	1,777	217	92	2,086
Chelmsford	10,508	1,689	717	12,914
Concord	6,001	973	553	7,527
Dracut	6,651	1,342	680	8,673
Dunstable	802	113	45	960
EVERETT	5,440	1,438	3,638	10,516
Framingham	14,530	2,622	1,450	18,602
Groton	2,608	412	202	3,222
Holliston	4,237	746	322	5,305
Hopkinton	3,763	553	284	4,600
Hudson	5,049	991	682	6,722
Lexington	9,286	1,776	2,378	13,440
Lincoln	2,015	361	127	2,503

Shelburne	515	161	72	748
Shutesbury	417	261	59	737
Sunderland	732	298	68	1,098
Warwick	156	80	21	257
Wendell	176	110	29	315
Whately	429	139	68	636
TOTALS	**16,027**	**5,611**	**1,929**	**23,567**

Hampden County

Agawam	5,048	1,368	1,989	8,405
Blandford	296	77	18	391
Brimfield	779	193	99	1,071
Chester	295	77	30	402
CHICOPEE	10,711	2,859	1,570	15,140
East Longmeadow	4,034	806	462	5,302
Granville	367	90	43	500
Hampden	1,218	284	121	1,623
Holland	530	105	47	682
HOLYOKE	6,338	1,736	1,152	9,226
Longmeadow	5,078	649	512	6,239
Ludlow	4,219	1,030	565	5,814
Monson	1,566	439	204	2,209
Montgomery	218	52	14	284
Palmer	2,837	694	352	3,883
Russell	287	88	21	396
Southwick	1,807	428	206	2,441
SPRINGFIELD	21,734	5,827	2,798	30,359
Tolland	99	25	20	144
Wales	332	90	29	451
West Springfield	4,601	1,313	1,875	7,789
WESTFIELD	7,739	1,887	988	10,614
Wilbraham	4,259	751	335	5,345
TOTALS	**84,392**	**20,868**	**13,450**	**118,710**

Hampshire County

Amherst	3,892	1,860	1,139	6,891
Belchertown	2,664	751	335	3,750
Chesterfield	291	77	30	398
Cummington	228	75	23	326
Easthampton	3,773	995	388	5,156
Goshen	225	74	34	333
Granby	1,081	317	539	1,937
Hadley	1,361	372	220	1,953
Hatfield	941	285	126	1,352
Littleton	2,367	417	200	2,984
LOWELL	13,942	3,058	2,140	19,140
MALDEN	9,740	2,408	1,964	14,112
MARLBOROUGH	8,565	1,462	1,104	11,131
Maynard	3,003	662	343	4,008
MEDFORD	13,228	3,037	2,370	18,635
MELROSE	8,723	1,820	1,079	11,622
Natick	9,042	1,792	776	11,610
NEWTON	20,653	4,868	6,385	31,906
North Reading	4,234	603	379	5,216
Pepperell	2,709	463	217	3,389
Reading	7,289	1,221	633	9,143
Sherborn	1,617	185	130	1,932
Shirley	1,397	345	102	1,844
SOMERVILLE	12,968	5,029	2,179	20,176
Stoneham	6,381	1,129	630	8,140
Stow	2,073	329	214	2,616
Sudbury	5,453	651	388	6,492
Tewksbury	7,521	1,404	575	9,500
Townsend	1,960	406	143	2,509
Tyngsborough	2,452	440	207	3,099
Wakefield	7,024	1,484	962	9,470
WALTHAM	9,327	2,246	3,710	15,283
Watertown	8,261	2,187	1,263	11,711
Wayland	4,878	720	395	5,993
Westford	5,696	759	358	6,813
Weston	3,932	418	277	4,627
Wilmington	4,480	1,050	1,490	7,020
Winchester	7,329	1,137	691	9,157
WOBURN	7,510	1,919	2,894	12,323
TOTALS	**347,866**	**74,797**	**54,543**	**477,206**

Nantucket County

Nantucket	2,652	509	439	3,600
TOTALS	**2,652**	**509**	**439**	**3,600**

Norfolk County

Avon	1,328	276	169	1,773
Bellingham	3,339	802	371	4,512
Braintree	10,101	2,039	1,278	13,418
Brookline	10,731	3,107	3,816	17,654
Canton	6,311	1,160	790	8,261
Cohasset	2,742	379	289	3,410

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County (continued)				
Dedham	6,941	1,392	898	9,231
Dover	2,111	230	159	2,500
Foxborough	4,668	1,004	441	6,113
Franklin	7,346	1,357	528	9,231
Holbrook	2,861	584	348	3,793
Medfield	3,858	509	322	4,689
Medway	3,168	600	267	4,035
Millis	2,290	460	199	2,949
Milton	9,014	1,644	956	11,614
Needham	9,975	1,522	875	12,372
Norfolk	2,643	411	231	3,285
Norwood	7,881	1,539	982	10,402
Plainville	1,684	467	124	2,275
QUINCY	21,003	4,748	3,315	29,066
Randolph	6,760	1,421	938	9,119
Sharon	5,740	920	493	7,153
Stoughton	7,084	1,453	844	9,381
Walpole	7,746	1,501	916	10,163
Wellesley	8,484	1,162	708	10,354
Westwood	5,086	719	493	6,298
Weymouth	14,348	3,042	1,667	19,057
Wrentham	2,788	607	161	3,556
TOTALS	**178,031**	**35,055**	**22,578**	**235,664**
Plymouth County				
Abington	3,718	767	349	4,834
Bridgewater	4,814	1,000	585	6,399
BROCKTON	13,511	3,237	2,142	18,890
Carver	2,706	599	246	3,551
Duxbury	4,783	632	388	5,803
East Bridgewater	2,697	619	284	3,600
Halifax	1,935	461	170	2,566
Hanover	4,108	696	454	5,258
Hanson	2,325	512	207	3,044
Hingham	6,592	975	725	8,292
Hull	2,859	707	365	3,931
Kingston	3,025	605	310	3,940
Lakeville	2,296	448	181	2,925

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Ashburnham	1,331	299	92	1,722
Athol	2,203	565	152	2,920
Auburn	5,074	1,098	329	6,501
Barre	1,323	314	165	1,802
Berlin	812	149	77	1,038
Blackstone	1,616	392	166	2,174
Bolton	1,325	230	108	1,663
Boylston	1,335	196	111	1,642
Brookfield	731	171	77	979
Charlton	2,593	464	243	3,300
Clinton	3,082	661	497	4,240
Douglas	1,533	326	181	2,040
Dudley	2,139	429	246	2,814
East Brookfield	503	98	75	676
FITCHBURG	6,353	1,919	1,072	9,344
GARDNER	3,871	984	466	5,321
Grafton	4,062	747	397	5,206
Hardwick	609	180	95	884
Harvard	1,894	240	139	2,273
Holden	4,347	806	1,450	6,603
Hopedale	1,579	315	195	2,089
Hubbardston	915	190	93	1,198
Lancaster	1,637	330	155	2,122
Leicester	2,773	565	288	3,626
LEOMINSTER	8,331	2,136	1,042	11,509
Lunenburg	2,408	541	210	3,159
Mendon	1,281	280	130	1,691
Milford	5,276	1,102	960	7,338
Millbury	3,411	712	428	4,551
Millville	485	141	84	710
New Braintree	236	68	23	327
North Brookfield	1,116	271	164	1,551
Northborough	4,253	661	321	5,235
Northbridge	2,680	677	825	4,182
Oakham	464	116	37	617
Oxford	2,520	629	793	3,942
Paxton	1,382	216	127	1,725
Petersham	388	109	44	541
Phillipston	341	73	32	446

Marion	1,578	267	128	1,973
Marshfield	6,813	1,228	595	8,636
Mattapoisett	2,253	368	176	2,797
Middleborough	3,868	849	334	5,051
Norwell	2,700	498	897	4,095
Pembroke	4,479	847	389	5,715
Plymouth	12,188	2,605	1,102	15,895
Plympton	759	186	74	1,019
Rochester	1,234	251	120	1,605
Rockland	4,010	994	396	5,400
Scituate	6,304	1,108	561	7,973
Wareham	4,303	1,000	625	5,928
West Bridgewater	1,786	355	189	2,330
Whitman	3,229	771	361	4,361
TOTALS	**110,873**	**22,585**	**12,353**	**145,811**

Suffolk County

BOSTON	65,665	21,655	36,453	123,773
CHELSEA	3,315	822	510	4,647
REVERE	8,726	1,905	2,191	12,822
Winthrop	4,756	989	655	6,400
TOTALS	**82,462**	**25,371**	**39,809**	**147,642**

Princeton	1,100	178	107	1,385
Royalston	239	71	24	334
Rutland	1,475	299	142	1,916
Shrewsbury	9,029	1,537	1,092	11,658
Southborough	2,744	378	202	3,324
Southbridge	2,610	651	1,329	4,590
Spencer	2,480	533	310	3,323
Sterling	2,195	338	150	2,683
Sturbridge	1,831	424	554	2,809
Sutton	2,335	403	244	2,982
Templeton	1,400	377	151	1,928
Upton	1,819	342	193	2,354
Uxbridge	2,543	531	314	3,388
Warren	950	297	193	1,440
Webster	3,026	634	476	4,136
West Boylston	2,127	347	210	2,684
West Brookfield	881	205	144	1,230
Westborough	4,649	687	375	5,711
Westminster	1,896	392	149	2,437
Winchendon	1,499	359	131	1,989
WORCESTER	29,387	6,981	5,544	41,912
TOTALS	**164,427**	**35,364**	**24,123**	**223,914**

QUESTION 4

REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, *which was approved by the House of Representatives on November 19, 1997 by a vote of 124 to 30, approved by the Senate on November 19, 1997 by a vote of 32 to 6?*

SUMMARY

The law changes the state's electric utility industry. Starting in March 1998, instead of buying power from the utility that owns the power lines, customers may choose to buy power from separate generating companies competing with each other to sell power to be delivered by the existing utility. Customers not choosing a new competing generating company will be provided power by their existing utility under a transition rate for 7 years, starting from a rate 10% less than 1997 rates. By September 1999, rates for such customers must be further reduced from 1997 rates (adjusted for inflation) by 5%. Subject to restrictions in the law, rates paid by such customers may be adjusted up or down if approved by the new state Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE).

The law lets a utility recover, from customers, previously incurred costs related to generating plants and contracts that have become uneconomical under competition. Utilities must first reduce such "transition costs" in all reasonable ways, which may include selling non-nuclear generating plants. DTE must approve such sales and the utility's way of financing transition costs, and DTE may limit which costs may be charged to customers. Public agencies may arrange the sale of special bonds to help a utility finance transition costs to provide savings to customers.

Utilities claiming they cannot offer the required rate reductions must work with DTE to find all possible ways to do so. State tax revenues related to sales of power plants may be used, if found necessary by DTE and subject to legislative appropriation, to ensure that utilities provide the 15% rate reduction. Utilities must maintain discounts for low-income customers.

DTE must issue consumer protection and related regulations related to energy sales, and the law lets the state Attorney General enforce consumer protection laws and regulations against energy companies. To maintain reliability, DTE must set performance-based rates and service quality standards for electric and gas utilities. Utilities failing to meet the standards may be fined up to 2% of their annual revenues.

Such utilities will not be allowed to cut staff levels unless either the relevant unions agree or DTE finds that the cuts will not lead to sub-standard service. Utility employees who are laid off due to the law will, if eligible for unemployment benefits, also be eligible for reemployment assistance benefits.

If a generating plant loses value due to the law, the responsible company must pay the affected city or town until 2009 to offset lost property tax revenue. Cities and towns may set up power purchasing cooperatives for local customers. Businesses and other organizations may also set up cooperatives. A municipal lighting plant that chooses to sell power outside its own service area must compete with other generating companies within its service area.

The law requires electric utilities to continue energy efficiency and demand management programs until 2003 and directs DTE to ensure that such programs are cost effective. The law imposes a charge on electricity consumers to promote renewable energy projects and to help cities and towns pay to add pollution control equipment to existing trash-to-energy plants. By 2003, power suppliers must provide an annually increasing percentage of power from new renewable sources, and fossil-fuel power plants must start to meet efficiency standards limiting pollution. The law ends the requirement that the state find a need for a proposed power plant but preserves environmental reviews.

The law changes the state Department of Public Utilities to the new DTE, controlled by a 5-member commission with expertise on specified issues. The law gives the state Division of Energy Resources new duties related to energy restructuring, such as educating consumers and helping cities and towns.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
Barnstable	**55,452**	**58.80%**	**33,735**	**35.77%**	**5,119**	**5.43%**	**94,306**
Berkshire	**27,159**	**65.35%**	**8,376**	**20.15%**	**6,024**	**14.50%**	**41,559**
Bristol	**98,037**	**68.52%**	**31,215**	**21.82%**	**13,823**	**9.66%**	**143,075**
Dukes	**4,610**	**71.53%**	**1,333**	**20.68%**	**502**	**7.79%**	**6,445**
Essex	**151,007**	**66.79%**	**58,764**	**25.99%**	**16,334**	**7.22%**	**226,105**
Franklin	**16,119**	**68.40%**	**6,169**	**26.18%**	**1,279**	**5.43%**	**23,567**
Hampden	**78,389**	**66.03%**	**30,310**	**25.53%**	**10,011**	**8.43%**	**118,710**
Hampshire	**32,044**	**67.22%**	**11,950**	**25.07%**	**3,679**	**7.72%**	**47,673**
Middlesex	**299,618**	**62.79%**	**134,816**	**28.25%**	**42,772**	**8.96%**	**477,206**
Nantucket	**2,623**	**72.86%**	**621**	**17.25%**	**356**	**9.89%**	**3,600**
Norfolk	**150,450**	**63.84%**	**68,638**	**29.13%**	**16,576**	**7.03%**	**235,664**
Plymouth	**94,181**	**64.59%**	**43,129**	**29.58%**	**8,501**	**5.83%**	**145,811**
Suffolk	**78,754**	**53.34%**	**35,556**	**24.08%**	**33,332**	**22.58%**	**147,642**
Worcester	**163,097**	**72.84%**	**45,195**	**20.18%**	**15,622**	**6.98%**	**223,914**
TOTALS	**1,251,540**	**64.67%**	**509,807**	**26.34%**	**173,930**	**8.99%**	**1,935,277**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	11,286	6,807	887	18,980
Bourne	3,470	2,181	1,053	6,704
Brewster	2,709	1,751	159	4,619
Chatham	2,264	1,351	163	3,778
Dennis	4,109	2,736	291	7,136
Eastham	1,450	1,163	119	2,732
Falmouth	8,905	4,286	820	14,011
Harwich	3,243	2,229	260	5,732
Mashpee	2,763	1,480	210	4,453
Orleans	1,971	1,481	155	3,607
Provincetown	1,021	481	126	1,628
Sandwich	4,742	3,042	307	8,091
Truro	518	388	75	981
Wellfleet	801	544	86	1,431
Yarmouth	6,200	3,815	408	10,423
TOTALS	**55,452**	**33,735**	**5,119**	**94,306**
Berkshire County				
Adams	2,101	389	304	2,794
Alford	123	54	16	193
Becket	322	105	75	502
Cheshire	899	192	89	1,180
Clarksburg	448	91	31	570
Dalton	1,569	364	203	2,136
Egremont	379	106	29	514
Florida	170	48	24	242
Great Barrington	1,734	374	186	2,294
Hancock	149	66	16	231
Hinsdale	359	100	38	497
Lanesborough	518	175	184	877
Lee	1,195	293	374	1,862
Lenox	1,354	311	357	2,022
Monterey	237	91	16	344
Mt. Washington	44	15	2	61
New Ashford	59	21	4	84
New Marlborough	287	99	27	413
NORTH ADAMS	3,134	526	420	4,080
Otis	247	92	75	414
Peru	147	49	20	216
PITTSFIELD	8,294	1,998	2,719	13,011
Richmond	503	126	48	677
Sandisfield	141	37	20	198
Savoy	126	46	16	188