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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 of the 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 spend, 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.

Aggregate of Votes	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
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
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,129,934</b>	<b>58.39%</b>	<b>572,476</b>	<b>29.58%</b>	<b>232,867</b>	<b>12.03%</b>	<b>1,935,277</b>

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>								
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				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>60,862</b>	<b>27,329</b>	<b>6,115</b>	<b>94,306</b>				
<b>Berkshire County</b>								
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				
<b>NORTH ADAMS.....</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>4,080</b>				
Otis.....	239	97	78	414				
<b>Dukes County (continued)</b>								
Tisbury.....	1,001	351	144	1,496				
West Tisbury.....	738	234	117	1,089				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>6,445</b>				
<b>Essex County</b>								
Amesbury.....	2,394	1,098	986	4,478				
Andover.....	7,161	4,014	794	11,969				
<b>BEVERLY.....</b>	<b>8,092</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>13,542</b>				
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				
<b>GLOUCESTER.....</b>	<b>6,206</b>	<b>2,608</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>9,930</b>				
Groveland.....	1,217	772	166	2,155				
Hamilton.....	1,931	915	211	3,057				
<b>HAVERHILL.....</b>	<b>8,462</b>	<b>5,110</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>15,223</b>				
Ipswich.....	3,294	1,550	467	5,311				
<b>LAWRENCE.....</b>	<b>5,771</b>	<b>3,139</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>10,406</b>				
<b>LYNN.....</b>	<b>12,356</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>20,490</b>				
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.....	1,946	1,033	239	2,818				
<b>NEWBURYPORT.....</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>7,114</b>				
North Andover.....	5,298	3,191	800	9,289				
<b>PEABODY.....</b>	<b>10,195</b>	<b>5,770</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>17,975</b>				
Rockport.....	2,070	829	332	3,231				
Rowley.....	1,038	659	157	1,854				
<b>SALEM.....</b>	<b>7,950</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>1,523</b>	<b>12,739</b>				
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				

Wenham.....	990	485	104	1,579
West Newbury.....	1,004	613	147	1,764
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>132,212</b>	<b>70,513</b>	<b>23,380</b>	<b>226,105</b>

**Franklin County**

Ashfield.....	474	161	69	704
Barnardston.....	467	163	67	697
Buckland.....	479	150	42	671
Charlton.....	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
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,619</b>	<b>5,314</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>23,567</b>

**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

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
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>25,793</b>	<b>8,760</b>	<b>7,006</b>	<b>41,559</b>

**Bristol County**

Acushnet.....	2,090	918	457	3,465
ATTEBORO.....	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
North Attleborough.....	14,181	6,361	3,492	24,034
Norton.....	3,972	2,618	593	7,183
Raynham.....	2,486	1,389	276	4,151
Rehoboth.....	2,297	1,402	540	4,239
Seekonk.....	1,583	943	249	2,775
Somerset.....	2,210	1,536	342	4,088
Swansea.....	2,651	1,607	906	6,572
TAUNTON.....	6,807	3,356	675	4,933
Westport.....	2,747	1,518	2,057	12,220
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>80,023</b>	<b>42,916</b>	<b>20,136</b>	<b>143,075</b>

**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

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampden County (continued)</b>								
Longmeadow.....	4,180	1,580	479	6,239	1,486	870	153	2,509
Ludlow.....	3,684	1,563	567	5,814	1,807	1,057	285	3,099
Monson.....	1,463	552	194	2,209				
Montgomery.....	1,174	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	989	10,614				
Wilbraham.....	3,391	1,593	361	5,345				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>72,862</b>	<b>29,728</b>	<b>16,120</b>	<b>118,710</b>	<b>287,507</b>	<b>135,251</b>	<b>54,448</b>	<b>477,206</b>
<b>Hampshire County</b>								
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				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>32,456</b>	<b>10,950</b>	<b>4,267</b>	<b>47,673</b>	<b>15,716</b>	<b>10,202</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>29,066</b>
<b>Middlesex County (continued)</b>								
Townsend.....	1,486	870	153	2,509				
Tyngsborough.....	1,807	1,057	285	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.....	1,451	2,168	1,451	7,020				
Winchester.....	5,420	974	763	9,157				
WOBURN.....	6,063	3,570	2,690	12,323				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>287,507</b>	<b>135,251</b>	<b>54,448</b>	<b>477,206</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>3,600</b>
<b>Nantucket County</b>								
Nantucket.....	2,282	795	523	3,600				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>3,600</b>				
<b>Norfolk County</b>								
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	987	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	5,371	2,793	955	9,119
Arlington.....	11,928	5,179	1,565	18,672	4,488	2,070	595	7,153
Ashby.....	552	324	80	956	5,330	3,126	949	9,381
Ashland.....	2,721	1,304	271	4,296	6,110	3,102	927	10,163
Ayer.....	1,080	520	139	1,739	6,648	2,832	874	10,354
Bedford.....	3,036	1,428	713	5,177	3,887	1,870	541	6,298
Belmont.....	6,925	2,959	865	10,749	10,602	6,889	1,566	19,057
Billerica.....	6,992	3,951	774	11,717	2,240	1,120	196	3,556
Boxborough.....	1,090	492	134	1,716	<b>138,738</b>	<b>74,036</b>	<b>22,890</b>	<b>235,664</b>
Burlington.....	4,781	2,767	547	8,095	<b>138,738</b>	<b>74,036</b>	<b>22,890</b>	<b>235,664</b>

**Plymouth County**

CAMBRIDGE.....	18,953	5,557	3,054	27,564	2,814	1,702	318	4,834
Carlisle.....	1,363	613	110	2,086	3,403	2,372	624	6,399
Chelmsford.....	7,555	4,559	800	12,914	9,837	6,858	2,195	18,890
Concord.....	5,135	1,897	495	7,527	2,209	1,078	264	3,551
Dracut.....	4,771	3,177	725	8,673	3,533	1,909	361	5,803
Dunstable.....	532	367	61	960	1,977	1,318	305	3,600
EVERETT.....	4,647	2,388	3,481	10,516	1,497	889	180	2,566
Framingham.....	11,736	5,294	1,572	18,602	2,884	1,931	443	5,258
Groton.....	2,097	894	231	3,222	1,636	1,174	234	3,044
Holliston.....	3,415	1,502	388	5,305	4,849	2,801	642	8,292
Hopkinton.....	2,842	1,414	344	4,600	2,387	1,199	345	3,931
Hudson.....	3,765	2,190	767	6,722	2,316	1,304	320	3,940
Lexington.....	8,396	2,911	2,133	13,440	1,742	964	219	2,925
Lincoln.....	1,903	501	99	2,503	1,351	499	123	1,973
Littleton.....	1,890	890	204	2,984	5,198	2,916	522	8,636
LOWELL.....	10,501	6,430	2,209	19,140	1,777	801	219	2,797
MALDEN.....	8,128	3,992	1,992	14,112	2,981	1,696	374	5,051
MARLBOROUGH.....	6,575	3,349	1,207	11,131	1,969	1,264	862	4,095
Maynard.....	2,549	1,103	356	4,008	3,289	2,037	389	5,715
MEDFORD.....	10,910	5,340	2,385	18,635	9,671	5,146	1,078	15,895
MELROSE.....	6,939	3,592	1,161	11,622	537	375	107	1,019
Natick.....	7,315	3,445	850	11,610	993	471	141	1,605
NEWTON.....	19,285	6,298	6,323	31,906	2,989	2,036	375	5,400
North Reading.....	2,765	438	438	5,216	4,597	2,847	529	7,973
Pepperell.....	2,153	1,010	226	3,389	3,544	1,702	682	5,928
Reading.....	5,562	2,870	711	9,143	1,241	910	179	2,330
Sherborn.....	1,247	535	150	1,932	2,374	1,634	353	4,361
Shirley.....	1,110	613	121	1,844	<b>83,595</b>	<b>49,833</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>145,811</b>
SOMERVILLE.....	13,202	4,952	2,022	20,176	<b>83,595</b>	<b>49,833</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>145,811</b>
Stoneham.....	4,902	2,546	692	8,140	<b>83,595</b>	<b>49,833</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>145,811</b>
Stow.....	1,575	802	289	2,616	1,241	910	179	2,330
Sudbury.....	4,296	1,751	445	6,492	2,374	1,634	353	4,361
Tewksbury.....	5,413	3,420	667	9,500	<b>83,595</b>	<b>49,833</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>145,811</b>

**TOTALS.....**

**QUESTION 2**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Suffolk County</b>								
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				
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>75,659</b>	<b>33,965</b>	<b>38,018</b>	<b>147,642</b>				
<b>Worcester County</b>								
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				
<b>FITCHBURG .....</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>3,267</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>9,344</b>				
GARDNER .....	3,015	1,848	458	5,321				
Grafton .....	2,885	1,941	380	5,206				
Hardwick .....	467	310	884	1,661				
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				
<b>LEOMINSTER .....</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>4,096</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>11,509</b>				
Lunenburg .....	1,853	1,051	255	3,159				
Mendon .....	944	580	167	1,691				
<b>Worcester County (continued)</b>								
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	363	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 .....	1,165	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				
Winchester .....	1,181	681	127	1,989				
<b>WORCESTER .....</b>	<b>20,533</b>	<b>15,782</b>	<b>5,597</b>	<b>41,912</b>				
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>116,996</b>	<b>81,624</b>	<b>25,294</b>	<b>223,914</b>				





**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.

Aggregate of Votes	Yes	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Barnstable.....	74,161	13,718	78.64%	6,427	14.55%	94,306
Berkshire.....	26,919	6,697	64.77%	7,943	19.11%	41,559
Bristol.....	99,037	25,338	69.22%	18,700	13.07%	143,075
Dukes.....	4,850	990	75.25%	605	9.39%	6,445
Essex.....	172,195	31,833	76.16%	22,077	14.08%	226,105
Franklin.....	16,027	5,611	68.01%	1,929	23.81%	23,567
Hampden.....	84,392	20,868	71.09%	13,450	17.58%	118,710
Hampshire.....	31,707	10,680	66.51%	5,286	22.40%	47,673
Middlesex.....	347,866	74,757	72.90%	54,543	15.67%	477,206
Nantucket.....	2,652	509	73.67%	439	14.14%	3,600
Norfolk.....	178,031	35,055	75.54%	22,578	14.87%	235,664
Plymouth.....	110,873	22,585	76.04%	12,353	15.49%	145,811
Suffolk.....	82,462	25,371	55.85%	39,809	26.96%	147,642
Worcester.....	164,427	35,364	73.43%	24,123	15.79%	223,914
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,395,599</b>	<b>309,416</b>	<b>72.11%</b>	<b>230,262</b>	<b>15.99%</b>	<b>1,935,277</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
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
<b>Bristol County</b>				
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

FALL RIVER.....	13,281	3,765	20,781
Freetown.....	2,077	461	170
Mansfield.....	4,538	939	428
NEW BEDFORD.....	16,645	3,161	24,034
North Attleborough.....	5,329	495	7,183
Norton.....	3,187	747	217
Raynham.....	3,031	530	4,151
Rehoboth.....	2,047	504	224
Seekonk.....	2,903	867	318
Somerset.....	4,556	1,199	817
Swansea.....	3,424	950	6,572
TAUNTON.....	8,271	1,965	559
Westport.....	3,473	845	4,933
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>99,037</b>	<b>25,338</b>	<b>143,075</b>

**Dukes County**

Aquinnah.....	114	24	27
Chilmark.....	415	62	55
Edgartown.....	1,181	214	146
Gosnold.....	53	7	5
Oak Bluffs.....	1,191	233	133
Tisbury.....	1,098	261	137
West Tisbury.....	798	189	102
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>605</b>

**Essex County**

Amesbury.....	2,820	639	1,019
Andover.....	10,112	1,159	698
BEVERLY.....	10,361	1,917	1,264
Boxford.....	2,716	283	206
Danvers.....	7,477	1,160	645
Essex.....	1,118	201	115
Georgetown.....	1,938	368	223
GLOUCESTER.....	7,261	1,569	1,100
Groveland.....	1,684	314	157
Hamilton.....	2,533	338	186
HAVERHILL.....	11,492	2,231	1,500
Ipswich.....	4,127	724	460
LAWRENCE.....	7,296	1,475	1,635
LYNN.....	14,855	3,283	2,352
Lynnfield.....	4,155	566	369
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,988	249	139
Marblehead.....	7,345	1,094	701
Merrimac.....	1,518	312	145

Harwich.....	4,556	821	355
Mashpee.....	3,512	701	240
Orleans.....	2,990	413	204
Provincetown.....	1,154	338	136
Sandwich.....	6,517	1,184	390
Truro.....	754	175	52
Wellfleet.....	1,109	235	87
Yarmouth.....	8,366	1,476	581
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>74,161</b>	<b>13,718</b>	<b>6,427</b>

**Berkshire County**

Adams.....	1,893	485	416
Alford.....	145	31	17
Becket.....	300	81	121
Cheshire.....	855	215	110
Clarksburg.....	388	128	54
Dalton.....	1,595	321	220
Egremont.....	395	78	41
Florida.....	166	45	31
Great Barrington.....	1,601	392	301
Hancock.....	165	38	28
Hinsdale.....	351	102	44
Lanesborough.....	510	135	232
Lee.....	1,111	234	517
Lenox.....	1,289	254	479
Monterey.....	263	60	21
Mr. Washington.....	51	9	1
New Ashford.....	67	13	4
New Marlborough.....	297	79	37
NORTH ADAMS.....	2,750	775	555
Otis.....	251	59	104
Peru.....	152	45	19
PITTSFIELD.....	7,332	1,780	3,899
Richmond.....	517	98	62
Sandisfield.....	127	45	26
Savoy.....	117	55	16
Sheffield.....	710	172	114
Stockbridge.....	716	155	88
Tyringham.....	123	16	17
Washington.....	152	64	15
West Stockbridge.....	412	106	57
Williamstown.....	1,903	554	266
Windsor.....	215	73	31
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>26,919</b>	<b>6,697</b>	<b>7,943</b>

2,794	193	502	1,180	570	2,136	514	242	2,294	231	497	877	1,862	2,022	344	61	84	413	4,080	216	216	13,011	677	198	188	996	959	156	231	575	2,723	319	41,559
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Shelburne.....	515	161	72	748	2,367	417	200	2,984
Shutesbury.....	472	261	59	737	13,942	3,058	2,140	19,140
Sunderland.....	732	298	68	1,098	9,740	2,408	1,964	14,112
Warwick.....	156	80	21	257	8,565	1,462	1,104	11,131
Wendell.....	176	110	29	315	3,003	662	343	4,008
Whately.....	429	139	68	636	13,228	3,037	2,370	18,635
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,027</b>	<b>5,611</b>	<b>1,929</b>	<b>23,567</b>	<b>8,723</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>11,622</b>
<b>Hampden County</b>								
Agawam.....	5,048	1,368	1,989	8,405	9,043	1,792	776	11,610
Blandford.....	296	77	18	391	20,653	4,868	6,385	31,906
Brimfield.....	779	193	99	1,071	4,234	603	379	5,216
Chester.....	295	77	30	402	2,709	463	217	3,389
CHICOPEE.....	10,711	2,859	1,570	15,140	7,289	1,221	633	9,143
East Longmeadow.....	4,034	806	462	5,302	1,617	185	130	1,932
Granville.....	367	90	43	500	1,397	345	102	1,844
Hampden.....	1,218	284	121	1,623	12,968	5,029	2,179	20,176
Holland.....	530	105	47	682	6,381	1,129	630	8,140
HOLYOKE.....	6,338	1,736	1,152	9,226	2,073	329	214	2,616
Longmeadow.....	5,078	649	512	6,239	5,453	651	388	6,492
Ludlow.....	4,219	1,030	565	5,814	7,521	1,404	575	9,500
Monson.....	1,566	439	204	2,209	1,960	406	143	2,509
Montgomery.....	218	52	14	284	2,452	440	207	3,099
Palmer.....	2,837	694	352	3,883	7,024	1,484	962	9,470
Russell.....	287	88	21	396	9,327	2,246	3,710	15,283
Southwick.....	1,807	428	206	2,441	8,261	2,187	1,937	11,711
SPRINGFIELD.....	21,734	5,827	2,798	30,359	4,878	720	395	5,993
Tolland.....	99	25	20	144	5,696	759	258	6,813
Wales.....	332	90	29	451	3,932	418	277	4,627
West Springfield.....	4,601	1,313	1,875	7,789	4,480	1,050	1,490	7,020
WESTFIELD.....	7,739	1,887	988	10,614	7,329	1,137	691	9,157
Wilbraham.....	4,259	751	335	5,345	7,510	1,919	2,894	12,323
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>84,392</b>	<b>20,868</b>	<b>13,450</b>	<b>118,710</b>	<b>347,866</b>	<b>74,797</b>	<b>54,543</b>	<b>477,206</b>
<b>Hampshire County</b>								
Amherst.....	3,892	1,860	1,139	6,891	2,652	509	439	3,600
Belchertown.....	2,664	751	335	3,750	2,652	509	439	3,600
Chesterfield.....	291	77	30	398	1,328	276	169	1,773
Cummington.....	228	75	23	326	3,339	802	371	4,512
Easthampton.....	3,773	995	388	5,156	10,101	2,032	1,278	13,418
Goshen.....	225	74	34	333	10,731	3,107	790	17,654
Granby.....	1,081	317	539	1,937	6,311	1,160	790	8,261
Hadley.....	1,361	372	220	1,953	2,742	379	289	3,410
Hatfield.....	941	285	126	1,352				



Marion.....	1,578	267	128	1,973	Princeton .....	1,100	178	107	1,385
Marshfield .....	6,813	1,228	595	8,636	Royalston .....	239	71	24	334
Mattapoisett.....	2,253	368	176	2,797	Rutland.....	1,475	299	142	1,916
Middleborough .....	3,868	849	334	5,051	Shrewsbury .....	9,029	1,537	1,092	11,658
Norwell.....	2,700	498	897	4,095	Southborough.....	2,744	378	202	3,324
Pembroke.....	4,479	847	389	5,715	Southbridge.....	2,610	651	1,329	4,590
Plymouth.....	12,188	2,605	1,102	15,895	Spencer.....	2,480	533	310	3,323
Plympton.....	759	186	74	1,019	Sterling.....	2,195	338	150	2,683
Rochester.....	1,234	251	120	1,605	Sturbridge.....	1,831	424	564	2,809
Rockland.....	4,010	994	396	5,400	Sutton.....	2,335	403	244	2,982
Situatae.....	6,304	1,108	561	7,973	Templeton.....	1,400	377	151	1,928
Wareham.....	4,303	1,000	625	5,928	Upton.....	1,819	342	193	2,354
West Bridgewater.....	1,786	355	189	2,330	Usbridge.....	2,543	531	314	3,388
Whitman.....	3,229	771	361	4,361	Warren.....	950	297	193	1,440
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>110,873</b>	<b>22,585</b>	<b>12,353</b>	<b>145,811</b>	Webster.....	3,026	634	476	4,136
					West Boylston.....	2,127	347	210	2,684
<b>Suffolk County</b>					West Brookfield.....	881	205	144	1,230
BOSTON.....	65,665	21,655	36,453	123,773	Westborough.....	4,649	687	375	5,711
CHELSEA.....	3,315	822	510	4,647	Westminster.....	1,896	392	149	2,437
REVERE.....	8,726	1,905	2,191	12,822	Winchendon.....	1,499	359	131	1,989
Winthrop.....	4,756	989	655	6,400	WORCESTER.....	29,387	6,981	5,544	41,912
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>82,462</b>	<b>25,371</b>	<b>39,809</b>	<b>147,642</b>	<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>164,427</b>	<b>35,364</b>	<b>24,123</b>	<b>223,914</b>

## 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.



Aggregate of Votes	Yes	%	No	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Barnstable.....	55,452	58.80%	33,735	5,119	35.77%	94,306
Berkshire.....	27,159	65.35%	8,376	6,024	20.15%	41,559
Bristol.....	98,037	68.52%	31,215	13,823	21.82%	143,075
Dukes.....	4,610	71.53%	1,333	502	20.68%	6,445
Essex.....	151,007	66.79%	58,764	16,334	25.99%	226,105
Franklin.....	16,119	68.40%	6,169	1,279	26.18%	23,567
Hampden.....	78,389	66.03%	30,310	10,011	25.53%	118,710
Hampshire.....	32,044	67.29%	11,950	3,679	25.07%	47,673
Middlesex.....	299,618	62.79%	134,816	42,772	28.25%	477,206
Nantucket.....	2,623	72.86%	621	356	17.25%	3,600
Norfolk.....	150,450	63.84%	68,638	16,576	29.13%	235,664
Plymouth.....	94,181	64.59%	43,129	8,501	29.58%	145,811
Suffolk.....	78,754	53.34%	35,556	33,332	24.08%	147,642
Worcester.....	163,097	72.84%	45,195	15,622	20.18%	223,914
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,251,540</b>	<b>64.67%</b>	<b>509,807</b>	<b>173,930</b>	<b>26.34%</b>	<b>1,935,277</b>

County	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County	11,286	6,807	887	18,980
Barnstable.....	3,470	2,181	1,053	6,704
Bourne.....	2,709	1,751	159	4,619
Brewster.....	2,264	1,351	163	3,778
Chatham.....	4,109	2,736	291	7,136
Dennis.....	1,450	1,163	119	2,732
Eastham.....	8,905	4,286	820	14,011
Falmouth.....	3,243	2,229	260	5,732
Harwich.....	2,763	1,480	210	4,453
Mashpee.....	1,971	1,481	155	3,607
Orleans.....	1,021	481	126	1,628
Provincetown.....	4,742	3,042	307	8,091
Sandwich.....	518	388	75	981
Truro.....	801	544	86	1,431
Wellfleet.....	6,200	3,815	408	10,423
Yarmouth.....	55,452	33,735	5,119	94,306
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>2,794</b>

County	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County	899	192	89	1,180
Cheshire.....	448	91	31	570
Clarksburg.....	1,569	364	203	2,136
Dalton.....	379	106	29	514
Egremont.....	170	48	24	242
Florida.....	1,734	374	186	2,294
Great Barrington.....	149	66	16	231
Hancock.....	359	100	38	497
Hinsdale.....	518	175	184	877
Lanesborough.....	1,195	293	374	1,862
Lee.....	1,354	311	357	2,022
Lenox.....	237	91	16	344
Monterey.....	44	15	2	61
Mt. Washington.....	59	21	4	84
New Ashford.....	287	99	27	413
New Marlborough.....	3,134	526	420	4,080
NORTH ADAMS.....	247	92	75	414
Otis.....	147	49	20	216
Peru.....	8,294	1,998	2,719	13,011
PITTSFIELD.....	503	126	48	677
Richmond.....	141	37	20	198
Sandisfield.....	126	46	16	188
Savoy.....	147	49	20	216
TOTALS.....	2,101	389	304	2,794
Adams.....	123	54	16	193
Alford.....	322	105	75	502
Becket.....	126	46	16	188