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## 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
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

County	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable.....	11,286	6,807	887	18,980
Bourne.....	2,181	1,053	6,704	9,938
Brewster.....	3,709	1,751	4,619	9,979
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
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>55,452</b>	<b>33,735</b>	<b>5,119</b>	<b>94,306</b>
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Adams.....	2,101	389	304	2,794
Alford.....	123	54	16	193
Becket.....	322	105	75	502

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County (continued)</b>								
Sheffield.....	729	186	81	996				
Stockbridge.....	702	160	97	959				
Tyringham.....	103	40	13	156				
Washington.....	180	40	11	231				
West Stockbridge.....	430	98	47	575				
Williams town.....	267	2,006	450	2,723				
Wind sor.....	209	78	32	319				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>27,159</b>	<b>8,376</b>	<b>6,024</b>	<b>41,559</b>				
<b>Bristol County</b>								
Acushnet.....	2,601	568	296	3,465				
ATTLEBORO.....	7,196	1,834	557	9,587				
Berkley.....	909	438	75	1,422				
Dartmouth.....	6,393	2,036	1,729	10,158				
Dighton.....	1,150	431	105	1,686				
Easton.....	4,374	2,124	334	6,832				
Fairhaven.....	3,248	992	1,250	5,490				
FALL RIVER.....	14,577	3,675	2,529	20,781				
Freetown.....	2,034	559	115	2,708				
Mansfield.....	4,108	1,473	324	5,905				
NEW BEDFORD.....	17,331	4,445	2,258	24,034				
North Attleborough.....	5,081	1,730	372	7,183				
Norton.....	2,920	1,081	150	4,151				
Raynham.....	2,475	1,303	461	4,239				
Rehoboth.....	2,079	529	167	2,775				
Seekonk.....	3,028	820	240	4,088				
Somerset.....	4,574	1,458	540	6,572				
Swansea.....	3,408	1,061	464	4,933				
TAUNTON.....	7,142	3,612	1,466	12,220				
Westport.....	3,409	1,046	391	4,846				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>98,037</b>	<b>31,215</b>	<b>13,823</b>	<b>143,075</b>				
<b>Dukes County</b>								
Aquinnah.....	114	34	17	165				
Chilmark.....	357	117	58	532				
Edgartown.....	1,153	283	107	1,541				
Gosnold.....	49	12	4	65				
Oak Bluffs.....	1,141	311	105	1,557				
Tisbury.....	1,032	347	117	1,496				
West Tisbury.....	764	94	94	1,089				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>6,445</b>				
<b>Franklin County (continued)</b>								
Hawley.....	72	39	8	119				
Heath.....	171	58	30	259				
Leverett.....	512	243	49	804				
Leyden.....	172	60	8	240				
Monroe.....	31	7	4	42				
Montague.....	1,897	675	107	2,679				
New Salem.....	241	109	24	374				
Northfield.....	731	273	62	1,066				
Orange.....	1,556	387	77	2,020				
Rowe.....	83	52	17	152				
Shelburne.....	498	201	49	748				
Shutesbury.....	461	224	52	737				
Sunderland.....	764	281	53	1,098				
Warwick.....	165	77	15	257				
Wendell.....	167	125	23	315				
Whately.....	435	161	40	636				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,119</b>	<b>6,169</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>23,567</b>				
<b>Hampden County</b>								
Agawam.....	4,748	2,034	1,623	8,405				
Blandford.....	280	92	19	391				
Brimfield.....	770	254	47	1,071				
Chester.....	278	100	24	402				
CHICOPEE.....	9,782	4,178	1,180	15,140				
East Longmeadow.....	3,642	1,307	353	5,302				
Granville.....	317	141	42	500				
Hampden.....	1,106	436	81	1,623				
Holland.....	504	147	31	682				
HOLYOKE.....	5,629	2,602	995	9,226				
Longmeadow.....	4,359	1,435	445	6,239				
Ludlow.....	3,973	1,499	342	5,814				
Monson.....	1,457	641	115	2,209				
Montgomery.....	187	84	13	284				
Palmer.....	2,798	911	174	3,883				
Russell.....	267	112	17	396				
Southwick.....	1,663	619	159	2,441				
SPRINGFIELD.....	21,070	7,301	1,988	30,359				
Tolland.....	77	39	28	144				
Wales.....	312	123	16	451				
West Springfield.....	4,668	1,807	1,314	7,789				
WESTFIELD.....	6,765	3,089	1,760	10,614				

**Essex County**

Amesbury.....	2,767	949	762	4,478
Andover.....	8,249	3,176	544	11,969
BEVERLY.....	9,288	3,925	929	13,942
Boxford.....	2,063	853	189	3,205
Danvers.....	5,975	2,786	521	9,282
Essex.....	995	355	84	1,434
Georgetown.....	1,691	669	169	2,529
GLOUCESTER.....	6,728	2,391	811	9,930
Groveland.....	1,423	614	118	2,155
Hamilton.....	2,127	757	173	3,057
HAVERHILL.....	10,477	3,728	1,018	15,223
Ipswich.....	3,351	1,597	363	5,311
LAWRENCE.....	7,595	1,801	1,010	10,406
LYNN.....	14,087	4,851	1,552	20,490
Lynnfield.....	3,195	1,554	341	5,090
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,695	563	118	2,376
Marblehead.....	5,369	3,100	671	9,140
Merrimack.....	1,400	479	96	1,975
Methuen.....	8,739	2,560	750	12,049
Middleton.....	1,517	970	185	2,372
Nahant.....	1,167	502	94	1,763
Newbury.....	1,811	872	135	2,818
NEWBURYPORT.....	4,503	2,088	523	7,114
North Andover.....	6,444	2,264	581	9,289
PEABODY.....	11,150	5,210	1,615	17,975
Rockport.....	2,248	782	201	3,231
Rowley.....	1,154	599	101	1,854
SALEM.....	8,411	3,154	1,174	12,739
Salisbury.....	1,630	517	176	2,323
Saugus.....	5,993	2,557	605	9,155
Swampscott.....	3,706	1,675	427	5,808
Topsfield.....	1,812	749	119	2,680
Wenham.....	1,095	399	85	1,579
West Newbury.....	1,152	518	94	1,764
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>151,007</b>	<b>58,764</b>	<b>16,334</b>	<b>226,105</b>

**Franklin County**

Ashfield.....	451	197	56	704
Barnardston.....	464	195	38	697
Buckland.....	411	226	34	671
Charlton.....	233	133	16	382
Colrain.....	369	170	17	556
Conway.....	478	248	38	764
Deerfield.....	1,400	478	99	1,977
Erving.....	264	130	25	419
Gill.....	355	126	36	517
Greenfield.....	3,738	1,294	302	5,334

Wilbraham.....	3,744	1,359	242	5,345
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>78,389</b>	<b>30,310</b>	<b>10,011</b>	<b>118,710</b>
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Amherst.....	4,135	1,891	865	6,891
Bethersden.....	2,653	897	200	3,750
Chesterfield.....	277	100	21	398
Cummington.....	224	84	18	326
Easthampton.....	3,778	1,165	213	5,156
Goshen.....	221	97	15	333
Granby.....	1,094	405	438	1,937
Hadley.....	1,319	478	156	1,953
Hatfield.....	981	296	75	1,352
Huntington.....	446	147	19	612
Middlefield.....	134	54	11	199
<b>NORTHAMPTON.....</b>	<b>7,453</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>11,169</b>
Pelham.....	416	183	31	630
Plainfield.....	159	72	16	247
South Hadley.....	3,889	1,488	390	5,767
Southampton.....	1,313	522	91	1,926
Ware.....	2,091	569	163	2,823
Westhampton.....	461	150	25	636
Williamsburg.....	681	359	61	1,101
Worthington.....	319	126	22	467
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>32,044</b>	<b>11,950</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>47,673</b>
<b>Middlesex County</b>				
Acton.....	5,277	2,189	388	7,854
Arlington.....	10,998	6,543	1,131	18,672
Ashby.....	714	214	28	956
Ashland.....	2,815	1,312	169	4,296
Ayer.....	1,229	425	85	1,739
Bedford.....	2,979	1,486	712	5,177
Belmont.....	6,596	3,500	653	10,749
Billerica.....	8,127	3,108	482	11,717
Boxborough.....	1,127	491	92	1,716
Burlington.....	5,241	2,479	375	8,095
<b>CAMBRIDGE.....</b>	<b>15,958</b>	<b>9,349</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>27,564</b>
Carlisle.....	1,346	642	98	2,086
Chelmsford.....	9,139	3,298	477	12,914
Concord.....	4,783	2,251	493	7,527
Dracut.....	6,350	1,875	448	8,673
Dunstable.....	691	232	37	960
EVERETT.....	5,448	2,065	3,003	10,516
Frammingham.....	12,153	5,439	1,010	18,602
Groton.....	2,049	980	193	3,222
Holliston.....	3,505	1,576	224	5,305

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County (continued)</b>								
Hopkinton.....	3,118	1,262	220	4,600				
Hudson.....	4,530	1,690	502	6,722				
Lexington.....	7,603	3,833	2,004	13,440				
Lincoln.....	1,541	853	109	2,503				
Littleton.....	2,007	827	150	2,984				
LOWELL.....	13,776	3,857	1,507	19,140				
MALDEN.....	8,948	3,786	1,378	14,112				
MARLBOROUGH.....	7,810	2,568	753	11,131				
Maynard.....	2,604	1,151	253	4,008				
MEDFORD.....	11,840	5,108	1,687	18,635				
MELROSE.....	7,247	3,597	778	11,622				
Natick.....	7,312	3,732	566	11,610				
NEWTON.....	17,534	8,657	5,715	31,906				
North Reading.....	3,522	1,391	303	5,216				
Pepperell.....	2,358	883	148	3,389				
Reading.....	5,703	2,950	490	9,143				
Sherborn.....	1,278	573	81	1,932				
Shirley.....	1,346	435	63	1,844				
SOMERVILLE.....	12,455	6,146	1,575	20,176				
Stoneham.....	5,319	2,371	450	8,140				
Stow.....	1,744	735	137	2,616				
Sudbury.....	4,290	1,846	356	6,492				
Tewksbury.....	6,402	2,663	435	9,500				
Townsend.....	1,744	686	79	2,509				
Tyngsborough.....	2,226	766	107	3,099				
Wakefield.....	5,738	2,957	775	9,470				
WALTHAM.....	9,603	3,686	2,994	15,283				
Watertown.....	7,068	3,614	1,029	11,711				
Wayland.....	3,944	1,667	382	5,993				
Westford.....	4,701	1,828	284	6,813				
Weston.....	3,196	1,155	276	4,627				
Wilmington.....	3,674	2,005	1,341	7,020				
Winchester.....	5,894	9,157	571	15,622				
WOBURN.....	6,618	3,392	2,313	12,323				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>299,618</b>	<b>134,816</b>	<b>42,772</b>	<b>477,206</b>				
<b>Nantucket County</b>								
Nantucket.....	2,623	621	356	3,600				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,623</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>3,600</b>				
<b>Plymouth County (continued)</b>								
Mattapoisett.....	2,041	601	155	2,797				
Middleborough.....	3,146	1,680	225	5,051				
Norwell.....	2,220	1,084	791	4,095				
Pembroke.....	3,755	1,695	265	5,715				
Plymouth.....	10,694	4,512	689	15,895				
Plympton.....	660	328	31	1,019				
Rochester.....	1,164	1,605	88	3,457				
Rockland.....	3,448	1,700	252	5,400				
Scituate.....	4,996	2,592	385	7,973				
Wareham.....	4,206	1,279	443	5,928				
West Bridgewater.....	1,450	777	103	2,330				
Whitman.....	2,799	1,328	234	4,361				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>94,181</b>	<b>43,129</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>145,811</b>				
<b>Suffolk County</b>								
BOSTON.....	63,193	29,601	30,979	123,773				
CHELSEA.....	3,237	3,079	331	6,647				
REVERE.....	8,233	3,059	1,530	12,822				
Winthrop.....	4,091	1,817	492	6,400				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>78,754</b>	<b>35,556</b>	<b>33,332</b>	<b>147,642</b>				
<b>Worcester County</b>								
Ashburnham.....	1,225	425	72	1,722				
Athol.....	2,299	551	70	2,920				
Auburn.....	5,074	1,098	329	6,501				
Barre.....	1,346	365	91	1,802				
Berlin.....	752	242	44	1,038				
Blackstone.....	1,601	485	88	2,174				
Bolton.....	1,080	481	102	1,663				
Boylston.....	1,133	431	78	1,642				
Brookfield.....	769	164	46	979				
Charlton.....	2,488	661	151	3,300				
Clinton.....	3,110	801	329	4,240				
Douglas.....	1,583	392	65	2,040				
Dudley.....	2,269	416	129	2,814				
East Brookfield.....	517	116	43	676				
FITCHBURG.....	6,846	1,820	678	9,344				
GARDNER.....	4,164	944	213	5,321				
Grafton.....	4,011	992	203	5,206				
Hardwick.....	613	224	47	884				

**Norfolk County**

Avon .....	1,060	601	112	1,773
Bellingham .....	2,924	1,385	203	4,512
Brantree .....	8,018	4,460	940	13,418
Brookline .....	9,934	4,698	3,022	17,654
Canton .....	5,101	2,569	591	8,261
Cohasset .....	2,219	987	204	3,410
Dedham .....	5,766	2,869	596	9,231
Dover .....	1,666	674	160	2,500
Foxborough .....	4,220	1,626	267	6,113
Franklin .....	6,280	2,603	348	9,231
Holbrook .....	2,460	1,099	234	3,793
Medfield .....	3,082	1,330	277	4,689
Medway .....	2,500	1,368	167	4,035
Mills .....	1,922	850	177	2,949
Milton .....	6,966	3,302	746	11,614
Needham .....	8,128	3,538	706	12,372
Norfolk .....	2,216	894	175	3,285
Norwood .....	6,542	3,086	774	10,402
Plainville .....	1,648	554	73	2,275
QUINCY .....	18,680	8,084	2,302	29,066
Randolph .....	6,063	2,448	608	9,119
Sharon .....	4,666	2,081	406	7,153
Stoughton .....	6,020	2,764	597	9,381
Walpole .....	6,506	2,948	709	10,163
Wellesley .....	7,092	2,569	693	10,354
Westwood .....	4,048	1,829	421	6,298
Weymouth .....	12,234	5,872	951	19,057
Wrentham .....	2,489	950	117	3,556
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>150,450</b>	<b>68,638</b>	<b>16,576</b>	<b>235,664</b>

**Plymouth County**

Abington .....	3,128	1,507	199	4,834
Bridgewater .....	4,056	1,957	386	6,399
BROCKTON .....	11,654	5,706	1,530	18,890
Carver .....	2,628	799	124	3,551
Duxbury .....	3,623	1,909	271	5,803
East Bridgewater .....	2,225	1,189	186	3,600
Halifax .....	1,712	755	99	2,566
Hanover .....	3,385	1,574	299	5,258
Hanson .....	1,962	956	126	3,044
Hingham .....	5,052	2,657	583	8,292
Hull .....	2,384	1,265	282	3,931
Kingston .....	2,681	1,097	162	3,940
Lakeville .....	1,981	819	125	2,925
Marion .....	1,401	481	91	1,973
Marshfield .....	5,730	2,529	377	8,636

Harvard .....	1,374	787	112	2,273
Holden .....	4,320	1,182	1,101	6,603
Hopedale .....	1,349	633	107	2,089
Hubbardsston .....	893	252	53	1,198
Lancaster .....	1,589	436	97	2,122
Leicester .....	2,827	615	184	3,626
LEOMINSTER .....	8,733	2,157	619	11,509
Lunenburg .....	2,333	705	121	3,159
Mendon .....	834	783	74	1,691
Millis .....	4,908	1,961	569	7,838
Millbury .....	3,439	852	260	4,551
Millville .....	505	168	37	710
New Braintree .....	254	64	9	327
North Brookfield .....	1,144	329	78	1,561
Northborough .....	3,833	1,776	226	5,235
Northbridge .....	2,862	1,182	532	4,182
Oakham .....	441	158	18	617
Oxford .....	2,626	700	616	3,942
Paxton .....	1,265	366	94	1,725
Petersham .....	373	134	34	541
Phillipston .....	333	99	14	446
Princeton .....	924	367	94	1,385
Royalston .....	233	86	15	334
Rutland .....	1,440	387	89	1,916
Shrewsbury .....	8,534	2,285	839	11,658
Southborough .....	2,319	865	142	3,324
Southbridge .....	2,940	617	1,033	4,590
Spencer .....	2,619	560	144	3,323
Sterling .....	1,943	625	115	2,683
Sturbridge .....	1,920	477	412	2,809
Sutton .....	2,264	576	142	2,982
Templeton .....	1,403	446	79	1,928
Upton .....	1,557	698	99	2,354
Uxbridge .....	2,436	774	178	3,388
Warren .....	1,072	278	90	1,440
Webster .....	3,295	600	241	4,136
West Boylston .....	1,964	585	135	2,684
West Brookfield .....	932	228	70	1,230
Westborough .....	4,187	1,295	229	5,711
Westminster .....	1,860	492	85	2,437
Winchendon .....	1,590	338	61	1,989
WORCESTER .....	30,650	7,665	3,597	41,912
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>163,097</b>	<b>45,195</b>	<b>15,622</b>	<b>223,914</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 1998 entitled 'An Act Relative to the Establishment of the Cape Cod Open Space Land Acquisition Program' to acquire open space and conservation land, provide bicycling and walking trails, enhance opportunities for recreation and protect public drinking water supplies, and to be funded by an additional excise on real property, but not affecting existing abatements and exemptions, and expiring on January 1, 2020, be accepted?"

*in Barnstable County.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Barnstable .....	9,977	8,428	575	18,980
Bourne .....	2,789	2,593	1,322	6,704
Brewster .....	2,952	1,547	120	4,619
Chatham .....	2,431	1,254	93	3,778
Dennis .....	4,424	2,497	215	7,136
Eastham .....	1,606	1,027	99	2,732
Falmouth .....	7,997	5,454	560	14,011
Harwich .....	3,569	1,925	238	5,732
Mashpee .....	2,234	1,44	144	4,453
Orleans .....	2,479	1,030	98	3,607
Provincetown .....	1,009	520	99	1,628
Sandwich .....	4,148	3,743	200	8,091
Truro .....	560	390	31	981
Wellfleet .....	836	535	60	1,431
Yarmouth .....	5,396	4,699	328	10,423
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>52,407</b>	<b>37,717</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>94,306</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the following amendment to the Hampshire County Charter proposed by a two-thirds majority of the weighted vote of the county commissioners be enacted?"

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the Town of Dartmouth be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund an AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION TRUST FUND?"

*in the town of Dartmouth.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dartmouth .....	4,817	3,555	1,786	10,158
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>4,817</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>10,158</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the City of Gloucester be allowed to be exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amount required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the purchase of parcels of land commonly known as Pole's Hill for purposes of creating public open space?"

*in the city of Gloucester.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
GLOUCESTER .....	5,638	3,713	579	9,930
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>5,638</b>	<b>3,713</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>9,930</b>



**SUMMARY**

- Continue a regional organization for purposes of regional cooperation among municipalities now in Hampshire County.
- Rename the organization the "Hampshire Council of Governments."
- Allow municipalities to join or withdraw from the council of governments.
- Instead of the county tax, assess each municipality at a rate up to .0001 of its equalized valuation, with future increases and decreases limited by Proposition 2 1/2.
- Allow voters to continue to elect representatives to the council in the same manner they now elect county commissioners from each municipality.

*in Hampshire County.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Amherst.....	3,796	1,317	1,778	6,891
Belchertown.....	2,307	788	655	3,750
Chesterfield.....	281	79	38	398
Cumington.....	222	61	43	326
Easthampton.....	3,468	1,148	540	5,156
Goshen.....	233	71	29	333
Granby.....	883	360	694	1,937
Hadley.....	1,211	425	317	1,953
Hatfield.....	925	266	161	1,352
Huntington.....	415	127	70	612
Middlefield.....	151	27	21	199
<b>NORTHAMPTON</b> .....	7,368	2,124	1,677	11,169
Pelham.....	449	83	83	630
Plainfield.....	165	47	35	247
South Hadley.....	3,081	1,834	852	5,767
Southampton.....	1,013	657	256	1,926
Ware.....	1,345	928	550	2,823
Westhampton.....	460	120	56	636
Williamsburg.....	748	215	138	1,101
Worthington.....	274	135	58	467
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>28,795</b>	<b>10,827</b>	<b>8,051</b>	<b>47,673</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the Town of Walpole be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct, originally equip and furnish additions and to remodel, reconstruct or make extraordinary repairs to the high school?"

*in the town of Walpole.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Walpole	5,577	4,405	181	10,163
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,577</b>	<b>4,405</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>10,163</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the Town of Marshfield be allowed to be exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance construction of a Community Center Building, including cost of planning, original equipment and related site improvements?"

*in the town of Marshfield.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Marshfield.....	3,370	4,482	784	8,636
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>4,482</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>8,636</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the Town of Pembroke be allowed to be exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the expansion and renovation of the North Pembroke Elementary School and the Bryantville Elementary School?"

*in the town of Pembroke.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Pembroke.....	3,581	1,944	190	5,715
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>5,715</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the Town of Millis be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued to acquire property for a municipal water well site on property owned by Apple Knoll LLC (Paine property), and easements for access thereto and for utilities over the Paine property and the Iorio property?"

*in the town of Millis.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Millis.....	1,843	933	173	2,949
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,843</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>2,949</b>

**QUESTION 6**

"Shall the Town of Millis be allowed to assess \$85,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the costs of wages and expenses required to provide school bus service to all children in Millis?"

*in the town of Millis.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Millis.....	1,249	1,588	112	2,949
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2,949</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the closure and capping of the Bolton Landfill and implementation of a follow-up solid waste disposal and recycling program?"

*in the town of Bolton.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bolton.....	1,037	502	124	1,663
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,663</b>

## QUESTION 5 OR 6 DEPENDING ON THE QUESTION THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

"Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote against the elimination of county government, which elimination would allow the state to take over the county courthouses, the Berkshire County House of Correction, and the county's Registries of Deeds?"

*This will be question 5 in the Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire, & Franklin Senatorial District (except #6 in Cummington, Middlefield, Plainfield, & Worthington)*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Adams.....	904	1,344	546	2,794
Alford.....	78	85	30	193
Becket.....	148	179	175	502
Blandford.....	169	173	49	391
Charlemont.....	140	172	70	382
Cheshire.....	448	527	205	1,180
Chester.....	170	171	61	402
Clarksburg.....	214	280	76	570
Cummington.....	124	133	69	326
Dalton.....	747	1,018	371	2,136
Egremont.....	211	226	77	514
Florida.....	100	103	39	242
Granville.....	170	242	88	500
Great Barrington.....	772	1,007	515	2,294
Hancock.....	87	107	37	231
Hawley.....	43	53	23	119
Heath.....	99	100	60	259
Hinsdale.....	178	227	92	497
Lanesborough.....	286	305	286	877
Lee.....	633	600	629	1,862
Lenox.....	696	766	560	2,022
Middlefield.....	90	78	31	199
Monroe.....	14	19	9	42
Monterey.....	149	150	45	344
Mt. Washington.....	20	37	4	61
New Ashford.....	32	42	10	84
New Marlborough.....	172	184	57	413
<b>NORTH ADAMS.....</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>4,080</b>

### QUESTION 6

"Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for a replacement public safety communications system?"

*in the town of Bolton.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bolton.....	911	606	146	1,663
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>1,663</b>

### QUESTION 6

"Shall the Town of Barnstable be allowed to assess an additional twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of paying the costs of a study of the delivery of the essential services currently provided by five Fire/Water Districts and one private corporation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999?"

*in the town of Barnstable.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable.....	3,375	14,884	721	18,980
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,375</b>	<b>14,884</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>18,980</b>

### QUESTION 6

"Shall the City of Northampton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance the planning, remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to the High School, and for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition thereto, including the acquisition of land necessary therefor?"

*in the town of Northampton.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
NORTHAMPTON .....	8,073	2,727	369	11,169
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,073</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>11,169</b>

Otis.....	155	129	130	414
Peru.....	77	110	29	216
<b>PITTSFIELD.....</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1,130</b>
Plainfield.....	108	99	40	247
Richmond.....	251	334	92	677
Rowe.....	49	61	42	152
Sandisfield.....	67	106	25	198
<b>Savoy.....</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>188</b>
Sheffield.....	368	421	207	996
Stockbridge.....	391	394	174	959
Tolland.....	53	52	39	144
Tyringham.....	63	66	27	156
<b>Washington.....</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>231</b>
West Stockbridge.....	226	249	100	575
Williamstown.....	521	980	1,222	2,723
Windsor.....	132	136	51	319
Worthington.....	174	208	85	467
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,414</b>	<b>14,163</b>	<b>7,731</b>	<b>33,308</b>

**QUESTION 5, 6 OR 7  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING  
DEPENDING ON THE QUESTION**

"Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would change the Berkshire County Commission, enabling it to become a stronger, more effective, and more locally controlled agency with a mission to develop and implement regional policies regarding economic development, transportation, environmental protection, land use, water, sewage, education and other county services?"

*This will be question 6 in the First, Third, and Fourth Berkshire Representative Districts. In the Second Berkshire Representative District:*

- #5 in Ashfield, Buckland, Shelburne
- #6 in Becket, Charlemont, Cheshire, Dalton, Goshen, Hancock, Hawley, Hinsdale, Huntington, Lanesborough, Monroe, New Ashford, Peru, Pittsfield Wd. 1, Pct. B, Richmond, Rowe, Washington, Windsor
- #7 in Cummington, Middlefield, Plainfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>First Berkshire District</b>				
Adams.....	1,415	789	590	2,794
Clarksburg.....	303	190	77	570
Florida.....	135	49	242	426
NORTH ADAMS.....	2,022	1,133	925	4,080
Savoy.....	110	48	30	188
Williamstown.....	537	1,557	629	2,723
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,522</b>	<b>3,775</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>10,597</b>

**Second Berkshire District**

Ashfield.....	402	96	206	704
Becket.....	241	108	153	502
Buckland.....	381	98	192	671
Charlemont.....	214	74	382	670
Cheshire.....	647	310	223	1,180
Chester.....	245	79	78	402
Cummington.....	196	59	71	326
Dalton.....	1,239	507	390	2,136
Goshen.....	184	66	83	333

**QUESTION 7  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

"Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation prohibiting state action in support of the Environmental Protection Agency's designation of the General Electric plant, the Housatonic River, and off-site PCB landfill areas as a Superfund site?"

*Third Berkshire Representative District*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
PITTSFIELD.....	3,015	2,793	3,587	9,395
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>2,793</b>	<b>3,587</b>	<b>9,395</b>

**QUESTION 5**

"Shall the public water supply for domestic use in Wayland be fluoridated?"  
*in the town of Wayland.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Wayland.....	3,500	2,254	239	5,993
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>2,254</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>5,993</b>

## QUESTION 5 THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

"Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation allowing capital punishment for persons convicted of first degree murder?"

### *Ninth Essex and Twenty-Third Middlesex Representative Districts*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Ninth Essex District</b>				
LYNN.....	2,518	841	603	3,962
Lynnfield.....	809	297	187	1,293
Saugus.....	5,888	1,675	1,592	9,155
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>9,215</b>	<b>2,813</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>14,410</b>

### *Twenty-Third Middlesex District*

Bedford.....	2,474	1,456	1,247	5,177
Burlington.....	5,044	1,975	1,076	8,095
Wilmington.....	565	201	376	1,142
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,083</b>	<b>3,632</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>14,414</b>

## QUESTION 5 THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

"Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation requiring that the nuclear reactor presently operating in Cambridge on Albany Street near Massachusetts Ave. and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology be removed immediately out of Cambridge to a safer and less densely populated area?"

### *Twenty-Eighth Middlesex Representative District*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Twenty-Eighth Middlesex District</b>				
CAMBRIDGE.....	5,791	2,889	2,204	10,884
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>5,791</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>10,884</b>

Hancock.....	127	63	41	231
Hawley.....	65	18	36	119
Hinsdale.....	261	131	105	497
Huntington.....	372	110	130	612
Lanesborough.....	390	198	289	877
Middlefield.....	123	38	38	199
Monroe.....	23	5	14	42
New Ashford.....	45	28	11	84
Peru.....	107	74	35	216
<b>PITTSFIELD.....</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>9,395</b>
Plainfield.....	152	53	42	247
Richmond.....	390	177	110	677
Rowe.....	63	31	58	152
Shelburne.....	495	198	55	748
Washington.....	146	57	28	231
Windsor.....	179	91	49	319
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>10,613</b>	<b>4,764</b>	<b>5,905</b>	<b>21,282</b>

### *Third Berkshire District*

<b>PITTSFIELD.....</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>9,395</b>
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>9,395</b>

### *Fourth Berkshire District*

Alford.....	116	49	28	193
Egremont.....	317	118	79	514
Great Barrington.....	1,276	479	539	2,294
Lee.....	851	376	635	1,862
Lenox.....	1,005	483	534	2,022
Monterey.....	221	73	50	344
Mt. Washington.....	33	23	5	61
New Marlborough.....	267	83	63	413
Otis.....	195	86	133	414
<b>PITTSFIELD.....</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>2,486</b>
Sandisfield.....	111	59	28	198
Sheffield.....	205	205	228	996
Stockbridge.....	656	149	154	959
Tyringham.....	85	38	33	156
West Stockbridge.....	332	136	107	575
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,132</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>3,262</b>	<b>13,487</b>

**QUESTION 6  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

"Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation stimulating increased production and availability of affordable housing for middle class and low income residents of Massachusetts, including rental and home ownership?"

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Twenty-Eighth Middlesex District</b>				
CAMBRIDGE .....	7,437	1,511	1,936	10,884
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,437</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>10,884</b>

**QUESTION 7  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

"Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation providing for universal, affordable, comprehensive health insurance for all residents of Massachusetts, and providing for a health care bill of rights for all residents of Massachusetts?"

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Twenty-Eighth Middlesex District</b>				
CAMBRIDGE .....	8,091	1,038	1,755	10,884
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,091</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>10,884</b>

**QUESTION 5  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

"Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation to create a health care system for all the residents of Massachusetts that provides universal coverage for comprehensive health care services that includes the freedom to choose doctors and other health care professionals, facilities and services; eliminates the role of insurance companies in health care and creates an insurance trust fund that is publicly administered and fairly funded; and, in order to safeguard the availability of quality health care, stops the buying, selling, managing and closing down of health care facilities by for-profit corporations?"

*Second Norfolk and Tenth Suffolk Representative Districts*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Second Norfolk District</b>				
QUINCY .....	7,805	2,244	2,465	12,514
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,805</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>2,465</b>	<b>12,514</b>
<b>Tenth Suffolk District</b>				
Brookline .....	608	200	438	1,246
BOSTON .....	5,851	2,288	4,573	12,712
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>6,459</b>	<b>2,488</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>13,958</b>

**QUESTION 5  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

"Should a pilot needle exchange program be implemented in the city of Springfield?"

*in the city of Springfield.*

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>District</b>				
SPRINGFIELD .....	10,186	15,768	4,405	30,359
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>10,186</b>	<b>15,768</b>	<b>4,405</b>	<b>30,359</b>



**SPECIAL STATE PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS**  
**STATE SENATE (TO FILL VACANCY)**  
**Special State Primary December 9, 1997**

Suffolk and Norfolk District	Democratic Primary							Republican Primary			
	Maureen E. Feeney of Boston	Maura A. Hennigan of Boston	Brian A. Joyce of Milton	Eleanor Mulhoney LeCain of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Christopher Huban of Milton	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Avon .....	91	128	452	15	1	11	698	68	3	11	82
BOSTON Wd. 11 Pcts. 6-10; Wd. 16 Pcts. 3-12; Wd. 17 Pcts. 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14; Wd. 18 Pcts. 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 13-16; Wd. 19 Pcts. 2, 4-9, 12 .....	4,658	1,800	515	1,483	-	43	8,499	210	1	69	280
Canton Pcts. 1-3 .....	173	164	503	48	-	29	917	70	-	9	79
Milton .....	1,883	415	3,761	178	-	38	6,275	332	10	49	391
Randolph .....	340	459	2,323	110	1	28	3,261	164	18	16	198
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>7,145</b>	<b>2,966</b>	<b>7,554</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>19,650</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1,030</b>

**Special State Election January 6, 1998**

Suffolk and Norfolk District	Christopher Huban of Milton Republican	Brian A. Joyce of Milton Democrat	Arthur Craffey of Boston Unenrolled	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Avon .....	134	503	8	1	2	648
BOSTON Wd. 11 Pcts. 6-10; Wd. 16 Pcts. 3-12; Wd. 17 Pcts. 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14; Wd. 18 Pcts. 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 13-16; Wd. 19 Pcts. 2, 4-9, 12 .....	222	843	184	4	37	1,290
Canton Pcts. 1-3 .....	95	266	8	-	10	379
Milton .....	932	2,991	49	2	26	4,000
Randolph .....	280	2,043	31	2	18	2,374
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>1,663</b>	<b>6,664</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>8,691</b>



**SPECIAL STATE PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE (TO FILL VACANCY)  
Special State Primary February 10, 1998**

Eleventh Suffolk District	Democratic Primary						Republican Primary			
	Michael E. LaDouceur of Boston	Elizabeth A. Malia of Boston	Wayne J. Wilson, Jr. of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON Wd. 11 Pcts. 5-10; Wd. 12 Pct. 7; Wd. 14 Pcts. 2, 7, 9; Wd. 19, Pcts. 4, 6-9, 11, 13 .....	434	1,180	75	-	4	1,693	-	2	4	6
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

**Special State Election March 10, 1998**

Eleventh Suffolk District	Elizabeth A. Malia of Boston Democratic	Arthur Craffey of Boston Unenrolled	Thomas Gonzalez of Boston Unenrolled	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON Wd. 11 Pcts. 5-10; Wd. 12 Pct. 7; Wd. 14 Pcts. 2, 7, 9; Wd. 19, Pcts. 4, 6-9, 11, 13 .....	1,254	178	449	-	8	1,889
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,889</b>