



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 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine. The proposed law defines a "food store" as a retail vendor, such as a grocery store, supermarket, shop, club, outlet, or warehouse-type seller, that sells food to consumers to be eaten elsewhere (which must include meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fresh fruit and produce, and other specified items), and that may sell other items usually found in grocery stores. Holders of licenses to sell wine at food stores could sell wine either on its own or together with any other items they sell.

The licensing authorities in any city or town of up to 5000 residents could issue up to 5 licenses for food stores to sell wine. In cities or towns of over 5000 residents, one additional license could be issued for each additional 5000 residents (or fraction of 5000). No person or business could hold more than 10% of the total number of the licenses that could be issued under the

proposed law. Such licenses would not be counted when applying the laws that limit the number of other kinds of alcoholic beverage licenses that may be issued or held. Any applicant for a license would have to be approved by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and any individual applicant would have to be at least 21 years old and not have been convicted of a felony.

In issuing any licenses for food stores to sell wine, local licensing authorities would have to use the same procedures that apply to other licenses for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Except where the proposed law has different terms, the same laws that apply to issuance, renewal, suspension and termination of licenses for retail sales of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the seller's premises, and that apply to the operations of holders of such licenses, would govern licenses to sell wine at food stores, and the operation of holders of such licenses. Local authorities could set fees for issuing and renewing such licenses.

**A YES VOTE** would create a new category of licenses for food stores to sell wine, and it would allow local licensing authorities to issue such licenses.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws concerning the sale of wine.

Aggregate of Votes

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
<b>BARNSTABLE</b> .....	39,601	37.57%	61,077	57.95%	4,722	4.48%	105,400
<b>BERKSHIRE</b> .....	13,156	28.14%	30,292	64.80%	3,300	7.06%	46,748
<b>BRISTOL</b> .....	58,684	34.65%	97,863	57.48%	13,332	7.87%	169,379
<b>DUKES</b> .....	3,204	41.62%	3,894	50.58%	601	7.81%	7,699
<b>ESSEX</b> .....	112,368	43.14%	129,846	49.85%	18,274	7.02%	260,488
<b>FRANKLIN</b> .....	11,737	40.75%	15,462	53.68%	1,603	5.57%	28,802
<b>HAMPDEN</b> .....	55,370	40.40%	72,277	52.74%	9,398	6.86%	137,045
<b>HAMPSHIRE</b> .....	24,254	42.67%	30,026	52.83%	2,559	4.50%	56,839
<b>MIDDLESEX</b> .....	237,908	44.18%	269,534	50.06%	31,002	5.76%	538,444
<b>NANTUCKET</b> .....	1,450	35.96%	2,190	54.32%	392	9.72%	4,032
<b>NORFOLK</b> .....	104,793	40.05%	144,206	55.11%	12,647	4.83%	261,646
<b>PLYMOUTH</b> .....	66,719	36.42%	107,627	58.75%	8,861	4.84%	183,207
<b>SUFFOLK</b> .....	79,917	44.09%	83,515	46.07%	17,833	9.84%	181,265
<b>WORCESTER</b> .....	108,306	41.21%	138,405	52.66%	16,130	6.14%	262,841
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>917,467</b>	<b>40.89%</b>	<b>1,185,714</b>	<b>52.84%</b>	<b>140,654</b>	<b>6.27%</b>	<b>2,243,835</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County (cont.)</b>				
Peru.....	125	129	3	257
PITTSFIELD.....	3,585	9,592	1,190	14,367
Richmond.....	232	488	67	787
Sandisfield.....	103	157	13	273
Savoy.....	81	125	14	220
Sheffield.....	317	954	57	1,328
Stockbridge.....	229	680	79	988
Tyringham.....	45	143	8	196
Washington.....	107	139	9	255
West Stockbridge.....	160	487	34	681
Williamstown.....	962	1,758	140	2,860
Windsor.....	152	241	12	405
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,156</b>	<b>30,292</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>46,748</b>

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<b>Bristol County</b>				
Acushnet.....	1,323	2,517	160	4,000
ATTLEBORO.....	4,623	7,613	776	13,012
Berkley.....	841	1,239	88	2,168
Dartmouth.....	4,195	6,241	659	11,095
Dighton.....	834	1,450	109	2,393
Easton.....	3,003	5,599	276	8,878
Fairhaven.....	2,045	3,588	475	6,108
FALL RIVER.....	6,516	11,355	3,867	21,738
Freetown.....	1,353	1,821	97	3,271
Mansfield.....	3,263	4,737	308	8,308
NEW BEDFORD.....	7,679	13,709	2,712	24,100
North Attleborough.....	3,394	5,792	271	9,457
Norton.....	2,464	3,475	154	6,093
Raynham.....	1,666	2,846	241	4,753
Rehoboth.....	1,456	2,387	294	4,137
Seekonk.....	1,862	3,102	368	5,332
Somerset.....	2,330	4,245	783	7,358
Swansea.....	1,992	3,468	339	5,799
TAUNTON.....	5,711	8,707	1,044	15,462
Westport.....	2,134	3,472	311	5,917
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>58,684</b>	<b>97,363</b>	<b>13,332</b>	<b>169,379</b>

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<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Barnstable.....	7,756	11,271	895	19,922
Bourne.....	2,942	4,557	267	7,766
Brewster.....	1,835	3,126	332	5,293
Chatham.....	1,563	2,288	85	3,936
Dennis.....	2,877	4,778	308	7,963
Eastham.....	1,116	1,867	85	3,068
Falmouth.....	6,005	8,588	735	15,328
Harwich.....	2,308	3,829	420	6,557
Mashpee.....	2,511	3,150	492	6,153
Orleans.....	1,182	2,484	144	3,810
Provincetown.....	868	1,040	48	1,956
Sandwich.....	3,556	5,496	397	9,449
Truro.....	479	712	33	1,224
Wellfleet.....	642	1,019	40	1,701
Yarmouth.....	3,961	6,872	441	11,274
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>39,601</b>	<b>61,077</b>	<b>4,722</b>	<b>105,400</b>

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<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Adams.....	853	1,725	208	2,786
Alford.....	61	184	11	256
Becket.....	261	298	29	588
Cheshire.....	425	854	39	1,318
Clarksburg.....	254	365	13	632
Dalton.....	625	1,654	144	2,423
Egremont.....	161	480	18	659
Florida.....	141	118	9	268
Great Barrington.....	562	1,932	360	2,854
Hancock.....	108	147	7	262
Hinsdale.....	235	430	23	688
Lanesborough.....	290	753	32	1,075
Lee.....	596	1,451	88	2,135
Lenox.....	560	1,681	184	2,425
Monterey.....	132	294	19	445
Mount Washington.....	22	50	7	79
New Ashford.....	39	54	2	95
New Marlborough.....	186	410	23	619
NORTH ADAMS.....	1,332	2,226	413	3,971
Otis.....	215	293	45	553

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<b>Dukes County</b>														
Aquinnah.....	106	100	8	214	<b>Hampden County</b>									
Chilmark.....	253	293	44	590	Agawam.....	4,081	5,838	637	10,556					
Edgartown.....	719	923	108	1,750	Blandford.....	268	205	17	490					
Gosnold.....	27	32	-	59	Brimfield.....	669	776	25	1,470					
Oak Bluffs.....	737	1,026	188	1,951	Chester.....	234	225	7	466					
Tisbury.....	689	870	169	1,728	CHICOPEE.....	6,531	8,761	1,470	16,762					
West Tisbury.....	673	650	84	1,407	East Longmeadow.....	2,431	3,364	342	6,137					
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>3,894</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>7,699</b>	Granville.....	269	327	7	603					
<b>Essex County</b>														
Amesbury.....	3,014	2,669	316	5,999	Hampden.....	915	1,271	59	2,245					
Andover.....	6,160	6,876	449	13,485	Holland.....	418	390	64	872					
BEVERLY.....	6,957	7,665	992	15,614	HOLYOKE.....	3,860	5,830	796	10,486					
BEVERLY.....	2,079	1,573	174	3,826	Longmeadow.....	3,053	3,775	528	7,356					
Boxford.....	4,836	5,440	259	10,535	Ludlow.....	3,030	3,597	321	6,948					
Danvers.....					Monson.....	1,112	1,804	189	3,105					
Essex.....	753	956	27	1,736	Montgomery.....	172	186	3	361					
Georgetown.....	1,620	1,546	238	3,404	Palmer.....	1,795	2,327	156	4,278					
GLOUCESTER.....	4,874	6,200	977	12,051	Russell.....	251	296	11	558					
Groveland.....	1,364	1,344	206	2,914	Southwick.....	1,396	1,761	219	3,376					
Hamilton.....	1,593	1,839	155	3,587	SPRINGFIELD.....	13,308	16,825	2,513	32,646					
Haverhill.....	8,472	8,677	1,027	18,176	Tolland.....	80	78	30	188					
Ipswich.....	2,343	3,560	379	6,282	Wales.....	331	312	73	716					
LAWRENCE.....	3,539	5,454	3,774	12,767	West Springfield.....	3,290	4,665	562	8,517					
LYNN.....	7,466	11,480	1,718	20,664	WESTFIELD.....	4,853	6,482	1,074	12,409					
Lynnfield.....	2,197	2,786	389	5,372	Wilbraham.....	3,023	3,182	295	6,500					
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,314	1,273	101	2,688	<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>55,370</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>9,398</b>	<b>137,045</b>					
Marblehead.....	4,120	5,193	550	9,863	<b>Hampshire County</b>									
Merrimac.....	1,399	1,196	68	2,663	Amherst.....	3,467	4,447	314	8,228					
Methuen.....	6,700	6,581	1,069	14,350	Belchertown.....	2,493	2,366	242	5,101					
Middleton.....	1,485	1,737	262	3,484	Chesterfield.....	192	281	13	486					
Nahant.....	937	838	99	1,874	Cummington.....	187	194	12	393					
Newbury.....	1,529	1,591	252	3,372	Easthampton.....	2,492	3,570	294	6,356					
NEWBURYPORT.....	3,859	3,842	494	8,195	Goshen.....	175	255	9	439					
North Andover.....	5,247	5,063	308	10,618	Granby.....	1,128	1,399	68	2,595					
PEABODY.....	8,145	10,900	1,413	20,458	Hadley.....	811	1,451	94	2,356					
Rockport.....	1,583	2,047	104	3,734	Hatfield.....	734	895	63	1,692					
Rowley.....	1,176	1,289	97	2,562	Huntington.....	357	376	17	750					

SAL.EM.....	6,363	1,173	13,866	105	106	5	216
Salisbury.....	1,334	200	2,911	4,831	6,499	726	12,056
Saugus.....	3,660	393	10,126	294	388	33	715
Swampscott.....	2,782	314	6,312	114	152	19	285
Topsfield.....	1,588	136	3,098	3,061	3,294	335	6,690
Wenham.....	796	63	1,796				
West Newbury.....	1,084	98	2,106				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>112,368</b>	<b>18,274</b>	<b>260,488</b>	<b>24,254</b>	<b>30,026</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>56,839</b>

**Franklin County**

Ashfield.....	450	25	886				
Barnardston.....	285	219	917				
Buckland.....	324	90	823				
Charlemont.....	234	16	498				
Colrain.....	266	17	631				
Conway.....	433	34	971				
Deerfield.....	974	128	2,361				
Erving.....	236	31	536				
Gill.....	260	30	668				
Greenfield.....	2,502	413	6,466				
Hawley.....	66	6	133				
Heath.....	158	11	338				
Leverett.....	367	34	946				
Leyden.....	149	5	352				
Monroe.....	20	1	42				
Montague.....	1,293	94	3,184				
New Salem.....	195	10	475				
Northfield.....	535	69	1,303				
Orange.....	921	135	2,329				
Rowe.....	75	7	192				
Shelburne.....	346	103	917				
Shutesbury.....	421	29	973				
Sunderland.....	623	57	1,317				
Warwick.....	144	9	324				
Wendell.....	138	13	422				
Whately.....	322	17	798				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,737</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>28,802</b>				

**Middlesex County**

Acton.....	4,048	4,211	452	8,711
Arlington.....	9,505	9,745	961	20,211
Ashby.....	638	677	31	1,346
Ashland.....	2,793	3,091	196	6,080
Ayer.....	1,168	1,112	115	2,395
Bedford.....	2,585	2,875	250	5,710
Belmont.....	5,057	5,400	582	11,039
Billerica.....	5,733	7,374	584	13,691
Boxborough.....	1,011	1,040	40	2,091
Burlington.....	3,694	5,616	170	9,480
<b>CAMBRIDGE.....</b>	<b>17,260</b>	<b>12,638</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>32,620</b>
Carlisle.....	1,444	1,140	45	2,629
Chelmsford.....	6,787	7,325	660	14,772
Concord.....	3,829	4,240	404	8,473
Dracut.....	4,731	5,066	566	10,363
Dunstable.....	739	596	27	1,362
EVERETT.....	3,323	5,017	1,474	9,814
Framingham.....	8,127	10,767	1,420	20,314
Groton.....	2,164	2,167	251	4,582
Holliston.....	2,689	3,582	207	6,478
Hopkinton.....	2,701	3,051	268	6,020
Hudson.....	3,302	3,490	181	6,973
Lexington.....	6,619	6,918	609	14,146
Lincoln.....	1,479	1,124	161	2,764
Littleton.....	1,864	1,920	98	3,882
<b>LOWELL.....</b>	<b>9,191</b>	<b>10,249</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>21,348</b>
MALDEN.....	5,333	7,572	1,234	14,139
MARLBOROUGH.....	5,226	5,880	756	11,862
Maynard.....	1,742	2,479	272	4,493
MEDFORD.....	7,690	10,440	1,554	19,684

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County (cont.)</b>				
MELROSE .....	5,089	6,345	545	11,979
Natick .....	5,865	7,315	521	13,701
NEWTON .....	15,876	15,926	2,016	33,818
North Reading .....	2,823	3,164	224	6,211
Pepperell .....	2,285	2,050	194	4,529
Reading .....	3,646	6,220	382	10,248
Sherborn .....	1,057	1,087	78	2,222
Shirley .....	1,212	1,040	49	2,301
SOMERVILLE .....	10,762	9,639	1,929	22,330
Stoneham .....	3,400	5,353	398	9,151
Stow .....	1,461	1,498	158	3,117
Sudbury .....	3,640	3,878	312	7,830
Tewksbury .....	4,830	6,335	375	11,540
Townsend .....	1,469	1,770	151	3,390
Tyngsborough .....	2,232	1,809	304	4,345
Wakefield .....	4,169	6,618	301	11,088
WALTHAM .....	6,688	8,267	1,830	16,785
Watertown .....	5,282	6,052	805	12,139
Wayland .....	2,778	3,297	374	6,449
Westford .....	4,850	4,187	290	9,327
Weston .....	2,590	2,302	235	5,127
Wilmington .....	3,522	4,972	343	8,837
Winchester .....	4,669	5,079	313	10,061
WOBURN .....	5,241	8,529	677	14,447
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>237,908</b>	<b>269,534</b>	<b>31,002</b>	<b>538,444</b>
<b>Nantucket County</b>				
Nantucket .....	1,450	2,190	392	4,032
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>4,032</b>
<b>Norfolk County</b>				
Avon .....	690	1,028	129	1,847
Bellingham .....	2,624	3,069	231	5,924
Brantree .....	5,077	8,785	576	14,438
Brookline .....	10,498	8,949	709	20,156
<b>Plymouth County (cont.)</b>				
Norwell .....	2,086	2,658	177	4,921
Pembroke .....	2,479	4,426	253	7,158
Plymouth .....	7,726	12,945	560	21,231
Plympton .....	471	860	13	1,344
Rochester .....	857	1,288	125	2,270
Rockland .....	2,323	4,042	290	6,655
Scituate .....	3,138	5,144	384	8,666
Wareham .....	2,702	4,428	617	7,747
West Bridgewater .....	940	1,866	59	2,865
Whitman .....	1,854	3,074	308	5,236
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>66,719</b>	<b>107,627</b>	<b>8,861</b>	<b>183,207</b>
<b>Suffolk County</b>				
BOSTON .....	70,694	70,831	15,595	157,120
CHELSEA .....	2,006	2,523	576	5,105
REVERE .....	4,573	6,468	1,205	12,246
Winthrop .....	2,644	3,693	457	6,794
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>79,917</b>	<b>83,515</b>	<b>17,833</b>	<b>181,265</b>
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Ashburnham .....	1,066	1,183	127	2,376
Athol .....	1,245	1,847	179	3,271
Auburn .....	2,594	3,612	288	6,494
Barre .....	910	990	100	2,000
Berlin .....	689	575	12	1,276
Blackstone .....	1,347	1,498	137	2,982
Bolton .....	1,191	958	45	2,194
Boylston .....	933	1,005	45	1,983
Brookfield .....	556	639	124	1,319
Charlton .....	2,031	2,191	224	4,446
Clinton .....	1,936	2,326	301	4,563
Douglas .....	1,315	1,316	206	2,837
Dudley .....	1,467	1,857	112	3,436
East Brookfield .....	359	445	19	823
FITCHBURG .....	4,042	5,562	812	10,416

Canton .....	3,445	5,264	301	9,010	GARDNER.....	2,281	3,467	415	6,163
Cohasset .....	1,401	2,108	117	3,626	Grafton.....	2,777	3,347	195	6,319
Dedham .....	3,945	5,423	676	10,044	Hardwick .....	531	488	70	1,089
Dover .....	1,284	1,368	97	2,749	Harvard .....	1,437	1,172	241	2,850
Foxborough .....	2,564	4,198	196	6,958	Holden.....	3,228	4,420	416	8,064
Franklin .....	4,906	6,327	315	11,548	Hopedale.....	1,044	1,359	214	2,617
Holbrook .....	1,246	2,690	204	4,140	Hubbardston.....	750	1,028	145	1,923
Medfield .....	2,223	3,172	246	5,641	Lancaster .....	1,145	1,422	82	2,649
Medway .....	2,069	3,042	105	5,216	Leicester .....	1,521	2,287	236	4,044
Millis .....	1,300	2,102	169	3,571	LEOMINSTER.....	5,191	7,492	813	13,496
Milton .....	4,931	7,112	794	12,837	Lunenburg.....	1,772	2,068	460	4,300
Needham.....	6,501	6,890	492	13,883	Mendon .....	997	1,373	35	2,405
Norfolk .....	1,952	1,972	108	4,032	Milford .....	3,458	4,539	980	8,977
Norwood .....	3,929	6,718	592	11,239	Millbury .....	2,076	2,369	180	4,625
Plainville.....	1,209	1,721	50	2,980	Millville.....	448	495	35	978
QUINCY .....	10,275	16,377	2,619	29,271	New Braintree.....	213	204	19	436
Randolph .....	3,879	5,663	927	10,469	North Brookfield.....	814	901	80	1,795
Sharon .....	3,479	4,193	146	7,818	Northborough .....	2,509	3,339	323	6,171
Stoughton .....	3,730	5,933	548	10,211	Northbridge .....	2,134	2,965	133	5,232
Walpole .....	3,975	5,930	318	10,223	Oakham .....	380	425	14	819
Wellesley.....	5,959	5,088	394	11,441	Oxford .....	2,014	2,534	120	4,668
Westwood.....	2,722	3,716	458	6,896	Paxton .....	813	1,058	149	2,020
Weymouth.....	7,174	12,825	937	20,936	Petersham.....	283	348	22	653
Wrentham.....	1,806	2,543	193	4,542	Phillipston .....	301	371	19	691
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>104,793</b>	<b>144,206</b>	<b>12,647</b>	<b>261,646</b>	Princeton .....	889	739	99	1,727
<b>Plymouth County</b>					Royalston .....	237	227	13	477
Abington .....	1,996	3,769	182	5,947	Rutland .....	1,272	1,616	147	3,035
Bridgewater.....	3,316	4,774	387	8,477	Shrewsbury .....	5,611	6,877	671	13,159
BRACKTON .....	7,919	12,524	2,187	22,630	Southborough .....	1,996	2,251	118	4,365
Carver .....	1,492	2,781	173	4,446	Southbridge .....	2,116	2,672	355	5,143
Duxbury .....	2,642	4,302	247	7,191	Spencer .....	1,581	2,289	104	3,974
East Bridgewater .....	1,738	3,132	209	5,079	Sterling .....	1,472	1,747	174	3,393
Halifax .....	1,149	1,754	131	3,034	Sturbridge.....	1,700	1,894	139	3,733
Hanover .....	2,464	3,558	239	6,258	Sutton .....	1,717	1,941	187	3,845
Hanson .....	1,537	2,421	146	4,104	Templeton .....	1,073	1,529	109	2,711
Hingham .....	3,837	5,904	510	10,251	Upton .....	1,268	1,594	45	2,907
Hull .....	1,589	2,770	147	4,506	Uxbridge .....	2,013	2,854	168	5,035
Kingston .....	1,670	3,272	127	5,069	Warren .....	766	779	117	1,662
Lakeville .....	1,462	2,232	392	4,086	Webster .....	1,837	2,364	319	4,520
Marion .....	1,006	1,333	126	2,465	West Boylston.....	1,343	1,613	129	3,085
Marshfield .....	4,211	6,255	308	10,774	West Brookfield.....	689	742	38	1,469
Mattapoisett.....	1,262	1,821	74	3,157	Westborough .....	2,786	3,614	290	6,690
Middleborough .....	2,853	4,297	490	7,640	Westminster .....	1,284	1,818	118	3,220
					Winchendon .....	1,317	1,482	224	3,023
					WORCESTER.....	15,541	22,288	4,439	42,268
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>108,306</b>	<b>138,405</b>	<b>16,130</b>	<b>262,841</b>					

## 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 3, 2006?

## SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, to have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner of the election.

The proposed law would repeal an existing requirement that in order to appear on the state primary ballot as a candidate for a political party's nomination for certain offices, a person cannot have been enrolled in any other party during the preceding year. The requirement applies to candidates for nomination for statewide office, representative in Congress, governor's councillor, member of the state Legislature, district attorney, clerk of court, register of probate, register of deeds, county commissioner, sheriff, and county treasurer. The proposed law would also allow any person to appear on the primary ballot as a candidate for a party's nomination for those offices if the party's state committee gave its written consent. The proposed law would also repeal the existing requirement that in order to be nominated to appear as an unenrolled candidate on the state election ballot, or on any city or town ballot following a primary, a person cannot have been enrolled in any political party during the 90 days before the deadline for filing nomination papers.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate were nominated by more than one party or political designation, instead of the candidate's name being printed on the ballot once, with the candidate allowed to choose the order in which the party or political designation names appear after the candidate's name, the candidate's name would appear multiple times, once for each nomination received. The candidate would decide the order in which the party or political designation nominations would appear, except that all parties would be listed before all political designations. The ballot would

allow voters who vote for a candidate nominated by multiple parties or political designations to vote for that candidate under the party or political designation line of their choice.

If a voter voted for the same candidate for the same office on multiple party or political designation lines, the ballot would remain valid but would be counted as a single vote for the candidate on a line without a party or political designation. If voting technology allowed, voting machines would be required to prevent a voter from voting more than the number of times permitted for any one office.

The proposed law would provide that if a candidate received votes under more than one party or political designation, the votes would be combined for purposes of determining whether the candidate had won the election. The total number of votes each candidate received under each party or political designation would be recorded. Election officials would announce and record both the aggregate totals and the total by party or political designation.

The proposed law would allow a political party to obtain official recognition if its candidate had obtained at least 3% of the vote for any statewide office at either of the two most recent state elections, instead of at only the most recent state election as under current law.

The proposed law would allow a person nominated as a candidate for any state, city or town office to withdraw his name from nomination within six days after any party's primary election for that office, whether or not the person sought nomination or was nominated in that primary. Any candidate who withdrew from an election could not be listed on the ballot for that election, regardless of whether the candidate received multiple nominations.

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

**A YES VOTE** would allow a candidate for public office to be nominated for the same office by more than one political party or political designation at the same election.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws concerning nomination of candidates for public office.

Aggregate of Votes	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE .....	32,557	30.89%	62,679	59.47%	10,164	9.64%	105,400
BERKSHIRE .....	12,837	27.46%	28,136	60.19%	5,775	12.35%	46,748
BRISTOL .....	45,973	27.14%	102,224	60.35%	21,182	12.51%	169,379
DUKES .....	2,485	32.28%	4,091	53.14%	1,123	14.58%	7,699
ESSEX .....	76,544	29.38%	152,728	58.63%	31,216	11.99%	260,488
FRANKLIN .....	10,327	35.86%	15,280	53.05%	3,195	11.09%	28,802
HAMPDEN .....	38,720	28.25%	84,442	61.62%	13,883	10.13%	137,045
HAMPSHIRE .....	20,634	36.30%	30,967	54.48%	5,238	9.22%	56,839
MIDDLESEX .....	170,638	31.69%	304,844	56.62%	62,962	11.69%	538,444
NANTUCKET .....	1,350	33.48%	2,009	49.83%	673	16.69%	4,032
NORFOLK .....	78,741	30.09%	155,935	59.60%	26,970	10.31%	261,646
PLYMOUTH .....	53,594	29.25%	112,160	61.22%	17,453	9.53%	183,207
SUFFOLK .....	65,544	36.16%	90,845	50.12%	24,876	13.72%	181,265
WORCESTER .....	78,315	29.79%	155,859	59.30%	28,667	10.91%	262,841
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>688,259</b>	<b>30.67%</b>	<b>1,302,199</b>	<b>58.04%</b>	<b>253,377</b>	<b>11.29%</b>	<b>2,243,835</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Barnstable .....	6,094	11,936	1,892	19,922
Bourne .....	2,205	4,884	677	7,766
Brewster .....	1,776	2,922	595	5,293
Chatham .....	1,311	2,332	293	3,936
Dennis .....	2,474	4,799	690	7,963
Eastham .....	1,049	1,795	224	3,068
Falmouth .....	4,450	9,356	1,522	15,328
Harwich .....	2,009	3,841	707	6,557
Mashpee .....	1,737	3,619	797	6,153
Orleans .....	1,323	2,107	380	3,810
Provincetown .....	712	999	245	1,956
Sandwich .....	2,863	5,730	856	9,449
Truro .....	481	629	114	1,224
Wellfleet .....	627	929	145	1,701
Yarmouth .....	3,446	6,801	1,027	11,274
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>32,557</b>	<b>62,679</b>	<b>10,164</b>	<b>105,400</b>
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Adams .....	674	1,832	280	2,786
Alford .....	93	120	43	256
Becket .....	198	343	47	588
Cheshire .....	330	855	133	1,318
Clarksburg .....	129	437	66	632
Dalton .....	560	1,588	275	2,423
Egremont .....	247	318	94	659
Florida .....	90	149	29	268
Great Barrington .....	928	1,372	554	2,854
Hancock .....	80	151	31	262
Hinsdale .....	177	427	84	688
Lanesborough .....	284	688	103	1,075
Lee .....	626	1,291	218	2,135
Lenox .....	661	1,429	335	2,425
Monterey .....	186	196	63	445
Mount Washington .....	27	36	16	79
New Ashford .....	29	57	9	95
New Marlborough .....	221	309	89	619

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County (cont.)</b>								
NORTH ADAMS .....	950	2,446	575	3,971				
Otis .....	156	322	75	553				
Peru .....	85	144	28	257				
PIITTSFIELD .....	3,542	9,291	1,534	14,367				
Richmond .....	261	439	87	787				
Sandisfield .....	77	131	65	273				
Savoy .....	69	118	33	220				
Sheffield .....	451	695	182	1,328				
Stockbridge .....	320	513	155	988				
Tyringham .....	46	120	30	196				
Washington .....	78	153	24	255				
West Stockbridge .....	216	326	139	681				
Williamstown .....	934	1,592	334	2,860				
Windsor .....	112	248	45	405				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,837</b>	<b>28,136</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>46,748</b>				
<b>Bristol County</b>								
Acushnet .....	1,128	2,534	338	4,000				
ATTLEBORO .....	3,580	8,199	1,233	13,012				
Berkley .....	590	1,412	166	2,168				
Dartmouth .....	3,369	6,370	1,356	11,095				
Dighton .....	539	1,635	219	2,393				
Easton .....	2,668	5,402	808	8,878				
Fairhaven .....	1,803	3,499	806	6,108				
FALL RIVER .....	5,460	12,019	4,259	21,738				
Freetown .....	933	2,108	230	3,271				
Mansfield .....	2,490	5,099	719	8,308				
NEW BEDFORD .....	6,706	13,381	4,013	24,100				
North Attleborough .....	2,882	5,972	603	9,457				
Norton .....	1,754	3,906	433	6,093				
Raynham .....	1,224	3,003	526	4,753				
Rehoboth .....	1,084	2,593	460	4,137				
Seekonk .....	1,276	3,521	535	5,332				
Somerset .....	1,690	4,550	1,118	7,358				
Swansea .....	1,883	3,820	596	5,799				
TAUNTON .....	3,812	9,472	2,178	15,462				
<b>Essex County (cont.)</b>								
SALEM .....	4,136	7,747	1,983	13,866				
Salisbury .....	820	1,732	359	2,911				
Saugus .....	2,695	6,388	1,043	10,126				
Swampscott .....	2,017	3,568	727	6,312				
Topsfield .....	896	1,904	298	3,098				
Wenham .....	532	1,102	162	1,796				
West Newbury .....	675	1,212	219	2,106				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>76,544</b>	<b>152,728</b>	<b>31,216</b>	<b>260,488</b>				
<b>Franklin County</b>								
Ashfield .....	400	387	99	886				
Barnardston .....	262	380	275	917				
Buckland .....	302	402	119	823				
Charlton .....	195	266	37	498				
Cohran .....	249	310	72	631				
Conway .....	383	482	106	971				
Deerfield .....	808	1,311	242	2,361				
Erving .....	167	328	41	536				
Gill .....	247	362	59	668				
Greenfield .....	2,239	3,584	643	6,466				
Hawley .....	47	69	17	133				
Heath .....	134	164	40	338				
Leverett .....	449	412	85	946				
Leyden .....	122	200	30	352				
Monroe .....	9	29	4	42				
Montague .....	1,091	1,779	314	3,184				
New Salem .....	149	275	51	475				
Northfield .....	453	710	140	1,303				
Orange .....	610	1,392	327	2,329				
Rowe .....	71	95	26	192				
Shelburne .....	340	447	130	917				
Shutesbury .....	482	413	78	973				
Sunderland .....	502	721	94	1,317				
Warwick .....	118	166	40	324				
Wendell .....	216	158	48	422				
Whately .....	282	438	78	798				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>10,327</b>	<b>15,280</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>28,802</b>				

**Hampden County**

Agwam.....	2,751	6,865	940	10,556
Blandford.....	179	265	46	490
Brimfield.....	446	913	111	1,470
Chester.....	136	278	52	466
CHICOPEE.....	4,246	10,495	2,021	16,762
East Longmeadow.....	1,699	3,861	577	6,137
Granville.....	178	390	35	603
Hampden.....	617	1,417	211	2,245
Holland.....	284	533	55	872
HOLYOKE.....	3,196	6,252	1,038	10,486
Longmeadow.....	2,147	4,457	752	7,356
Ludlow.....	1,830	4,424	694	6,948
Monson.....	848	1,900	357	3,105
Montgomery.....	111	231	19	361
Palmer.....	1,107	2,788	383	4,278
Russell.....	157	344	57	558
Southwick.....	902	2,060	414	3,376
SPRINGFIELD.....	10,233	19,386	3,027	32,646
Tolland.....	99	77	12	188
Wales.....	197	441	78	716
West Springfield.....	2,260	5,551	706	8,517
WESTFIELD.....	3,295	7,391	1,723	12,409
Wilbraham.....	1,802	4,123	575	6,500
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>38,720</b>	<b>84,442</b>	<b>13,883</b>	<b>137,045</b>

**Hampshire County**

Amherst.....	3,605	3,749	874	8,228
Belchertown.....	1,732	2,873	496	5,101
Chesterfield.....	171	271	44	486
Cummington.....	163	182	48	393
Easthampton.....	2,063	3,859	434	6,356
Goshen.....	161	239	39	439
Granby.....	768	1,619	208	2,595
Hadley.....	776	1,302	278	2,356
Hatfield.....	519	1,060	113	1,692
Huntington.....	243	466	41	750
Middlefield.....	76	121	19	216
NORTHAMPTON.....	5,177	5,749	1,130	12,056
Pelham.....	321	329	65	715
Plainfield.....	131	131	23	285
South Hadley.....	2,048	4,000	642	6,690
Southampton.....	706	1,581	227	2,514

**Hampden County**

Westport.....	1,602	3,729	586	5,917
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>45,973</b>	<b>102,224</b>	<b>21,182</b>	<b>169,379</b>

**Dukes County**

Aquinnah.....	94	107	13	214
Chilmark.....	213	287	90	590
Edgartown.....	520	1,002	228	1,750
Gosnold.....	24	26	9	59
Oak Bluffs.....	570	1,057	324	1,951
Tisbury.....	517	914	297	1,728
West Tisbury.....	547	698	162	1,407
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>7,699</b>

**Essex County**

Amesbury.....	1,762	3,541	696	5,999
Andover.....	4,048	8,246	1,191	13,485
BEVERLY.....	4,717	8,987	1,910	15,614
Boxford.....	1,209	2,233	384	3,826
Danvers.....	3,112	6,611	812	10,535
Essex.....	528	1,011	197	1,736
Georgetown.....	961	2,052	391	3,404
GLOUCESTER.....	3,495	7,030	1,526	12,051
Groveland.....	760	1,823	331	2,914
Hamilton.....	1,114	2,132	341	3,587
HAVERHILL.....	5,164	10,526	2,486	18,176
Ipswich.....	1,898	3,648	736	6,282
LAWRENCE.....	4,225	5,975	2,567	12,767
LYNN.....	6,238	11,622	2,804	20,664
Lynnfield.....	1,437	3,228	707	5,372
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	871	1,547	270	2,688
Marblehead.....	3,203	5,531	1,129	9,863
Merrimac.....	778	1,699	186	2,663
Methuen.....	3,763	8,830	1,757	14,350
Middleton.....	975	2,154	355	3,484
Nahant.....	606	1,071	197	1,874
Newbury.....	997	1,933	442	3,372
NEWBURYPORT.....	2,446	4,855	894	8,195
North Andover.....	3,325	6,467	826	10,618
PEABODY.....	5,331	12,513	2,614	20,458
Rockport.....	1,086	2,182	466	3,734
Rowley.....	724	1,628	210	2,562

**QUESTION 2**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots		Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County (cont.)</b>					<b>Norfolk County (cont.)</b>				
Ware.....	922	2,022	283	3,227	Medway.....	1,634	3,233	349	5,216
Westhampton.....	299	508	72	879	Millis.....	1,147	2,162	262	3,571
Williamsburg.....	502	620	164	1,286	Milton.....	3,751	7,410	1,676	12,837
Worthington.....	251	286	38	575	Needham.....	4,326	8,326	1,231	13,883
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>20,634</b>	<b>30,967</b>	<b>5,238</b>	<b>56,839</b>	Norfolk.....	1,271	2,463	298	4,032
<b>Middlesex County</b>					Norwood.....	3,020	6,999	1,220	11,239
Acton.....	2,848	4,932	931	8,711	Plainville.....	967	1,848	165	2,980
Arlington.....	6,808	11,519	1,884	20,211	<b>QUINCY.....</b>	<b>8,487</b>	<b>17,298</b>	<b>3,486</b>	<b>29,271</b>
Ashby.....	434	783	129	1,346	Randolph.....	2,906	5,958	1,605	10,469
Ashland.....	2,083	3,502	495	6,080	Sharon.....	2,703	4,504	611	7,818
Ayer.....	747	1,472	176	2,395	Stoughton.....	2,702	6,263	1,246	10,211
Bedford.....	1,816	3,275	619	5,710	Walpole.....	2,950	6,346	927	10,223
Belmont.....	3,500	6,434	1,105	11,039	Wellesley.....	3,634	6,589	1,218	11,441
Billerica.....	3,728	8,792	1,171	13,691	Westwood.....	1,910	4,090	896	6,896
Boxborough.....	687	1,227	177	2,091	Weymouth.....	5,833	13,136	1,967	20,936
Burlington.....	2,688	6,105	687	9,480	Wrentham.....	1,379	2,888	275	4,542
<b>CAMBRIDGE.....</b>	<b>13,704</b>	<b>14,324</b>	<b>4,592</b>	<b>32,620</b>	<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>78,741</b>	<b>155,935</b>	<b>26,970</b>	<b>261,646</b>
Carlisle.....	940	1,496	193	2,629	<b>Plymouth County</b>				
Chelmsford.....	4,942	8,607	1,223	14,772	Abington.....	1,833	3,657	457	5,947
Concord.....	2,667	4,822	984	8,473	Bridgewater.....	2,317	5,310	850	8,477
Dracut.....	2,832	6,502	1,029	10,363	<b>BROCKTON.....</b>	<b>6,549</b>	<b>12,681</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>22,630</b>
Dunstable.....	459	799	104	1,362	Carver.....	1,251	2,839	356	4,446
<b>EVERETT.....</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>5,242</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>9,814</b>	Duxbury.....	2,224	4,375	592	7,191
Frammingham.....	6,465	11,288	2,561	20,314	East Bridgewater.....	1,476	3,165	438	5,079
Groton.....	1,463	2,635	484	4,582	Halifax.....	843	1,960	231	3,034
Holliston.....	2,196	3,751	531	6,478	Hanover.....	1,759	3,946	553	6,258
Hopkinton.....	1,944	3,472	604	6,020	Hanson.....	1,185	2,621	298	4,104
Hudson.....	2,072	4,163	738	6,973	Hingham.....	3,005	6,349	897	10,251
Lexington.....	4,596	8,101	1,449	14,146	Hull.....	1,364	2,761	381	4,506
Lincoln.....	1,073	1,373	318	2,764	Kingston.....	1,548	3,085	436	5,069
Littleton.....	1,201	2,369	312	3,882	Lakeville.....	1,031	2,493	562	4,086
<b>LOWELL.....</b>	<b>6,178</b>	<b>12,015</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>21,348</b>	Marion.....	827	1,389	249	2,465
<b>MALDEN.....</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>8,002</b>	<b>2,072</b>	<b>14,139</b>	Marshfield.....	3,255	6,670	849	10,774
<b>MARLBOROUGH.....</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>6,931</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>11,862</b>	Mattapoisett.....	1,021	1,989	147	3,157
Maynard.....	1,433	2,556	504	4,493	Middleborough.....	2,158	4,639	843	7,640
<b>MEDFORD.....</b>	<b>5,770</b>	<b>10,635</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>19,684</b>					

MELROSE .....	3,419	7,231	1,329	11,979	1,425	3,015	481	4,921
Natick .....	4,329	8,055	1,317	13,701	2,037	4,522	599	7,158
NEWTON .....	11,644	17,615	4,559	33,818	6,500	13,269	1,462	21,231
North Reading.....	1,731	3,972	508	6,211				
Pepperell.....	1,388	2,744	397	4,529				
Reading.....	2,713	6,536	999	10,248	385	832	127	1,344
Sherborn .....	810	1,196	216	2,222	688	1,393	189	2,270
Shirley .....	725	1,401	175	2,301	1,805	4,418	432	6,655
SOMERVILLE .....	8,454	11,124	2,752	22,330	2,663	5,115	888	8,666
Stoneham.....	2,541	5,625	985	9,151	2,294	4,451	1,002	7,747
Stow .....	292	1,073	1,752	3,117	761	1,890	214	2,865
Sudbury .....	2,594	4,469	767	7,830	1,390	3,326	520	5,236
Tewksbury .....	3,196	7,509	835	11,540				
Townsend.....	929	2,148	313	3,390				
Tyngsborough.....	1,215	2,616	514	4,345				
Wakefield.....	3,105	6,990	993	11,088	58,503	77,754	20,863	157,120
WALTHAM .....	5,810	8,533	2,442	16,785	1,838	2,556	711	5,105
Watertown .....	4,240	6,309	1,590	12,139	3,329	6,591	2,326	12,246
Wayland .....	1,933	3,668	848	6,449	1,874	3,944	976	6,794
Westford.....	2,849	5,719	759	9,327				
Weston .....	1,752	2,865	510	5,127				
Wilmington .....	2,363	5,665	809	8,837				
Winchester .....	3,499	5,574	988	10,061				
WOBURN .....	3,785	9,083	1,579	14,447				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>170,638</b>	<b>304,844</b>	<b>62,962</b>	<b>538,444</b>	<b>65,544</b>	<b>90,845</b>	<b>24,876</b>	<b>181,265</b>

**Suffolk County**

BOSTON .....								
CHELSEA .....								
REVERE.....								
Winthrop.....								
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>65,544</b>	<b>90,845</b>	<b>24,876</b>	<b>181,265</b>				

**Worcester County**

Ashburnham.....	760				760	1,380	236	2,376
Athol .....	927				927	2,090	254	3,271
Auburn.....	1,881				1,881	4,012	601	6,494
Barre.....	584				584	1,206	210	2,000
Berlin.....	370				370	799	107	1,276
Blackstone.....	802				802	1,933	247	2,982
Bolton.....	725				725	1,319	150	2,194
Boylston.....	605				605	1,244	134	1,983
Brookfield .....	385				385	738	196	1,319
Charlton.....	1,336				1,336	2,725	385	4,446
Clinton .....	1,404				1,404	2,650	509	4,563
Douglas .....	836				836	1,678	323	2,837
Dudley.....	944				944	2,249	243	3,436
East Brookfield .....	243				243	527	53	823
FITCHBURG.....	3,059				3,059	5,936	1,421	10,416
GARDNER.....	1,790				1,790	3,754	619	6,163
Grafton.....	1,943				1,943	3,857	519	6,319
Hardwick .....	353				353	605	131	1,089
Harvard .....	1,006				1,006	1,603	241	2,850
Holden.....	2,369				2,369	5,084	611	8,064
Hopedale.....	746				746	1,493	378	2,617
Hubbardston.....	604				604	1,215	104	1,923

**Nantucket County**

Nantucket.....	1,350	2,009	673	4,032				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>4,032</b>				

**Norfolk County**

Avon .....	496	1,122	229	1,847				
Bellingham .....	1,755	3,674	495	5,924				
Braintree .....	4,090	8,895	1,453	14,438				
Brookline .....	7,871	10,276	2,009	20,156				
Canton .....	2,522	5,614	874	9,010				
Cohasset .....	1,107	2,026	493	3,626				
Dedham .....	2,702	5,968	1,374	10,044				
Dover .....	856	1,613	280	2,749				
Foxborough .....	2,167	4,259	532	6,958				
Franklin .....	3,627	7,017	904	11,548				
Holbrook .....	1,157	2,594	389	4,140				
Medfield.....	1,771	3,364	506	5,641				

**QUESTION 2**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County (cont.)</b>				
Lancaster.....	822	1,636	191	2,649
Leicester.....	1,117	2,494	433	4,044
LEOMINSTER.....	3,804	8,008	1,684	13,496
Lunenburg.....	1,191	2,441	668	4,300
Mendon.....	721	1,526	158	2,405
Milford.....	2,454	4,869	1,654	8,977
Millbury.....	1,354	2,814	457	4,625
Millville.....	276	531	171	978
New Braintree.....	147	223	66	436
North Brookfield.....	532	1,099	164	1,795
Northborough.....	1,853	3,687	631	6,171
Northbridge.....	1,438	3,347	447	5,232
Oakham.....	237	516	66	819
Oxford.....	1,420	2,911	337	4,668
Paxton.....	614	1,239	167	2,020
Petersham.....	205	367	81	653
Phillipston.....	222	415	54	691
Princeton.....	582	1,017	128	1,727
Royalston.....	152	273	52	477
Rutland.....	914	1,919	202	3,035
Shrewsbury.....	3,846	7,992	1,321	13,159
Southborough.....	1,430	2,608	327	4,365
Southbridge.....	1,672	3,009	462	5,143
Spencer.....	1,188	2,492	294	3,974
Sterling.....	1,019	2,046	328	3,393
Sturbridge.....	1,153	2,343	237	3,733
Sutton.....	1,196	2,238	411	3,845
Templeton.....	724	1,793	194	2,711
Upton.....	953	1,762	192	2,907
Uxbridge.....	1,403	3,187	445	5,035
Warren.....	476	979	207	1,662
Webster.....	1,306	2,690	524	4,520
West Boylston.....	919	1,884	282	3,085
West Brookfield.....	451	922	96	1,469
Westborough.....	2,208	3,894	588	6,690
Westminster.....	927	2,033	260	3,220
Winchendon.....	959	1,876	188	3,023
WORCESTER.....	12,758	22,682	6,828	42,268
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>78,315</b>	<b>155,859</b>	<b>28,667</b>	<b>262,841</b>



**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 3, 2006?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program and its regulations.

Under the proposed law, these family child care providers who provide state-subsidized child care would not be considered public employees, but if 30% of the providers gave written authorization for an employee organization to be their exclusive representative in collective bargaining, the state Labor Relations Commission would hold a secret mail ballot election on whether to certify that organization as the exclusive representative. Parts of the state's public employee labor relations law and regulations would apply to the election and collective bargaining processes. The proposed law would not authorize providers to engage in a strike or other refusal to deliver child care services.

An exclusive representative, if certified, could then communicate with providers to develop and present a proposal to the state agencies concerning the terms and conditions of child care provider services. The proposed law would then require the parties to negotiate in good faith to try to reach a binding agreement. If the agreed-upon terms and conditions required

changes in existing regulations, the state agencies could not finally agree to the terms until they completed the required procedures for changing regulations and any cost items agreed to by the parties had been approved by the state Legislature. If any actions taken under the proposed law required spending state funds, that spending would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Any complaint that one of the parties was refusing to negotiate in good faith could be filed with and ruled upon by the Labor Relations Commission. An exclusive representative could collect a fee from providers for the costs of representing them.

An exclusive representative could be de-certified under Commission regulations and procedures if certain conditions were met. The Commission could not accept a decertification petition for at least 2 years after the first exclusive representative was certified, and any such petition would have to be supported by 50% or more of the total number of providers. The Commission would then hold a secret mail ballot election for the providers to vote on whether to decertify the exclusive representative.

The proposed law states that activities carried out under it would be exempt from federal anti-trust laws. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws concerning licensed and other authorized family child care providers.

**Aggregate of Votes**

	Yes	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE .....	43,655	51,745	49.09%	10,000	9.49%	105,400
BERKSHIRE .....	20,719	19,878	42.52%	6,151	13.16%	46,748
BRISTOL .....	65,256	83,136	49.08%	20,987	12.39%	169,379
DUKES .....	3,206	3,313	43.03%	1,180	15.33%	7,699
ESSEX .....	101,601	128,549	49.35%	30,338	11.65%	260,488
FRANKLIN .....	14,646	11,024	38.28%	3,132	10.87%	28,802
HAMPDEN .....	60,442	61,788	45.08%	14,815	10.81%	137,045
HAMPSHIRE .....	29,630	21,949	38.62%	5,260	9.25%	56,839
MIDDLESEX .....	227,498	248,759	46.20%	62,187	11.55%	538,444
NANTUCKET .....	1,871	1,505	37.33%	656	16.27%	4,032
NORFOLK .....	106,723	128,098	48.96%	26,825	10.25%	261,646
PLYMOUTH .....	74,433	91,710	50.06%	17,064	9.31%	183,207
SUFFOLK .....	94,129	62,816	34.65%	24,320	13.42%	181,265
WORCESTER .....	107,708	127,983	48.69%	27,150	10.33%	262,841
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>951,517</b>	<b>1,042,253</b>	<b>46.45%</b>	<b>250,065</b>	<b>11.14%</b>	<b>2,243,835</b>

**Barnstable County**

	Yes	No	%	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable .....	8,119	10,029	1,774	19,922	
Bourne .....	3,147	3,989	630	7,766	
Brewster .....	2,321	2,406	566	5,293	
Chatham .....	1,581	2,007	348	3,936	
Dennis .....	3,345	3,942	676	7,963	
Eastham .....	1,397	1,382	289	3,068	
Falmouth .....	6,090	7,761	1,477	15,328	
Harwich .....	2,665	3,135	757	6,557	
Mashpee .....	2,395	3,010	748	6,153	
Orleans .....	1,585	1,834	391	3,810	
Provincetown .....	1,050	630	276	1,956	
Sandwich .....	3,621	4,983	845	9,449	
Truro .....	647	469	108	1,224	
Wellfleet .....	864	675	162	1,701	
Yarmouth .....	4,828	5,493	953	11,274	
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>43,655</b>	<b>51,745</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>105,400</b>	

**Berkshire County**

	Yes	No	%	Blanks	Total Ballots
Adams .....	1,076	1,414	296	2,786	
Alford .....	105	101	50	256	
Becket .....	310	221	57	588	
Cheshire .....	537	649	132	1,318	
Clarksburg .....	213	356	63	632	
Dalton .....	1,055	1,086	282	2,423	
Egremont .....	335	225	99	659	
Florida .....	107	134	27	268	
Great Barrington .....	1,341	939	574	2,854	
Hancock .....	126	100	36	262	
Hinsdale .....	291	313	84	688	
Lanesborough .....	480	488	107	1,075	
Lee .....	1,028	868	239	2,135	
Lenox .....	1,120	968	337	2,425	
Monterey .....	240	135	70	445	
Mount Washington .....	38	23	18	79	
New Ashford .....	39	44	12	95	
New Marlborough .....	294	231	94	619	