

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
TOTAL	688,259	30.67%	1,302,199	58.04%	253,377	11.29%	2,243,835

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
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
TOTALS	32,557	62,679	10,164	105,400
Berkshire County				
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
Berkshire County (cont.)								
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				
TOTALS.....	12,837	28,136	5,775	46,748				
Bristol County								
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				
Essex County (cont.)								
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				
TOTALS.....	76,544	152,728	31,216	260,488				
Franklin County								
Ashfield	400	387	99	886				
Barnardston	262	380	275	917				
Buckland	302	402	119	823				
Charlemont	195	266	37	498				
Cohain	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				
TOTALS.....	10,327	15,280	3,195	28,802				

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
TOTALS.....	38,720	84,442	13,883	137,045

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
TOTALS.....	45,973	102,224	21,182	169,379

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
TOTALS.....	2,485	4,091	1,123	7,699

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

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

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				
TOTALS.....	170,638	304,844	62,962	538,444	65,544	90,845	24,876	181,265

Suffolk County

BOSTON								
CHELSEA								
REVERE.....								
Winthrop.....								
TOTALS.....	65,544	90,845	24,876	181,265				

Worcester County

Ashburnham.....	760							
Athol	927							
Auburn	1,881							
Barre.....	584							
Berlin.....	370							
Blackstone.....	802							
Bolton.....	725							
Boylston.....	605							
Brookfield	385							
Charlton.....	1,336							
Clinton	1,404							
Douglas	836							
Dudley.....	944							
East Brookfield	243							
FITCHBURG.....	3,059							
GARDNER.....	1,790							
Grafton.....	1,943							
Hardwick	353							
Harvard	1,006							
Holden.....	2,369							
Hopedale.....	746							
Hubbardston.....	604							

Nantucket County

Nantucket.....	1,350	2,009	673	4,032				
TOTALS.....	1,350	2,009	673	4,032				

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				

	760	1,380	236	2,376				
	927	2,090	254	3,271				
	1,881	4,012	601	6,494				
	584	1,206	210	2,000				
	370	799	107	1,276				
	802	1,933	247	2,982				
	725	1,319	150	2,194				
	605	1,244	134	1,983				
	385	738	196	1,319				
	1,336	2,725	385	4,446				
	1,404	2,650	509	4,563				
	836	1,678	323	2,837				
	944	2,249	243	3,436				
	243	527	53	823				
	3,059	5,936	1,421	10,416				
	1,790	3,754	619	6,163				
	1,943	3,857	519	6,319				
	353	605	131	1,089				
	1,006	1,603	241	2,850				
	2,369	5,084	611	8,064				
	746	1,493	378	2,617				
	604	1,215	104	1,923				

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County (cont.)				
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
TOTALS.....	78,315	155,859	28,667	262,841

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	41.42%	51,745	49.09%	10,000	9.49%	105,400
BERKSHIRE	20,719	44.32%	19,878	42.52%	6,151	13.16%	46,748
BRISTOL	65,256	38.53%	83,136	49.08%	20,987	12.39%	169,379
DUKES	3,206	41.64%	3,313	43.03%	1,180	15.33%	7,699
ESSEX	101,601	39.00%	128,549	49.35%	30,338	11.65%	260,488
FRANKLIN	14,646	50.85%	11,024	38.28%	3,132	10.87%	28,802
HAMPDEN	60,442	44.10%	61,788	45.08%	14,815	10.81%	137,045
HAMPSHIRE	29,630	52.13%	21,949	38.62%	5,260	9.25%	56,839
MIDDLESEX	227,498	42.25%	248,759	46.20%	62,187	11.55%	538,444
NANTUCKET	1,871	46.40%	1,505	37.33%	656	16.27%	4,032
NORFOLK	106,723	40.79%	128,098	48.96%	26,825	10.25%	261,646
PLYMOUTH	74,433	40.63%	91,710	50.06%	17,064	9.31%	183,207
SUFFOLK	94,129	51.93%	62,816	34.65%	24,320	13.42%	181,265
WORCESTER	107,708	40.98%	127,983	48.69%	27,150	10.33%	262,841
TOTAL	951,517	42.41%	1,042,253	46.45%	250,065	11.14%	2,243,835

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
TOTALS	43,655	51,745	10,000	105,400

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

QUESTION 3

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (cont.)				
NORTH ADAMS	1,517	1,857	597	3,971
Otis.....	276	203	74	553
Peru.....	117	116	24	257
PITTSFIELD	6,264	6,387	1,716	14,367
Richmond.....	358	332	97	787
Sandisfield.....	125	80	68	273
Savoy.....	86	105	29	220
Sheffield.....	630	503	195	1,328
Stockbridge.....	489	333	166	988
Tyringham.....	94	76	26	196
Washington.....	121	108	26	255
West Stockbridge.....	289	232	160	681
Williamstown	1,427	1,087	346	2,860
Windsor.....	191	164	50	405
TOTALS.....	20,719	19,878	6,151	46,748

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Acushnet.....	1,619	2,060	321	4,000
ATTLEBORO	5,173	6,606	1,233	13,012
Berkley.....	834	1,166	168	2,168
Dartmouth.....	4,186	5,698	1,211	11,095
Dighton	876	1,304	213	2,393
Easton.....	3,492	4,634	752	8,878
Fairhaven.....	2,361	2,978	769	6,108
FALL RIVER.....	8,607	8,863	4,268	21,738
Freetown.....	1,305	1,761	205	3,271
Mansfield.....	3,364	4,220	724	8,308
NEW BEDFORD	10,005	9,908	4,187	24,100
North Attleborough.....	3,704	5,112	641	9,457
Norton.....	2,388	3,277	428	6,093
Raynham	1,788	2,426	539	4,753
Rehoboth.....	1,221	2,472	444	4,137
Seekonk	1,560	3,260	512	5,332
Somerset.....	2,529	3,726	1,103	7,358
Swansea.....	1,960	3,246	593	5,799
TAUNTON.....	6,197	7,157	2,108	15,462

Essex County (cont.)

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Salisbury	1,123	1,430	358	2,911
Saugus	3,924	5,215	987	10,126
Swampscott	2,526	3,107	679	6,312
Topsfield	1,001	1,802	295	3,098
Wenham.....	652	994	150	1,796
West Newbury	774	1,104	228	2,106
TOTALS.....	101,601	128,549	30,338	260,488

Franklin County

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Ashfield.....	502	282	102	886
Barnardston.....	315	334	268	917
Buckland.....	398	292	133	823
Charlemont.....	261	196	41	498
Colrain	319	244	68	631
Conway.....	544	333	94	971
Deerfield.....	1,098	1,021	242	2,361
Erving.....	240	256	40	536
Gill.....	339	271	58	668
Greenfield	3,358	2,459	649	6,466
Hawley.....	65	52	16	133
Heath.....	198	102	38	338
Leverett.....	600	267	79	946
Leyden	195	128	29	352
Monroe.....	20	19	3	42
Montague.....	1,625	1,288	271	3,184
New Salem.....	226	207	42	475
Northfield.....	617	549	137	1,303
Orange.....	944	1,048	337	2,329
Rowe.....	92	79	21	192
Shelburne.....	431	338	148	917
Shutesbury.....	628	268	77	973
Sunderland.....	784	451	82	1,317
Warwick.....	159	126	39	324
Wendell.....	284	95	43	422

Westport.....	2,087	3,262	568	5,917	404	319	75	798
TOTALS.....	65,256	83,136	20,987	169,379	14,646	11,024	3,132	28,802
Dukes County								
Aquinnah.....	119	70	25	214	4,339	5,187	1,030	10,556
Chilmark.....	244	238	108	590	221	221	48	490
Edgartown.....	675	833	242	1,750	607	762	101	1,470
Gosnold.....	23	26	10	59	201	223	42	466
Oak Bluffs.....	792	823	336	1,951	7,131	7,428	2,203	16,762
Tisbury.....	707	734	287	1,728	2,449	3,094	594	6,137
West Tisbury.....	646	589	172	1,407	260	293	50	603
TOTALS.....	3,206	3,313	1,180	7,699	5,174	4,272	1,040	10,486
Essex County								
Amesbury.....	2,350	2,934	715	5,999	2,767	3,748	841	7,356
Andover.....	4,871	7,413	1,201	13,485	2,882	3,391	675	6,948
BEVERLY.....	6,050	7,673	1,891	15,614	1,227	1,496	382	3,105
Boxford.....	1,273	2,146	407	3,826	146	195	20	361
Danvers.....	4,150	5,641	744	10,535	1,696	2,192	390	4,278
Essex.....	610	938	188	1,736	249	259	50	558
Georgetown.....	1,275	1,754	375	3,404	1,272	1,656	448	3,376
GLOUCESTER.....	4,138	6,351	1,562	12,051	17,133	12,046	3,467	32,646
Groveland.....	1,114	1,493	307	2,914	50	107	31	188
Hamilton.....	1,386	1,849	352	3,587	260	381	75	716
HAVERTHILL.....	7,226	9,009	1,941	18,176	3,641	4,123	753	8,517
Ipswich.....	2,474	3,104	704	6,282	5,115	5,585	1,709	12,409
LAWRENCE.....	5,998	3,971	2,798	12,767	2,361	3,544	595	6,500
LYNN.....	9,558	8,505	2,601	20,664				
Lynnfield.....	1,872	2,774	726	5,372				
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	964	1,443	281	2,688				
Marblehead.....	3,584	5,134	1,145	9,863				
Merrimac.....	1,052	1,437	174	2,663				
Methuen.....	5,401	7,249	1,700	14,350				
Middleton.....	1,167	1,964	353	3,484				
Nahant.....	772	907	195	1,874				
Newbury.....	1,180	1,752	440	3,372				
NEWBURYPORT.....	3,151	4,084	960	8,195				
North Andover.....	3,830	5,928	860	10,618				
PEABODY.....	7,979	9,974	2,505	20,458				
Rockport.....	1,338	1,959	437	3,734				
Rowley.....	946	1,422	194	2,562				
SALFORD.....	5,892	6,089	1,885	13,866				

Hampden County

Agawam.....	4,339	5,187	1,030	10,556
Blandford.....	221	221	48	490
Brimfield.....	607	762	101	1,470
Chester.....	201	223	42	466
CHICOPEE.....	7,131	7,428	2,203	16,762
East Longmeadow.....	2,449	3,094	594	6,137
Granville.....	260	293	50	603
Hampden.....	874	1,168	203	2,245
Holland.....	387	417	68	872
HOLYOKE.....	5,174	4,272	1,040	10,486
Longmeadow.....	2,767	3,748	841	7,356
Ludlow.....	2,882	3,391	675	6,948
Monson.....	1,227	1,496	382	3,105
Montgomery.....	146	195	20	361
Palmer.....	1,696	2,192	390	4,278
Russell.....	249	259	50	558
Southwick.....	1,272	1,656	448	3,376
SPRINGFIELD.....	17,133	12,046	3,467	32,646
Tolland.....	50	107	31	188
Wales.....	260	381	75	716
West Springfield.....	3,641	4,123	753	8,517
WESTFIELD.....	5,115	5,585	1,709	12,409
Wilbraham.....	2,361	3,544	595	6,500
TOTALS.....	60,442	61,788	14,815	137,045

Hampshire County

Amherst.....	5,218	2,211	799	8,228
Belchertown.....	2,467	2,153	481	5,101
Chesterfield.....	236	209	41	486
Cummington.....	219	125	49	393
Easthampton.....	3,138	2,746	472	6,356
Goshen.....	225	179	35	439
Granby.....	1,140	1,237	218	2,595
Hadley.....	1,089	998	269	2,356
Hatfield.....	745	825	122	1,692
Huntington.....	365	341	44	750
Middlefield.....	111	86	19	216

QUESTION 3

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County (Cont.)				
NORTHAMPTON	7,226	3,701	1,129	12,056
Pelham	427	232	56	715
Plainfield	159	95	31	285
South Hadley	3,043	2,960	687	6,690
Southampton	1,015	1,256	243	2,514
Ware	1,376	1,555	296	3,227
Westhampton	410	394	75	879
Williamsburg	691	436	159	1,286
Worthington	330	210	35	575
TOTALS	29,630	21,949	5,260	56,839

Middlesex County

Acton	3,604	4,110	997	8,711
Arlington	9,326	8,929	1,956	20,211
Ashby	586	639	121	1,346
Ashland	2,542	3,038	500	6,080
Ayer	1,044	1,164	187	2,395
Bedford	2,232	2,815	663	5,710
Belmont	4,638	5,192	1,209	11,039
Billerica	5,295	7,251	1,145	13,691
Boxborough	876	1,048	167	2,091
Burlington	4,222	4,672	586	9,480
CAMBRIDGE	18,240	9,712	4,668	32,620
Carlisle	1,060	1,336	233	2,629
Chelmsford	5,452	8,079	1,241	14,772
Concord	3,442	4,019	1,012	8,473
Dracut	3,856	5,554	953	10,363
Dunstable	494	761	107	1,362
EVERETT	4,086	3,655	2,073	9,814
Frammingham	8,228	9,536	2,550	20,314
Groton	1,767	2,313	502	4,582
Holliston	2,547	3,347	584	6,478
Hopkinton	2,269	3,148	603	6,020
Hudson	2,744	3,500	729	6,973
Lexington	6,175	6,418	1,553	14,146
Lincoln	1,194	1,213	357	2,764
Littleton	1,633	1,957	292	3,882

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County (cont.)				
Dedham	3,881	4,880	1,283	10,044
Dover	857	1,573	319	2,749
Foxborough	2,710	3,706	542	6,958
Franklin	4,625	6,010	913	11,548
Holbrook	1,832	1,930	378	4,140
Medfield	2,124	2,978	539	5,641
Medway	2,102	2,781	333	5,216
Millis	1,509	1,813	249	3,571
Milton	5,007	6,232	1,598	12,837
Needham	5,593	6,978	1,312	13,883
Norfolk	1,486	2,221	325	4,032
Norwood	4,424	5,630	1,185	11,239
Plainville	1,245	1,562	173	2,980
QUINCY	12,485	13,230	3,556	29,271
Randolph	4,726	4,246	1,497	10,469
Sharon	3,218	3,971	629	7,818
Stoughton	4,141	4,804	1,266	10,211
Walpole	3,850	5,493	880	10,223
Wellesley	4,163	6,080	1,198	11,441
Westwood	2,410	3,609	877	6,896
Weymouth	8,948	10,131	1,857	20,936
Wrentham	1,717	2,505	320	4,542
TOTALS	106,723	128,098	26,825	261,646

Plymouth County

Abington	2,629	2,907	411	5,947
Bridgewater	3,362	4,227	888	8,477
BROCKTON	10,339	9,129	3,162	22,630
Carver	1,963	2,161	322	4,446
Duxbury	2,522	4,022	647	7,191
East Bridgewater	2,053	2,602	424	5,079
Halifax	1,201	1,590	243	3,034
Hanover	2,405	3,352	501	6,258
Hanson	1,735	2,074	295	4,104
Hingham	3,748	5,579	924	10,251
Hull	1,899	2,228	379	4,506

LOWELL	9,003	9,452	2,893	21,348	2,038	2,597	434	5,069
MALDEN	6,656	5,578	1,905	14,139	1,455	2,070	561	4,086
MARLBOROUGH	4,653	5,864	1,345	11,862	910	1,320	235	2,465
Maynard	1,857	2,128	508	4,493	4,427	5,541	806	10,774
MEDFORD	8,956	8,055	2,673	19,684				
MELROSE	5,109	5,640	1,230	11,979	1,172	1,838	147	3,157
Natick	5,713	6,625	1,363	13,701	3,065	3,706	869	7,640
NEWTON	14,852	14,370	4,596	33,818	1,793	2,671	457	4,921
North Reading	2,300	3,375	536	6,211	2,848	3,695	615	7,158
Pepperell	1,760	2,371	398	4,529	8,778	10,966	1,487	21,231
Reading	3,677	5,518	1,053	10,248	486	748	110	1,344
Sherborn	781	1,206	235	2,222	820	1,278	172	2,270
Shirley	956	1,175	170	2,301	2,713	3,464	478	6,655
SOMERVILLE	12,226	7,186	2,918	22,330	3,371	4,442	853	8,666
Stoneham	3,690	4,571	890	9,151	3,295	3,484	968	7,747
Stow	313	1,166	1,638	3,117	1,205	1,485	175	2,865
Sudbury	2,861	4,134	835	7,830	2,201	2,534	501	5,236
Tewksbury	4,443	6,309	788	11,540				
Townsend	1,300	1,792	298	3,390				
Tyngsborough	1,507	2,310	528	4,345				
Wakefield	4,323	5,787	978	11,088				
WALTHAM	6,933	7,551	2,301	16,785	83,512	52,984	20,624	157,120
Watertown	5,633	4,860	1,646	12,139	2,703	1,706	696	5,105
Wayland	2,543	3,099	807	6,449	5,114	4,964	2,168	12,246
Westford	3,325	5,228	774	9,327	2,800	3,162	882	6,794
Weston	1,758	2,738	631	5,127				
Wilmington	3,295	4,776	766	8,837				
Winchester	3,831	5,259	971	10,061				
WOBURN	5,692	7,230	1,525	14,447				
TOTALS.....	227,498	248,759	62,187	538,444	74,433	91,710	17,064	183,207

Suffolk County

BOSTON	83,512	20,624	52,984	157,120
CHELSEA	2,703	696	1,706	5,105
REVERE	5,114	2,168	4,964	12,246
Winthrop	2,800	882	3,162	6,794
TOTALS.....	94,129	24,320	62,816	181,265

Worcester County

Ashburnham	1,094	223	1,059	2,376
Athol	1,389	247	1,635	3,271
Auburn	2,621	560	3,313	6,494
Barre	808	197	995	2,000
Berlin	485	116	675	1,276
Blackstone	1,070	218	1,694	2,982
Bolton	836	156	1,202	2,194
Boylston	750	126	1,107	1,983
Brookfield	499	187	633	1,319
Charlton	1,792	368	2,286	4,446
Clinton	1,997	497	2,069	4,563
Douglas	995	312	1,530	2,837
Dudley	1,353	233	1,850	3,436
East Brookfield	354	48	421	823
FITCHBURG	4,851	1,221	4,344	10,416
GARDNER	2,812	629	2,722	6,163

Avon	775	865	207	1,847
Bellingham	2,374	3,060	490	5,924
Braintree	5,779	7,284	1,375	14,438
Brookline	10,050	7,960	2,146	20,156
Canton	3,461	4,663	886	9,010
Cohasset	1,231	1,903	492	3,626
TOTALS.....	1871	1505	656	4032

Nantucket County

Nantucket	1871	1505	656	4032
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Norfolk County

Weston	1,758	2,738	631	5,127
Wilmington	3,295	4,776	766	8,837
Winchester	3,831	5,259	971	10,061
WOBURN	5,692	7,230	1,525	14,447
TOTALS.....	227,498	248,759	62,187	538,444

QUESTION 3

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County (cont.)				
Grafton.....	2,547	3,287	485	6,319
Hardwick.....	435	527	127	1,089
Harvard.....	1,115	1,434	301	2,850
Holden.....	3,136	4,321	607	8,064
Hopedale.....	953	1,315	349	2,617
Hubbardston.....	799	1,028	96	1,923
Lancaster.....	1,090	1,362	197	2,649
Leicester.....	1,602	2,046	396	4,044
LEOMINSTER.....	6,043	5,969	1,484	13,496
Lunenburg.....	1,648	2,013	639	4,300
Mendon.....	930	1,312	163	2,405
Milford.....	3,427	3,994	1,556	8,977
Millbury.....	1,972	2,227	426	4,625
Millville.....	340	475	163	978
New Braintree.....	173	201	62	436
North Brookfield.....	699	937	159	1,795
Northborough.....	2,336	3,252	583	6,171
Northbridge.....	2,008	2,770	454	5,232
Oakham.....	317	439	63	819
Oxford.....	1,977	2,377	314	4,668
Paxton.....	770	1,098	152	2,020
Petersham.....	279	296	78	653
Phillipston.....	341	315	35	691
Princeton.....	657	934	136	1,727
Royalston.....	219	210	48	477
Rutland.....	1,167	1,667	201	3,035
Shrewsbury.....	4,950	6,891	1,318	13,159
Southborough.....	1,557	2,483	325	4,365
Southbridge.....	2,253	2,379	511	5,143
Spencer.....	1,639	2,060	275	3,974
Sterling.....	1,191	1,871	331	3,393
Sturbridge.....	1,429	2,058	246	3,733
Sutton.....	1,390	2,086	369	3,845
Templeton.....	1,189	1,350	172	2,711
Upton.....	1,141	1,557	209	2,907
Uxbridge.....	1,997	2,646	392	5,035
Warren.....	654	805	203	1,662
Webster.....	1,812	2,216	492	4,520
West Boylston.....	1,216	1,597	272	3,085
West Brookfield.....	627	757	85	1,469
Westborough.....	2,450	3,587	653	6,690
Westminster.....	1,362	1,618	240	3,220
Winchendon.....	1,422	1,396	205	3,023
WORCESTER.....	18,743	17,285	6,240	42,268
TOTALS.....	107,708	127,983	27,150	262,841

