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COUNTY TREASURER (TO FILL VACANCY)

Bristol County	Democratic Primary			
	Christopher T. Saunders of New Bedford	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Acushnet	656	0	167	823
ATTLEBORO	1,157	6	480	1,643
Berkley	180	0	68	248
Dartmouth	2,127	3	730	2,860
Dighton	186	1	65	252
Easton	1,048	3	598	1,649
Fairhaven	1,357	7	451	1,815
FALL RIVER	5,861	17	3,035	8,913
Freetown	320	2	95	417
Mansfield	553	4	220	777
NEW BEDFORD	5,387	55	1,477	6,919
North Attleborough	362	0	136	498
Norton	386	0	141	527
Raynham	237	0	80	317
Rehoboth	165	0	52	217
Seekonk	258	3	52	313
Somerset	1,126	0	373	1,499
Swansea	517	0	151	668
TAUNTON	1,601	0	807	2,408
Westport	1,165	0	475	1,640
TOTALS	**24,649**	**101**	**9,653**	**34,403**

Bristol County	Republican Primary			
	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Acushnet	0	0	236	236
ATTLEBORO	0	95	946	1,041
Berkley	0	12	203	215
Dartmouth	0	0	615	615
Dighton	0	7	196	203
Easton	0	65	726	791
Fairhaven	0	23	370	393
FALL RIVER	0	3	1,195	1,198
Freetown	0	24	248	272
Mansfield	0	48	670	718
NEW BEDFORD	0	66	792	858
North Attleborough	0	8	644	652
Norton	0	3	558	561
Raynham	0	0	339	339
Rehoboth	0	0	276	276
Seekonk	0	26	311	337
Somerset	0	1	470	471
Swansea	0	0	297	297
TAUNTON	0	0	1,101	1,101
Westport	0	0	348	348
TOTALS	**0**	**381**	**10,541**	**10,922**

COUNTY TREASURER (TO FILL VACANCY)

Bristol County	State Election			
	Christopher T. Saunders of New Bedford Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Acushnet	4,182	8	1,208	5,398
ATTLEBORO	13,724	87	5,618	19,429
Berkley	2,291	20	1,027	3,338
Dartmouth	11,818	40	4,341	16,199
Dighton	2,512	37	1,137	3,686
Easton	6,736	95	5,315	12,146
Fairhaven	5,910	41	2,340	8,291
FALL RIVER	21,250	15	8,988	30,253
Freetown	3,220	42	1,439	4,701
Mansfield	8,077	1	4,081	12,159
NEW BEDFORD	26,667	240	6,747	33,654
North Attleborough	9,829	56	4,450	14,335
Norton	6,119	31	2,979	9,129
Raynham	4,680	0	2,336	7,016
Rehoboth	4,443	0	1,899	6,342
Seekonk	5,245	64	2,031	7,340
Somerset	7,281	3	2,822	10,106
Swansea	5,516	0	2,428	7,944
TAUNTON	15,496	122	7,615	23,233
Westport	5,862	0	2,829	8,691
TOTALS	**170,858**	**902**	**71,630**	**243,390**

QUESTION 1

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 on or before May 1, 2012?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any motor vehicle manufacturer, starting with model year 2015, from selling or leasing, either directly or through a dealer, a new motor vehicle without allowing the owner to have access to the same diagnostic and repair information made available to the manufacturer's dealers and in-state authorized repair facilities.

The manufacturer would have to allow the owner, or the owner's designated in-state independent repair facility (one not affiliated with a manufacturer or its authorized dealers), to obtain diagnostic and repair information electronically, on an hourly, daily, monthly, or yearly subscription basis, for no more than fair market value and on terms that do not unfairly favor dealers and authorized repair facilities.

The manufacturer would have to provide access to the information through a non-proprietary vehicle interface, using a standard applied in federal emissions-control regulations. Such information would have to include the same content, and be in the same form and accessible in the same manner, as is provided to the manufacturer's dealers and authorized repair facilities.

For vehicles manufactured from 2002 through model year 2014, the proposed law would require a manufacturer of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to make available for purchase, by vehicle owners and in-state independent repair facilities, the same diagnostic and repair information that the manufacturer makes available through an electronic system to its dealers and in-state authorized repair facilities. Manufacturers would have to make such information available in the same form and manner, and to the same extent, as they do for dealers and authorized repair facilities. The information would be available for purchase on an hourly, daily, monthly, or yearly subscription basis, for no more than fair market value and on terms that do not unfairly favor dealers and authorized repair facilities.

For vehicles manufactured from 2002 through model year 2014, the proposed law would also require manufacturers to make available for purchase, by vehicle owners and in-state independent repair facilities, all diagnostic repair tools, incorporating the same diagnostic, repair and wireless capabilities as those available to dealers and authorized repair facilities. Such tools would have to be made available for no more than fair market value and on terms that do not unfairly favor dealers and authorized repair facilities.

For all years covered by the proposed law, the required diagnostic and repair information would not include the information necessary to reset a vehicle immobilizer, an anti-theft device that prevents a vehicle from being started unless the correct key code is present. Such information would have to be made available to dealers, repair facilities, and owners through a separate, secure data release system.

The proposed law would not require a manufacturer to reveal a trade secret and would not interfere with any agreement made by a manufacturer, dealer, or authorized repair facility that is in force on the effective date of the proposed law. Starting January 1, 2013, the proposed law would prohibit any agreement that waives or limits a manufacturer's compliance with the proposed law.

Any violation of the proposed law would be treated as a violation of existing state consumer protection and unfair trade-practices laws.

A YES VOTE would enact the proposed law requiring motor vehicle manufacturers to allow vehicle owners and independent repair facilities in Massachusetts to have access to the same vehicle diagnostic and repair nformation made available to the manufacturers' Massachusetts dealers and authorized repair facilities.

A NO VOTE would make no change in existing laws.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
BARNSTABLE	100,194	74.96%	15,852	11.86%	17,609	13.17%	133,655
BERKSHIRE	43,051	66.40%	13,325	20.55%	8,456	13.04%	64,832
BRISTOL	174,444	71.67%	30,818	12.66%	38,128	15.67%	243,390
DUKES	8,631	78.26%	948	8.60%	1,450	13.15%	11,029
ESSEX	272,066	73.91%	46,713	12.69%	49,323	13.40%	368,102
FRANKLIN	28,945	76.12%	4,607	12.12%	4,474	11.77%	38,026
HAMPDEN	144,256	71.46%	28,483	14.11%	29,144	14.44%	201,883
HAMPSHIRE	62,907	76.52%	8,312	10.11%	10,996	13.37%	82,215
MIDDLESEX	570,078	75.27%	88,828	11.73%	98,474	13.00%	757,380
NANTUCKET	4,616	75.12%	685	11.15%	844	13.73%	6,145
NORFOLK	264,506	73.83%	42,550	11.88%	51,207	14.29%	358,263
PLYMOUTH	196,095	76.08%	29,442	11.42%	32,197	12.49%	257,734
SUFFOLK	202,198	69.56%	35,378	12.17%	53,098	18.27%	290,674
WORCESTER	281,616	75.93%	46,621	12.57%	42,631	11.49%	370,868
TOTALS	2,353,603	73.92%	392,562	12.33%	438,031	13.76%	3,184,196

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	19,139	3,114	3,481	25,734
Bourne	7,072	1,727	1,475	10,274
Brewster	4,988	725	866	6,579
Chatham	3,552	515	587	4,654
Dennis	6,961	1,004	1,357	9,322
Eastham	2,869	347	486	3,702
Falmouth	14,654	2,261	2,728	19,643
Harwich	6,352	938	915	8,205
Mashpee	6,029	1,036	1,277	8,342
Orleans	3,566	484	498	4,548
Provincetown	2,027	207	156	2,390
Sandwich	9,625	1,443	1,484	12,552
Truro	1,263	127	86	1,476
Wellfleet	1,892	215	146	2,253
Yarmouth	10,205	1,709	2,067	13,981
TOTALS	**100,194**	**15,852**	**17,609**	**133,655**
Berkshire County				
Adams	2,589	917	425	3,931
Alford	234	57	15	306
Becket	659	141	175	975
Cheshire	1,224	413	124	1,761
Clarksburg	620	207	38	865
Dalton	2,152	744	521	3,417
Egremont	632	143	69	844
Florida	278	83	32	393
Great Barrington	2,514	560	547	3,621
Hancock	271	88	24	383
Hinsdale	768	240	59	1,067
Lanesborough	987	364	261	1,612
Lee	1,897	610	493	3,000
Lenox	1,932	696	451	3,079
Monterey	409	87	40	536
Mount Washington	94	8	8	110
New Ashford	105	42	8	155
New Marlborough	647	144	51	842
NORTH ADAMS	3,849	1,128	834	5,811
Otis	612	116	106	834

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Aquinnah	258	28	13	299
Chilmark	632	53	53	738
Edgartown	1,994	238	352	2,584
Gosnold	69	12	6	87
Oak Bluffs	2,158	274	376	2,808
Tisbury	1,852	206	465	2,523
West Tisbury	1,668	137	185	1,990
TOTALS	**8,631**	**948**	**1,450**	**11,029**
Essex County				
Amesbury	6,620	858	1,045	8,523
Andover	14,588	2,333	1,909	18,830
BEVERLY	15,763	2,543	2,714	21,020
Boxford	4,097	568	528	5,193
Danvers	11,324	1,855	1,459	14,638
Essex	1,768	268	144	2,180
Georgetown	3,820	553	574	4,947
GLOUCESTER	11,807	1,531	2,351	15,689
Groveland	3,020	492	490	4,002
Hamilton	3,453	485	591	4,529
HAVERHILL	20,504	3,710	3,909	28,123
Ipswich	6,380	963	1,070	8,413
LAWRENCE	11,872	4,313	5,867	22,052
LYNN	23,126	4,360	4,771	32,257
Lynnfield	5,593	885	814	7,292
Manchester-By-The-Sea	2,690	372	481	3,543
Marblehead	9,519	1,239	1,946	12,704
Merrimac	2,782	399	423	3,604
Methuen	15,435	3,464	2,773	21,672
Middleton	3,599	494	563	4,656
Nahant	1,829	234	257	2,320
Newbury	3,452	437	592	4,481
NEWBURYPORT	8,850	1,031	1,182	11,063
North Andover	11,869	2,090	1,384	15,343
PEABODY	19,821	3,793	3,502	27,116

Peru	357	97	21	475
PITTSFIELD	12,775	4,310	3,098	20,183
Richmond	597	231	117	945
Sandisfield	348	89	24	461
Savoy	273	74	12	359
Sheffield	1,343	362	137	1,842
Stockbridge	804	229	184	1,217
Tyringham	179	67	15	261
Washington	237	68	15	320
West Stockbridge	649	177	63	889
Williamstown	2,634	702	474	3,810
Windsor	382	131	15	528
TOTALS	**43,051**	**13,325**	**8,456**	**64,832**

Bristol County

Acushnet	3,682	799	917	5,398
Attleboro	14,497	2,340	2,592	19,429
Berkley	2,633	393	312	3,338
Dartmouth	11,826	1,953	2,420	16,199
Dighton	2,904	435	347	3,686
Easton	9,235	1,369	1,542	12,146
Fairhaven	6,372	1,040	879	8,291
FALL RIVER	18,380	4,255	7,618	30,253
Freetown	3,624	599	478	4,701
Mansfield	9,658	1,325	1,176	12,159
NEW BEDFORD	21,619	4,984	7,051	33,654
North Attleborough	10,589	1,648	2,098	14,335
Norton	7,395	1,024	710	9,129
Raynham	5,628	796	592	7,016
Rehoboth	4,525	826	991	6,342
Seekonk	5,430	958	952	7,340
Somerset	7,073	1,215	1,818	10,106
Swansea	6,008	1,024	912	7,944
TAUNTON	16,954	2,683	3,596	23,233
Westport	6,412	1,152	1,127	8,691
TOTALS	**174,444**	**30,818**	**38,128**	**243,390**

Rockport	3,998	454	322	4,774
Rowley	2,837	412	345	3,594
SALEM	14,100	2,386	3,361	19,847
Salisbury	3,321	467	526	4,314
Saugus	10,862	1,805	1,154	13,821
Swampscott	6,281	888	1,131	8,300
Topsfield	3,111	464	517	4,092
Wenham	1,727	274	372	2,373
West Newbury	2,248	293	256	2,797
TOTALS	**272,066**	**46,713**	**49,323**	**368,102**

Franklin County

Ashfield	954	114	62	1,130
Bernardston	809	145	227	1,181
Buckland	774	124	157	1,055
Charlemont	534	65	44	643
Colrain	703	126	64	893
Conway	1,061	136	63	1,260
Deerfield	2,342	352	342	3,036
Erving	581	108	89	778
Gill	659	124	117	900
Greenfield	5,895	1,002	1,577	8,474
Hawley	160	30	11	201
Heath	357	57	21	435
Leverett	1,051	126	65	1,242
Leyden	362	67	34	463
Monroe	38	13	2	53
Montague	3,349	595	309	4,253
New Salem	482	87	39	608
Northfield	1,156	200	282	1,638
Orange	2,421	467	381	3,269
Rowe	195	33	15	243
Shelburne	853	135	164	1,152
Shutesbury	1,094	92	73	1,259
Sunderland	1,482	191	204	1,877
Warwick	360	63	35	458
Wendell	469	53	39	561
Whately	804	102	58	964
TOTALS	**28,945**	**4,607**	**4,474**	**38,026**

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Agawam	10,676	1,782	1,985	14,443
Blandford	538	102	27	667
Brimfield	1,641	310	103	2,054
Chester	546	96	25	667
CHICOPEE	16,391	3,104	3,709	23,204
East Longmeadow	6,448	1,034	1,278	8,760
Granville	706	137	57	900
Hampden	2,331	376	211	2,918
Holland	998	168	168	1,334
HOLYOKE	10,935	2,669	2,967	16,571
Longmeadow	7,114	1,068	1,336	9,518
Ludlow	6,852	1,262	1,612	9,726
Monson	3,053	408	853	4,314
Montgomery	417	66	27	510
Palmer	4,222	614	830	5,666
Russell	651	106	40	797
Southwick	3,835	594	509	4,938
SPRINGFIELD	38,050	9,865	7,828	55,743
Tolland	229	36	14	279
Wales	730	96	109	935
West Springfield	8,354	1,458	1,783	11,595
WESTFIELD	13,298	2,159	2,518	17,975
Wilbraham	6,241	973	1,155	8,369
TOTALS	**144,256**	**28,483**	**29,144**	**201,883**
Hampshire County				
Amherst	12,410	1,336	1,774	15,520
Belchertown	5,818	716	1,171	7,705
Chesterfield	593	96	34	723
Cummington	457	50	31	538
Easthampton	7,152	936	991	9,079
Goshen	518	62	36	616
Granby	2,373	317	841	3,531
Hadley	2,416	356	358	3,130
Hatfield	1,586	237	226	2,049
Huntington	931	126	56	1,113

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (cont.)				
MELROSE	12,353	1,700	1,583	15,636
Natick	14,744	2,089	2,031	18,864
NEWTON	33,266	4,104	7,831	45,201
North Reading	7,146	1,009	649	8,804
Pepperell	5,174	796	558	6,528
Reading	11,835	1,600	1,013	14,448
Sherborn	2,122	250	317	2,689
Shirley	2,536	420	190	3,146
SOMERVILLE	27,061	4,505	3,924	35,490
Stoneham	10,006	1,535	984	12,525
Stow	3,348	501	439	4,288
Sudbury	8,332	1,104	1,243	10,679
Tewksbury	12,641	2,016	1,602	16,259
Townsend	3,954	585	417	4,956
Tyngsborough	4,923	821	591	6,335
Wakefield	11,595	1,730	1,294	14,619
WALTHAM	17,993	3,012	4,396	25,401
Watertown	12,721	1,666	2,476	16,863
Wayland	6,350	839	1,121	8,310
Westford	10,275	1,599	1,102	12,976
Weston	5,108	810	802	6,720
Wilmington	8,109	2,692	1,802	12,603
Winchester	10,453	1,341	1,183	12,977
WOBURN	15,363	2,392	1,731	19,486
TOTALS	**570,078**	**88,828**	**98,474**	**757,380**
Nantucket County				
Nantucket	4,616	685	844	6,145
TOTALS	**4,616**	**685**	**844**	**6,145**

Middlefield	235	46	13	294
NORTHAMPTON	11,995	1,640	2,792	16,427
Pelham	715	87	92	894
Plainfield	327	43	22	392
South Hadley	6,703	1,001	1,215	8,919
Southampton	2,784	404	368	3,556
Ware	3,143	516	642	4,301
Westhampton	886	113	65	1,064
Williamsburg	1,268	141	225	1,634
Worthington	597	89	44	730
TOTALS	**62,907**	**8,312**	**10,996**	**82,215**

Middlesex County

Acton	9,462	1,244	1,316	12,022
Arlington	19,862	2,475	3,916	26,253
Ashby	1,498	238	107	1,843
Ashland	6,767	1,015	793	8,575
Ayer	2,854	447	367	3,668
Bedford	6,010	849	860	7,719
Belmont	10,812	1,582	1,996	14,390
Billerica	15,509	2,621	2,116	20,246
Boxborough	2,297	371	297	2,965
Burlington	10,118	1,761	1,529	13,408
CAMBRIDGE	36,971	4,798	8,980	50,749
Carlisle	2,755	366	253	3,374
Chelmsford	15,140	2,404	2,120	19,664
Concord	8,352	1,280	1,423	11,055
Dracut	11,301	2,120	1,898	15,319
Dunstable	1,481	226	194	1,901
EVERETT	7,688	1,944	3,609	13,241
Framingham	21,156	3,385	3,522	28,063
Groton	4,785	640	937	6,362
Holliston	6,815	849	672	8,336
Hopkinton	7,053	989	661	8,703
Hudson	8,017	1,375	688	10,080
Lexington	13,732	1,825	2,882	18,439
Lincoln	2,861	376	513	3,750
Littleton	4,238	620	583	5,441
LOWELL	23,019	4,751	6,456	34,226
MALDEN	15,579	2,979	2,647	21,205
MARLBOROUGH	12,667	2,144	2,010	16,821
Maynard	4,520	681	616	5,817
MEDFORD	19,351	3,357	5,234	27,942

Norfolk County

Avon	1,674	300	439	2,413
Bellingham	3,246	4,389	949	8,584
Braintree	14,817	2,194	2,660	19,671
Brookline	21,756	2,863	4,170	28,789
Canton	9,098	1,290	2,083	12,471
Cohasset	3,771	540	607	4,918
Dedham	9,882	1,502	2,382	13,766
Dover	2,759	394	440	3,593
Foxborough	7,360	1,038	1,385	9,783
Franklin	13,586	1,903	2,057	17,546
Holbrook	4,197	669	680	5,546
Medfield	5,738	798	934	7,470
Medway	5,883	792	620	7,295
Millis	3,575	523	677	4,775
Milton	11,239	1,674	3,054	15,967
Needham	12,766	1,669	2,991	17,426
Norfolk	4,578	567	596	5,741
Norwood	10,820	1,486	2,634	14,940
Plainville	3,362	482	644	4,488
QUINCY	30,110	4,641	5,883	40,634
Randolph	10,181	1,939	3,071	15,191
Sharon	8,353	890	1,155	10,398
Stoughton	10,431	1,678	1,880	13,989
Walpole	10,889	1,501	1,713	14,103
Wellesley	10,958	1,767	2,456	15,181
Westwood	6,672	967	1,490	9,129
Weymouth	21,847	3,381	2,861	28,089
Wrentham	4,958	713	696	6,367
TOTALS	**264,506**	**42,550**	**51,207**	**358,263**

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Abington	6,627	927	789	8,343
Bridgewater	9,193	1,339	1,583	12,115
BROCKTON	22,192	4,826	7,467	34,485
Carver	4,800	632	654	6,086
Duxbury	7,521	1,020	1,158	9,699
East Bridgewater	5,759	846	761	7,366
Halifax	3,204	458	442	4,104
Hanover	6,578	1,008	810	8,396
Hanson	4,281	634	710	5,625
Hingham	10,946	1,594	1,711	14,251
Hull	4,777	639	695	6,111
Kingston	5,544	695	767	7,006
Lakeville	4,604	684	613	5,901
Marion	2,467	371	403	3,241
Marshfield	11,975	1,662	1,518	15,155
Mattapoisett	3,048	453	577	4,078
Middleborough	8,713	1,296	1,617	11,626
Norwell	5,112	712	686	6,510
Pembroke	7,860	1,082	899	9,841
Plymouth	23,994	3,198	2,929	30,121
Plympton	1,427	218	107	1,752
Rochester	2,413	392	341	3,146
Rockland	6,999	1,056	776	8,831
Scituate	8,868	1,135	1,480	11,483
Wareham	8,182	1,253	1,541	10,976
West Bridgewater	3,013	432	544	3,989
Whitman	5,998	880	619	7,497
TOTALS	**196,095**	**29,442**	**32,197**	**257,734**
Suffolk County				
BOSTON	177,356	30,066	47,599	255,021
CHELSEA	5,451	1,421	1,771	8,643
REVERE	12,356	2,795	2,863	18,014
Winthrop	7,035	1,096	865	8,996
TOTALS	**202,198**	**35,378**	**53,098**	**290,674**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Ashburnham	2,605	364	285	3,254
Athol	3,634	708	428	4,770
Auburn	6,826	1,048	998	8,872
Barre	2,053	325	330	2,708
Berlin	1,496	206	112	1,814
Blackstone	3,284	575	485	4,344
Bolton	2,420	366	300	3,086
Boylston	2,139	334	220	2,693
Brookfield	1,345	205	193	1,743
Charlton	5,420	766	560	6,746
Clinton	5,009	918	639	6,566
Douglas	3,644	491	409	4,544
Dudley	3,860	670	588	5,118
East Brookfield	884	145	128	1,157
FITCHBURG	10,983	1,948	1,622	14,553
GARDNER	6,244	1,064	971	8,279
Grafton	7,532	1,075	923	9,530
Hardwick	1,009	130	183	1,322
Harvard	2,896	360	386	3,642
Holden	8,170	1,318	1,121	10,609
Hopedale	2,594	396	324	3,314
Hubbardston	2,003	266	362	2,631
Lancaster	3,020	423	300	3,743
Leicester	4,238	716	641	5,595
LEOMINSTER	13,793	2,451	2,529	18,773
Lunenburg	4,712	732	504	5,948
Mendon	2,652	360	426	3,438
Milford	9,370	1,618	1,963	12,951
Millbury	5,199	854	774	6,827
Millville	1,304	190	71	1,565
New Braintree	433	87	40	560
North Brookfield	1,827	327	232	2,386
Northborough	6,651	986	873	8,510
Northbridge	6,004	949	776	7,729
Oakham	935	149	68	1,152

Oxford	5,083	724	736	6,543
Paxton	1,924	349	287	2,560
Petersham	662	105	55	822
Phillipston	802	105	48	955
Princeton	1,793	231	306	2,330
Royalston	552	90	36	678
Rutland	3,559	555	401	4,515
Shrewsbury	14,130	2,284	1,840	18,254
Southborough	4,771	604	492	5,867
Southbridge	4,730	1,123	880	6,733
Spencer	4,228	785	562	5,575
Sterling	3,784	595	464	4,843
Sturbridge	4,162	657	479	5,298
Sutton	4,113	698	591	5,402
Templeton	2,905	465	444	3,814
Upton	3,347	486	409	4,242
Uxbridge	5,682	884	656	7,222
Warren	1,723	313	292	2,328
Webster	5,099	901	762	6,762
West Boylston	3,214	495	506	4,215
West Brookfield	1,504	230	228	1,962
Westborough	7,136	1,024	1,097	9,257
Westminster	3,353	570	387	4,310
Winchendon	3,175	597	429	4,201
WORCESTER	43,997	8,231	9,480	61,708
TOTALS	**281,616**	**46,621**	**42,631**	**370,868**

QUESTION 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 1, 2012?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow a physician licensed in Massachusetts to prescribe medication, at a terminally ill patient's request, to end that patient's life. To qualify, a patient would have to be an adult resident who (1) is medically determined to be mentally capable of making and communicating health care decisions; (2) has been diagnosed by attending and consulting physicians as having an incurable, irreversible disease that will, within reasonable medical judgment, cause death within six months; and (3) voluntarily expresses a wish to die and has made an informed decision. The proposed law states that the patient would ingest the medicine in order to cause death in a humane and dignified manner.

The proposed law would require the patient, directly or through a person familiar with the patient's manner of communicating, to orally communicate to a physician on two occasions, 15 days apart, the patient's request for the medication. At the time of the second request, the physician would have to offer the patient an opportunity to rescind the request. The patient would also have to sign a standard form, in the presence of two witnesses, one of whom is not a relative, a beneficiary of the patient's estate, or an owner, operator, or employee of a health care facility where the patient receives treatment or lives.

The proposed law would require the attending physician to: (1) determine if the patient is qualified; (2) inform the patient of his or her medical diagnosis and prognosis, the potential risks and probable result of ingesting the medication, and the feasible alternatives, including comfort care, hospice care and pain control; (3) refer the patient to a consulting physician for a diagnosis and prognosis regarding the patient's disease, and confirmation in writing that the patient is capable, acting voluntarily, and making an informed decision; (4) refer the patient for psychiatric or psychological consultation if the physician believes the patient may have a disorder causing impaired judgment; (5) recommend that the patient notify next of kin of the patient's intention; (6) recommend that the patient have another person present when the patient ingests the medicine and to not take it in a public place; (7) inform the patient that he or she may rescind the request at any time; (8) write the prescription when the requirements of the law are met, including verifying that the patient is making an informed decision; and (9) arrange for the medicine to be dispensed directly to the patient, or the patient's agent, but not by mail or courier.

The proposed law would make it punishable by imprisonment and/or fines, for anyone to (1) coerce a patient to request medication, (2) forge a request, or (3) conceal a rescission of a request. The proposed law would not authorize ending a patient's life by lethal injection, active euthanasia, or mercy killing. The death certificate would list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death.

Participation under the proposed law would be voluntary. An unwilling health care provider could prohibit or sanction another health care provider for participating while on the premises of, or while acting as an employee of or contractor for, the unwilling provider.

The proposed law states that no person would be civilly or criminally liable or subject to professional discipline for actions that comply with the law, including actions taken in good faith that substantially comply. It also states that it should not be interpreted to lower the applicable standard of care for any health care provider.

A person's decision to make or rescind a request could not be restricted by will or contract made on or after January 1, 2013, and could not be considered in issuing, or setting the rates for, insurance policies or annuities. Also, the proposed law would require the attending physician to report each case in which life-ending medication is dispensed to the state Department of Public Health. The Department would provide public access to statistical data compiled from the reports.

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

A YES VOTE would enact the proposed law allowing a physician licensed in Massachusetts to prescribe medication, at the request of a terminally-ill patient meeting certain conditions, to end that person's life.

A NO VOTE would make no change in existing laws.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
BARNSTABLE	65,684	49.14%	63,024	47.15%	4,947	3.70%	133,655
BERKSHIRE	36,302	55.99%	25,414	39.20%	3,116	4.81%	64,832
BRISTOL	99,171	40.75%	130,417	53.58%	13,802	5.67%	243,390
DUKES	7,032	63.76%	3,491	31.65%	506	4.59%	11,029
ESSEX	166,442	45.22%	181,646	49.35%	20,014	5.44%	368,102
FRANKLIN	22,948	60.35%	13,578	35.71%	1,500	3.94%	38,026
HAMPDEN	77,007	38.14%	110,909	54.94%	13,967	6.92%	201,883
HAMPSHIRE	48,580	59.09%	30,227	36.77%	3,408	4.15%	82,215
MIDDLESEX	378,931	50.03%	338,692	44.72%	39,757	5.25%	757,380
NANTUCKET	3,804	61.90%	2,029	33.02%	312	5.08%	6,145
NORFOLK	163,224	45.56%	176,839	49.36%	18,200	5.08%	358,263
PLYMOUTH	113,474	44.03%	134,239	52.08%	10,021	3.89%	257,734
SUFFOLK	122,985	42.31%	131,707	45.31%	35,982	12.38%	290,674
WORCESTER	161,282	43.49%	192,545	51.92%	17,041	4.59%	370,868
TOTALS	1,466,866	46.07%	1,534,757	48.20%	182,573	5.73%	3,184,196

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	12,029	12,649	1,056	25,734
Bourne	4,905	5,099	270	10,274
Brewster	3,421	2,859	299	6,579
Chatham	2,408	2,046	200	4,654
Dennis	4,281	4,656	385	9,322
Eastham	1,970	1,639	93	3,702
Falmouth	10,026	8,899	718	19,643
Harwich	4,031	3,888	286	8,205
Mashpee	3,829	4,247	266	8,342
Orleans	2,496	1,901	151	4,548
Provincetown	1,802	500	88	2,390
Sandwich	5,789	6,371	392	12,552
Truro	989	444	43	1,476
Wellfleet	1,489	703	61	2,253
Yarmouth	6,219	7,123	639	13,981
TOTALS	**65,684**	**63,024**	**4,947**	**133,655**
Berkshire County				
Adams	1,929	1,864	138	3,931
Alford	238	61	7	306
Becket	687	251	37	975
Cheshire	930	781	50	1,761
Clarksburg	410	437	18	865
Dalton	1,681	1,643	93	3,417
Egremont	623	178	43	844
Florida	214	154	25	393
Great Barrington	2,278	1,168	175	3,621
Hancock	257	110	16	383
Hinsdale	635	386	46	1,067
Lanesborough	1,016	535	61	1,612
Lee	1,531	1,331	138	3,000
Lenox	1,731	1,140	208	3,079
Monterey	376	128	32	536
Mount Washington	87	15	8	110
New Ashford	120	31	4	155
New Marlborough	602	217	23	842
NORTH ADAMS	2,926	2,543	342	5,811
Otis	527	280	27	834

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Aquinnah	205	84	10	299
Chilmark	546	154	38	738
Edgartown	1,515	922	147	2,584
Gosnold	60	24	3	87
Oak Bluffs	1,646	1,010	152	2,808
Tisbury	1,598	830	95	2,523
West Tisbury	1,462	467	61	1,990
TOTALS	**7,032**	**3,491**	**506**	**11,029**
Essex County				
Amesbury	4,567	3,686	270	8,523
Andover	9,345	8,879	606	18,830
BEVERLY	9,944	10,287	789	21,020
Boxford	2,776	2,292	125	5,193
Danvers	6,457	7,816	365	14,638
Essex	1,248	876	56	2,180
Georgetown	2,402	2,405	140	4,947
GLOUCESTER	8,086	6,781	822	15,689
Groveland	1,969	1,917	116	4,002
Hamilton	2,261	2,137	131	4,529
HAVERHILL	12,452	14,450	1,221	28,123
Ipswich	4,494	3,673	246	8,413
LAWRENCE	5,241	11,905	4,906	22,052
LYNN	11,839	17,151	3,267	32,257
Lynnfield	3,102	3,875	315	7,292
Manchester-by-the-Sea	1,991	1,465	87	3,543
Marblehead	7,228	5,088	388	12,704
Merrimac	1,805	1,676	123	3,604
Methuen	8,130	12,530	1,012	21,672
Middleton	2,183	2,360	113	4,656
Nahant	1,190	1,042	88	2,320
Newbury	2,557	1,819	105	4,481
NEWBURYPORT	6,390	4,266	407	11,063
North Andover	6,839	8,020	484	15,343
PEABODY	10,730	14,866	1,520	27,116

Peru	320	142	13	475
PITTSFIELD	10,167	8,846	1,170	20,183
Richmond	577	308	60	945
Sandisfield	310	135	16	461
Savoy	232	118	9	359
Sheffield	1,140	627	75	1,842
Stockbridge	787	352	78	1,217
Tyringham	150	102	9	261
Washington	214	94	12	320
West Stockbridge	641	214	34	889
Williamstown	2,600	1,078	132	3,810
Windsor	366	145	17	528
TOTALS	**36,302**	**25,414**	**3,116**	**64,832**

Bristol County

Acushnet	1,879	3,221	298	5,398
ATTLEBORO	8,539	9,758	1,132	19,429
Berkley	1,531	1,692	115	3,338
Dartmouth	6,949	8,671	579	16,199
Dighton	1,552	1,980	154	3,686
Easton	5,447	6,159	540	12,146
Fairhaven	3,647	4,209	435	8,291
FALL RIVER	10,028	17,181	3,044	30,253
Freetown	2,138	2,420	143	4,701
Mansfield	5,646	5,978	535	12,159
NEW BEDFORD	11,613	19,343	2,698	33,654
North Attleborough	6,445	7,477	413	14,335
Norton	4,282	4,594	253	9,129
Raynham	2,932	3,798	286	7,016
Rehoboth	2,950	3,121	271	6,342
Seekonk	3,397	3,622	321	7,340
Somerset	3,970	5,619	517	10,106
Swansea	3,330	4,354	260	7,944
TAUNTON	9,007	12,976	1,250	23,233
Westport	3,889	4,244	558	8,691
TOTALS	**99,171**	**130,417**	**13,802**	**243,390**

Rockport	2,650	1,953	171	4,774
Rowley	1,876	1,624	94	3,594
SALEM	9,666	9,454	727	19,847
Salisbury	2,241	1,913	160	4,314
Saugus	5,727	7,568	526	13,821
Swampscott	4,301	3,701	298	8,300
Topsfield	1,992	1,909	191	4,092
Wenham	1,216	1,095	62	2,373
West Newbury	1,547	1,167	83	2,797
TOTALS	**166,442**	**181,646**	**20,014**	**368,102**

Franklin County

Ashfield	802	288	40	1,130
Bernardston	637	484	60	1,181
Buckland	636	375	44	1,055
Charlemont	387	231	25	643
Colrain	540	323	30	893
Conway	879	352	29	1,260
Deerfield	1,752	1,188	96	3,036
Erving	385	367	26	778
Gill	555	307	38	900
Greenfield	4,932	3,067	475	8,474
Hawley	119	75	7	201
Heath	245	181	9	435
Leverett	945	260	37	1,242
Leyden	316	130	17	463
Monroe	26	24	3	53
Montague	2,483	1,627	143	4,253
New Salem	385	199	24	608
Northfield	937	659	42	1,638
Orange	1,627	1,497	145	3,269
Rowe	144	87	12	243
Shelburne	773	326	53	1,152
Shutesbury	981	242	36	1,259
Sunderland	1,151	680	46	1,877
Warwick	278	161	19	458
Wendell	436	107	18	561
Whately	597	341	26	964
TOTALS	**22,948**	**13,578**	**1,500**	**38,026**

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Agawam	6,088	7,801	554	14,443
Blandford	355	298	14	667
Brimfield	975	1,040	39	2,054
Chester	343	313	11	667
CHICOPEE	8,801	13,537	866	23,204
East Longmeadow	3,584	4,728	448	8,760
Granville	455	400	45	900
Hampden	1,248	1,556	114	2,918
Holland	658	608	68	1,334
HOLYOKE	5,679	8,984	1,908	16,571
Longmeadow	4,666	4,507	345	9,518
Ludlow	3,602	5,640	484	9,726
Monson	2,121	2,054	139	4,314
Montgomery	275	222	13	510
Palmer	2,315	3,116	235	5,666
Russell	406	382	9	797
Southwick	2,262	2,460	216	4,938
SPRINGFIELD	16,944	32,095	6,704	55,743
Tolland	152	117	10	279
Wales	511	391	33	935
West Springfield	4,516	6,532	547	11,595
WESTFIELD	7,718	9,609	648	17,975
Wilbraham	3,333	4,519	517	8,369
TOTALS	**77,007**	**110,909**	**13,967**	**201,883**
Hampshire County				
Amherst	10,823	4,083	614	15,520
Belchertown	3,950	3,530	225	7,705
Chesterfield	468	240	15	723
Cummington	373	147	18	538
Easthampton	4,977	3,829	273	9,079
Goshen	376	226	14	616
Granby	1,681	1,768	82	3,531
Hadley	1,711	1,269	150	3,130
Hatfield	1,134	869	46	2,049
Huntington	569	516	28	1,113

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (cont.)				
MELROSE	7,327	7,608	701	15,636
Natick	9,864	8,475	525	18,864
NEWTON	26,849	15,893	2,459	45,201
North Reading	3,799	4,742	263	8,804
Pepperell	3,273	3,068	187	6,528
Reading	6,660	7,380	408	14,448
Sherborn	1,587	1,027	75	2,689
Shirley	1,577	1,478	91	3,146
SOMERVILLE	21,453	11,971	2,066	35,490
Stoneham	5,250	6,763	512	12,525
Stow	2,358	1,748	182	4,288
Sudbury	6,077	4,262	340	10,679
Tewksbury	7,055	8,634	570	16,259
Townsend	2,478	2,294	184	4,956
Tyngsborough	2,909	3,166	260	6,335
Wakefield	6,158	7,759	702	14,619
WALTHAM	11,345	12,361	1,695	25,401
Watertown	8,831	7,088	944	16,863
Wayland	4,948	3,059	303	8,310
Westford	6,451	6,168	357	12,976
Weston	3,930	2,507	283	6,720
Wilmington	5,572	6,563	468	12,603
Winchester	6,588	5,835	554	12,977
WOBURN	7,945	10,489	1,052	19,486
TOTALS	**378,931**	**338,692**	**39,757**	**757,380**
Nantucket County				
Nantucket	3,804	2,029	312	6,145
TOTALS	**3,804**	**2,029**	**312**	**6,145**

Middlefield	198	93	3	294
NORTHAMPTON	11,123	4,074	1,230	16,427
Pelham	635	224	35	894
Plainfield	267	110	15	392
South Hadley	4,244	4,383	292	8,919
Southampton	1,829	1,615	112	3,556
Ware	1,930	2,212	159	4,301
Westhampton	657	383	24	1,064
Williamsburg	1,144	437	53	1,634
Worthington	491	219	20	730
TOTALS	**48,580**	**30,227**	**3,408**	**82,215**

Middlesex County

Acton	6,985	4,710	327	12,022
Arlington	14,545	10,699	1,009	26,253
Ashby	934	864	45	1,843
Ashland	4,424	3,890	261	8,575
Ayer	1,745	1,787	136	3,668
Bedford	4,180	3,244	295	7,719
Belmont	7,775	5,898	717	14,390
Billerica	8,988	10,686	572	20,246
Boxborough	1,672	1,198	95	2,965
Burlington	5,504	7,392	512	13,408
CAMBRIDGE	31,962	14,930	3,857	50,749
Carlisle	2,098	1,176	100	3,374
Chelmsford	8,887	10,134	643	19,664
Concord	6,600	4,044	411	11,055
Dracut	6,143	8,371	805	15,319
Dunstable	1,030	816	55	1,901
EVERETT	4,542	7,360	1,339	13,241
Framingham	13,216	13,082	1,765	28,063
Groton	3,428	2,546	388	6,362
Holliston	4,057	4,025	254	8,336
Hopkinton	4,464	3,964	275	8,703
Hudson	4,774	4,965	341	10,080
Lexington	10,865	6,711	863	18,439
Lincoln	2,382	1,239	129	3,750
Littleton	2,903	2,391	147	5,441
LOWELL	12,540	17,057	4,629	34,226
MALDEN	8,438	10,865	1,902	21,205
MARLBOROUGH	7,782	8,175	864	16,821
Maynard	3,051	2,578	188	5,817
MEDFORD	12,733	13,557	1,652	27,942

Norfolk County

Avon	991	1,345	77	2,413
Bellingham	2,524	4,343	1,717	8,584
Braintree	7,860	10,920	891	19,671
Brookline	18,187	9,020	1,582	28,789
Canton	5,689	6,391	391	12,471
Cohasset	2,378	2,372	168	4,918
Dedham	6,056	6,968	742	13,766
Dover	1,928	1,548	117	3,593
Foxborough	4,455	5,064	264	9,783
Franklin	7,969	8,919	658	17,546
Holbrook	2,178	3,070	298	5,546
Medfield	3,443	3,693	334	7,470
Medway	3,400	3,704	191	7,295
Millis	2,360	2,288	127	4,775
Milton	6,675	8,652	640	15,967
Needham	8,799	7,688	939	17,426
Norfolk	2,791	2,804	146	5,741
Norwood	5,943	8,276	721	14,940
Plainville	2,130	2,223	135	4,488
QUINCY	17,194	20,202	3,238	40,634
Randolph	5,094	8,879	1,218	15,191
Sharon	6,085	4,059	254	10,398
Stoughton	5,818	7,577	594	13,989
Walpole	6,108	7,615	380	14,103
Wellesley	8,107	6,182	892	15,181
Westwood	4,177	4,534	418	9,129
Weymouth	11,912	15,276	901	28,089
Wrentham	2,973	3,227	167	6,367
TOTALS	**163,224**	**176,839**	**18,200**	**358,263**