QUESTION 9

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 4, 1994?*

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit rent control for most privately owned housing units in Massachusetts, and would nullify certain existing rent control laws, except that cities and towns would be authorized to adopt a restricted form of rent control for a six month period, after which compliance by property owners would be voluntary.

The proposed law would prohibit any city or town from enacting, maintaining or enforcing any law that requires below-market rents for residential properties. It would also prohibit the regulation of occupancy, services, evictions, condominium conversion, or the removal of the unit from rent control, if such regulation was part of a system requiring below-market rents. Existing state and local rent control laws would be nullified. The proposed law would not affect publicly owned or subsidized housing, federally assisted housing, or mobile homes.

Cities and towns would be authorized to adopt rent control for a six-month period on housing units that have a fair market rent of $400 or less and that are owned by a person or entity owning ten or more rental units. Such rent control could not include the regulation of occupancy, services, evictions, condominium conversion, or the removal of the unit from rent control. The city or town would have to pay the owners of rent-controlled units the difference between the controlled rent and the fair market rent. After six months, owners of rent-controlled units would not be required to comply with the rent control regulation or with any other such regulation that the city or town might adopt in the future.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 1995. The proposed law states that if any of its provisions were declared invalid, the other provisions would remain in effect.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
Barnstable	42,705	45.48%	44,213	47.09%	6,981	7.43%	93,899
Berkshire	17,281	34.58%	26,120	52.27%	6,566	13.14%	49,967
Bristol	69,273	41.76%	74,594	44.97%	21,999	13.26%	165,866
Dukes	2,317	38.55%	3,025	50.33%	668	11.11%	6,010
Essex	123,649	47.22%	110,855	42.34%	27,340	10.44%	261,844
Franklin	12,776	46.68%	12,356	45.14%	2,238	8.18%	27,370
Hampden	59,394	39.25%	73,168	48.35%	18,769	12.40%	151,331
Hampshire	19,049	34.85%	30,943	56.62%	4,661	8.53%	54,653
Middlesex	280,810	50.54%	232,126	41.78%	42,631	7.67%	555,568
Nantucket	1,271	42.44%	1,376	45.94%	348	11.62%	2,995
Norfolk	133,749	49.57%	116,487	43.17%	19,599	7.26%	269,835
Plymouth	83,494	49.75%	68,981	41.11%	15,336	9.14%	167,811
Suffolk	71,429	40.89%	76,255	43.65%	26,999	15.46%	174,683
Worcester	117,402	46.89%	110,237	44.03%	22,735	9.08%	250,374
TOTALS	1,034,599	46.35%	980,736	43.94%	216,870	9.72%	2,232,206

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	9,253	8,761	1,276	19,290
Bourne	2,782	2,925	799	6,506
Brewster	2,109	2,176	315	4,600
Chatham	1,869	1,754	270	3,893
Dennis	3,310	3,524	468	7,302
Eastham	1,150	1,385	139	2,674
Falmouth	5,840	6,524	1,235	13,599
Harwich	2,310	2,799	577	5,686
Mashpee	1,889	1,879	221	3,989
Orleans	1,691	1,547	302	3,540
Provincetown	599	1,031	151	1,781
Sandwich	3,798	3,493	450	7,741
Truro	347	531	38	916
Wellfleet	597	779	89	1,465
Yarmouth	5,161	5,105	651	10,917
TOTALS	**42,705**	**44,213**	**6,981**	**93,899**
Berkshire County				
Adams	1,199	2,154	414	3,767
Alford	58	102	24	184
Becket	228	285	47	560
Cheshire	496	790	139	1,425
Clarksburg	181	460	72	713
Dalton	1,004	1,337	255	2,596
Egremont	212	283	61	556
Florida	92	170	22	284
Great Barrington	776	1,363	413	2,552
Hancock	90	133	37	260
Hinsdale	241	336	57	634
Lanesborough	414	550	130	1,094
Lee	820	1,081	445	2,346
Lenox	927	1,160	335	2,422
Monterey	110	220	28	358
Mt. Washington	16	41	6	63
New Ashford	34	47	10	91
New Marlborough	189	231	51	471
NORTH ADAMS	1,308	2,795	551	4,654
Otis	152	247	50	449
Peru	105	139	19	263
PITTSFIELD	5,805	7,855	2,593	16,253
Richmond	308	401	63	772
Sandisfield	98	142	18	258
Savoy	68	141	21	230
Sheffield	455	664	104	1,223
Stockbridge	414	577	108	1,099
Tyringham	80	78	23	181

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (continued)				
Washington	92	125	16	233
West Stockbridge	229	334	69	632
Williamstown	951	1,682	348	2,981
Windsor	129	197	37	363
TOTALS	**17,281**	**26,120**	**6,566**	**49,967**
Bristol County				
Acushnet	1,618	1,672	485	3,775
ATTLEBORO	4,529	6,111	919	11,559
Berkley	739	746	136	1,621
Dartmouth	4,310	4,096	1,485	9,891
Dighton	874	1,131	210	2,215
Easton	4,583	3,179	530	8,292
Fairhaven	2,548	2,468	878	5,894
FALL RIVER	9,223	10,625	5,719	25,567
Freetown	1,398	1,463	213	3,074
Mansfield	3,607	3,025	455	7,087
NEW BEDFORD	10,868	11,351	3,399	25,618
North Attleborough	3,736	4,168	879	8,783
Norton	2,181	2,609	370	5,160
Raynham	1,943	2,034	392	4,369
Rehoboth	1,448	1,660	266	3,374
Seekonk	2,213	2,389	455	5,057
Somerset	3,267	3,815	879	7,961
Swansea	2,488	2,811	801	6,100
TAUNTON	5,456	6,956	2,662	15,074
Westport	2,244	2,285	866	5,395
TOTALS	**69,273**	**74,594**	**21,999**	**165,866**
Dukes County				
Chilmark	148	225	48	421
Edgartown	602	670	164	1,436
Gay Head	36	81	20	137
Gosnold	27	37	7	71
Oak Bluffs	587	703	170	1,460
Tisbury	530	771	156	1,457
West Tisbury	387	538	103	1,028
TOTALS	**2,317**	**3,025**	**668**	**6,010**
Essex County				
Amesbury	2,318	2,468	508	5,294
Andover	7,852	5,307	795	13,954
BEVERLY	7,074	7,256	1,589	15,919
Boxford	2,123	1,057	227	3,407
Danvers	4,924	4,839	983	10,746
Essex	812	672	97	1,581

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County (continued)				
Georgetown	1,392	1,236	325	2,953
GLOUCESTER	4,837	5,074	1,383	11,294
Groveland	1,179	1,047	173	2,399
Hamilton	1,740	1,326	323	3,389
HAVERHILL	7,740	7,829	2,059	17,628
Ipswich	2,869	2,626	466	5,961
LAWRENCE	4,785	5,355	1,875	12,015
LYNN	11,600	10,658	3,521	25,779
Lynnfield	3,207	1,040	1,731	5,978
Manchester	1,400	1,089	219	2,708
Marblehead	5,523	4,073	854	10,450
Merrimac	950	1,021	147	2,118
Methuen	7,072	6,406	2,011	15,489
Middleton	1,177	935	230	2,342
Nahant	1,054	779	175	2,008
Newbury	1,508	1,328	229	3,065
NEWBURYPORT	3,523	3,588	744	7,855
North Andover	5,699	3,777	754	10,230
PEABODY	9,041	9,364	1,541	19,946
Rockport	1,727	1,736	277	3,740
Rowley	1,058	911	150	2,119
SALEM	5,948	6,973	1,531	14,452
Salisbury	1,167	1,288	148	2,603
Saugus	5,431	4,586	1,229	11,246
Swampscott	3,466	2,606	615	6,687
Topsfield	1,618	1,080	187	2,885
Wenham	912	742	110	1,764
West Newbury	923	783	134	1,840
TOTALS	**123,649**	**110,855**	**27,340**	**261,844**
Franklin County				
Ashfield	323	397	71	791
Bernardston	410	365	67	842
Buckland	374	359	63	796
Charlemont	206	190	28	424
Colrain	294	294	46	634
Conway	303	415	66	784
Deerfield	1,052	967	130	2,149
Erving	287	250	39	576
Gill	291	269	47	607
Greenfield	3,296	2,621	642	6,559
Hawley	60	41	12	113
Heath	139	124	18	281
Leverett	336	476	62	874
Leyden	143	143	30	316
Monroe	13	28	4	45

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County (continued)				
Middlefield	66	107	13	186
NORTHAMPTON	3,666	7,242	917	11,825
Pelham	225	416	45	686
Plainfield	86	145	22	253
South Hadley	2,695	3,734	842	7,271
Southampton	812	1,168	147	2,127
Ware	1,448	1,874	359	3,681
Westhampton	282	340	61	683
Williamsburg	373	667	80	1,120
Worthington	200	297	35	532
TOTALS	**19,049**	**30,943**	**4,661**	**54,653**
Middlesex County				
Acton	4,457	3,741	450	8,648
Arlington	11,675	8,695	1,324	21,694
Ashby	546	496	71	1,113
Ashland	2,615	2,255	474	5,344
Ayer	823	915	131	1,869
Bedford	2,877	2,370	341	5,588
Belmont	7,832	4,304	920	13,056
Billerica	6,906	6,077	671	13,654
Boxborough	875	793	97	1,765
Burlington	5,435	3,842	577	9,854
CAMBRIDGE	13,309	18,631	1,604	33,544
Carlisle	1,408	858	103	2,369
Chelmsford	7,290	6,120	887	14,297
Concord	4,120	3,466	606	8,192
Dracut	4,634	4,787	1,108	10,529
Dunstable	563	424	63	1,050
EVERETT	5,690	4,768	1,664	12,122
Framingham	11,232	10,264	1,771	23,267
Groton	1,892	1,479	233	3,604
Holliston	3,090	2,707	501	6,298
Hopkinton	2,463	1,929	273	4,665
Hudson	3,123	2,991	507	6,621
Lexington	8,037	6,302	1,134	15,473
Lincoln	1,488	1,077	188	2,753
Littleton	1,843	1,283	221	3,347
LOWELL	10,392	10,278	3,109	23,779
MALDEN	8,499	6,758	1,979	17,236
MARLBOROUGH	5,749	5,139	1,042	11,930
Maynard	2,030	2,059	327	4,416
MEDFORD	11,967	8,475	1,683	22,125
MELROSE	7,181	5,073	748	13,002
Natick	6,518	6,018	1,238	13,774

Montague	1,537	1,340	230	3,107
New Salem	187	164	29	380
Northfield	654	527	121	1,302
Orange	1,101	1,144	162	2,407
Rowe	75	81	15	171
Shelburne	411	325	73	809
Shutesbury	236	468	73	777
Sunderland	461	619	72	1,152
Warwick	130	134	34	298
Wendell	115	207	25	347
Whately	342	408	79	829
TOTALS	**12,776**	**12,356**	**2,238**	**27,370**
Hampden County				
Agawam	4,477	5,694	1,295	11,466
Blandford	204	272	29	505
Brimfield	589	611	70	1,270
Chester	193	255	37	485
CHICOPEE	7,575	10,141	1,757	19,473
East Longmeadow	2,726	3,112	547	6,385
Granville	243	262	63	568
Hampden	921	1,069	166	2,156
Holland	387	381	48	816
HOLYOKE	4,287	5,569	1,948	11,804
Longmeadow	3,750	3,313	646	7,709
Ludlow	2,560	3,557	931	7,048
Monson	1,193	1,532	313	3,038
Montgomery	135	199	22	356
Palmer	1,670	2,492	428	4,590
Russell	220	283	28	531
Southwick	1,233	1,463	245	2,941
SPRINGFIELD	14,244	17,966	7,030	39,240
Tolland	77	55	17	149
Wales	237	299	37	573
West Springfield	3,978	4,955	1,261	10,194
WESTFIELD	5,673	6,860	1,207	13,740
Wilbraham	2,822	2,828	644	6,294
TOTALS	**59,394**	**73,168**	**18,769**	**151,331**
Hampshire County				
Amherst	2,407	4,648	723	7,778
Belchertown	1,495	2,273	392	4,160
Chesterfield	161	248	36	445
Cummington	112	237	27	376
Easthampton	2,292	3,594	415	6,301
Goshen	107	200	28	335
Granby	907	1,192	190	2,289
Hadley	828	1,260	165	2,253
Hatfield	594	911	130	1,635
Huntington	293	390	34	717
NEWTON	18,439	15,343	3,390	37,172
North Reading	3,198	2,310	390	5,898
Pepperell	1,928	1,658	244	3,830
Reading	6,265	4,156	523	10,944
Sherborn	1,284	810	153	2,247
Shirley	887	952	117	1,956
SOMERVILLE	10,633	10,304	1,352	22,289
Stoneham	4,949	3,590	713	9,252
Stow	1,505	1,183	152	2,840
Sudbury	4,016	2,956	536	7,508
Tewksbury	5,818	4,563	548	10,929
Townsend	1,437	1,320	257	3,014
Tyngsborough	1,636	1,443	234	3,313
Wakefield	6,004	4,678	899	11,581
WALTHAM	9,620	7,095	1,920	18,635
Watertown	7,227	5,443	947	13,617
Wayland	3,491	2,598	418	6,507
Westford	4,067	3,317	604	7,988
Weston	3,322	1,798	320	5,441
Wilmington	4,290	3,131	627	8,048
Winchester	6,539	3,482	657	10,678
WOBURN	7,696	5,622	1,585	14,903
TOTALS	**280,810**	**232,126**	**42,631**	**555,568**
Nantucket County				
Nantucket	1,271	1,376	348	2,995
Total for County	**1,271**	**1,376**	**348**	**2,995**
Norfolk County				
Avon	1,046	938	177	2,161
Bellingham	2,317	2,599	585	5,501
Braintree	7,998	6,532	807	15,337
Brookline	9,188	11,689	1,088	21,965
Canton	4,843	3,697	796	9,336
Cohasset	2,002	1,441	365	3,808
Dedham	5,513	4,471	1,001	10,985
Dover	1,670	934	180	2,784
Foxborough	3,472	2,951	363	6,786
Franklin	4,623	4,509	699	9,831
Holbrook	2,059	2,068	318	4,445
Medfield	2,974	2,116	310	5,400
Medway	2,151	1,991	317	4,459
Millis	1,566	1,590	209	3,365
Milton	7,027	4,846	708	12,581
Needham	7,902	6,035	767	14,704
Norfolk	1,962	1,555	194	3,711
Norwood	5,945	5,277	1,217	12,439
Plainville	1,115	1,321	149	2,585
QUINCY	15,656	13,919	2,830	32,405

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County (continued)				
Randolph	5,031	5,013	837	10,881
Sharon	4,030	3,553	318	7,901
Stoughton	5,097	4,362	959	10,418
Walpole	5,018	3,956	816	9,790
Wellesley	6,830	4,690	1,090	12,610
Westwood	4,017	2,704	462	7,183
Weymouth	10,879	10,011	1,758	22,648
Wrentham	1,818	1,719	279	3,816
TOTALS	**133,749**	**116,487**	**19,599**	**269,835**
Plymouth County				
Abington	2,910	2,411	547	5,868
Bridgewater	3,614	2,772	754	7,140
BROCKTON	11,478	9,456	2,956	23,890
Carver	1,852	1,984	274	4,110
Duxbury	3,841	2,623	377	6,841
East Bridgewater	2,250	1,670	435	4,355
Halifax	1,346	1,144	223	2,713
Hanover	2,955	2,207	483	5,645
Hanson	1,976	1,546	228	3,750
Hingham	5,592	3,772	769	10,133
Hull	2,041	1,774	522	4,337
Kingston	1,848	1,788	324	3,960
Lakeville	1,771	1,445	279	3,495
Marion	1,094	840	174	2,108
Marshfield	4,906	4,100	751	9,757
Mattapoisett	1,598	1,112	265	2,975
Middleborough	2,865	2,546	477	5,888
Norwell	2,593	1,798	324	4,715
Pembroke	3,066	2,647	426	6,139
Plymouth	7,497	7,105	2,343	16,945
Plympton	607	443	83	1,133
Rochester	878	740	149	1,767
Rockland	2,906	2,966	471	6,343
Scituate	4,648	3,500	596	8,744
Wareham	3,013	3,252	630	6,895
West Bridgewater	1,628	1,230	211	3,069
Whitman	2,721	2,110	265	5,096
TOTALS	**83,494**	**68,981**	**15,336**	**167,811**
Suffolk County				
BOSTON	57,308	65,195	22,952	145,455
CHELSEA	2,632	2,313	1,533	6,478
REVERE	7,294	6,025	2,003	15,322
Winthrop	4,195	2,722	511	7,428
TOTALS	**71,429**	**76,255**	**26,999**	**174,683**
Worcester County (continued)				
Brookfield	520	520	82	1,122
Charlton	1,693	1,505	195	3,393
Clinton	2,224	2,424	555	5,203
Douglas	986	1,044	151	2,181
Dudley	1,488	1,481	353	3,322
East Brookfield	343	331	85	759
FITCHBURG	4,696	4,702	1,213	10,611
GARDNER	2,698	3,147	706	6,551
Grafton	2,641	2,373	330	5,344
Hardwick	411	510	78	999
Harvard	1,370	998	149	2,517
Holden	3,768	2,775	674	7,217
Hopedale	1,102	1,078	266	2,446
Hubbardston	581	571	90	1,242
Lancaster	1,130	962	149	2,241
Leicester	1,904	1,865	329	4,098
LEOMINSTER	5,758	5,827	1,524	13,109
Lunenburg	1,678	1,558	377	3,613
Mendon	881	835	120	1,836
Milford	3,858	4,213	906	8,977
Millbury	2,213	2,172	399	4,784
Millville	381	395	67	843
New Braintree	165	177	36	378
North Brookfield	777	771	175	1,723
Northborough	2,950	2,333	322	5,605
Northbridge	2,201	2,106	450	4,757
Oakham	309	326	54	689
Oxford	1,856	1,940	562	4,358
Paxton	1,072	794	148	2,014
Petersham	279	266	54	599
Phillipston	214	226	46	486
Princeton	874	541	116	1,531
Royalston	172	186	49	407
Rutland	943	908	181	2,032
Shrewsbury	6,237	4,872	695	11,804
Southborough	1,853	1,480	243	3,576
Southbridge	2,291	2,240	863	5,394
Spencer	1,852	1,804	282	3,938
Sterling	1,532	1,247	188	2,967
Sturbridge	1,499	1,308	482	3,289
Sutton	1,524	1,260	250	3,034
Templeton	963	1,108	152	2,223
Upton	1,257	1,087	171	2,515
Uxbridge	1,833	1,854	269	3,956
Warren	587	825	153	1,565

Worcester County				
Ashburnham	915	895	156	1,966
Athol	1,550	1,596	248	3,394
Auburn	3,252	2,906	459	6,617
Barre	852	859	194	1,905
Berlin	502	481	66	1,049
Blackstone	1,208	1,257	303	2,768
Bolton	929	631	102	1,662
Boylston	1,017	733	118	1,868
Webster	2,308	2,314	629	5,251
West Boylston	1,638	1,218	237	3,093
West Brookfield	591	644	99	1,334
Westborough	3,382	2,543	437	6,362
Westminster	1,296	1,133	191	2,620
Winchendon	983	1,085	249	2,317
WORCESTER	21,415	20,997	4,508	46,920
TOTALS	**117,402**	**110,237**	**22,735**	**250,374**

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Ashland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance architectural design and engineering plans for expansion and construction of school facilities?

in the town of Ashland.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Ashland	2,686	2,075	583	5,344

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Barnstable withdraw from the Cape Cod commission?

in the town of Barnstable.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable	7,792	10,302	1,196	19,290

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Belmont be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct, equip and furnish a replacement of the Chenery Middle School?

in the town of Belmont.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Belmont	7,357	4,649	1,050	13,056

QUESTION 10

Do you approve of the following loan order which was adopted by the city council on June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and ninety four by a vote of eight yeas and one nay and approved by the mayor on June twenty-second, nineteen hundred and ninety-four?

ORDERED. That the sum of $9,113,000 be and hereby is appropriated for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new police station, including site acquisition and other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is hereby authorized to borrow at one time or from time to time a sum not exceeding $9,113,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), of the General Laws, as amended and supplemented, or any other enabling authority, and to issue and sell bonds or notes of the City therefor?

in the city of Fall River.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
FALL RIVER	12,850	9,138	3,579	25,567

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Holliston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to finance the construction of public ways or the extension or widening thereof, including land damages and the cost of pavement and sidewalks laid at the time of said construction, or for the construction of stone, block, brick, cement concrete, bituminous concrete, bituminous macadam or other pavement of similar lasting character, or for macadam pavement or other road material?

in the town of Holliston.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Holliston	2,325	2,752	1,221	6,298

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Berkley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to construct a solid waste and recycling facility and transfer center?

in the town of Berkley.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkley	691	784	146	1,621

QUESTION 10

Shall a restaurant license be granted in the town of Bolton to Rich House, Inc., for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, to be consumed on the premises?

in the town of Bolton.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bolton	1,055	524	83	1,662

QUESTION 10

Shall the city of Gardner be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct, renovate and furnish new and existing public schools in the city of Gardner, and all other costs associated therewith?

in the city of Gardner.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
GARDNER	2,065	3,802	684	6,551

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Holland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design the Mashapaug/Brimfield Road reconstruction?

in the town of Holland.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Holland	366	386	64	816

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Lee be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design, develop, construct and equip a municipal golf course, including land acquisition, clubhouse and related structures?

in the town of Lee.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Lee	933	1,027	386	2,346

QUESTION 11

Shall the town of Lee be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct a water treatment plant and related appurtenances and for the purchase and installation of water meters?

in the town of Lee.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Lee	447	1,471	428	2,346

QUESTION 10

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-four entitled "An Act amending the Charter of the City of Lowell" be accepted?

in the city of Lowell.

SUMMARY OF ACT TO AMEND CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

This proposed law provides for changes in the Charter of the City of Lowell. The Charter would be amended to vest the Chief Executive power of the City of Lowell in a Mayor elected by and from the qualified voters of the City. The Mayor would also have veto power over ordinances, resolutions, orders and votes adopted or passed by the City Council. The Mayor's veto may be overriden by a two-thirds vote of the City Council. If the Mayor does not return a vote, order, resolution or ordinance to the City Council with his/her written objection to it within ten (10) days after it is presented to him/her, it shall take effect. The Mayor would receive the same salary as was paid to the City Manager under the Plan E Charter. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor during the first twelve months of his/her term, the City Council will order a special election to fill the vacancy. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Mayor during the last twelve months of his/her term, the chairperson of the City Council will perform the duties of Mayor for the remainder of the term, except that s/he would not be able to make permanent appointments to city departments.

The government of the City of Lowell would continue to be vested in nine (9) City Councillors elected at large for two (2) year terms. The City Council member who received the highest number of votes at the general municipal election would

QUESTION 11

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-four entitled "An Act amending the charter of the city of Lowell to impose limitations on the terms of office of all city of Lowell elected public officials" be accepted?

in the city of Lowell.

SUMMARY OF ACT AMENDING CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LOWELL TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITATIONS ON ALL CITY OF LOWELL ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Under this proposed law, no individual would be able to serve as a member of the School Committee of the City of Lowell, as a member of the City Council of the City of Lowell, or as Mayor elected by the registered voters of the City of Lowell for more than a total of four (4), consecutive or non-consecutive, two (2)-year terms.

If accepted by the voters of the City of Lowell, this proposed law would take effect on the first Monday in January, 1996.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
LOWELL	12,160	7,914	3,705	23,779

QUESTION 12

Do you approve of the expenditure of public funds by the city of Lowell for the purpose of participating in the construction and/or development of the proposed multi-purpose sports arena in the city of Lowell for use by the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, the city and other public and private users?

in the city of Lowell.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
LOWELL	10,647	9,763	3,369	23,779

serve as Chairperson of the City Council and the Council member who received the second highest number of votes at the general municipal election would serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Lowell City Council. The Chairperson of the City Council would receive the same salary as was paid to the Mayor under the Plan E Charter.

The School Committee would consist of seven (7) members elected at large for two (2) year terms. The School Committee member who received the highest number of votes at the general municipal election would serve as the Chairperson of the School Committee. The member who received the second highest number of votes at the general municipal election would serve as the Vice-Chairperson of the School Committee. The Chairperson of the School Committee would receive the same salary as the other members of the School Committee. The general management and conduct of the public schools of the City of Lowell is vested in the School Committee.

A vacancy in the City Council or School Committee would be filled by whichever of the defeated candidates received the highest number of votes in the last regular municipal election, and is eligible and willing to fill the vacancy.

If accepted by the voters of the City of Lowell, this proposed law would take effect for the October 10, 1995 preliminary election for nominations, the November 7, 1995 regular city elections, and, for all other purposes, on the first Monday in January, 1996.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
LOWELL	9,283	10,736	3,760	23,779

QUESTION 10

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act providing that the Mayor the city of Melrose be a voting member of the school committee, the school committee be reduced from nine to seven, and that each of the other six members be elected for four years on a staggered basis, three members every two years", be accepted?

in the city of Melrose.

SUMMARY

This proposed law would amend the Charter of the City of Melrose, causing three specific changes to the current election process. (1) The person serving as Mayor of Melrose would become a full member of the School Committee. (2) The total number of School Committee members would be reduced from nine to seven. Six members would be elected and one member would be the Mayor. (3) In the city election of 1995, the six elected members of the School Committee will be those receiving the highest number of votes. The three elected members receiving the most votes in that election shall serve terms of four years. The three elected members receiving the fewest votes shall serve terms of two years. In regular city elections in 1997 (and every two years thereafter), there would be three vacancies on the School Committee caused by the expiration of the terms of its members.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
MELROSE	5,734	5,741	1,527	13,002

QUESTION 10

Shall the city of Northampton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the principal and interest on the bond and bond anticipation notes in order to expand and renovate the John F. Kennedy Middle School, with a swimming pool?

in the city of Northampton.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
NORTHAMPTON . . .	6,238	4,780	807	11,825

QUESTION 11

Shall the city of Northampton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the principal and interest on the bond and bond anticipation notes in order to expand and renovate the John F. Kennedy Middle School, without a swimming pool?

in the city of Northampton.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
NORTHAMPTON . . .	6,789	3,958	1,078	11,825

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Rutland be allowed to assess an additional $28,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operation and maintenance of town pool for the fiscal year beginning July first nineteen hundred and ninety-four?

in the town of Rutland.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Rutland	918	935	179	2,032

QUESTION 11

Shall the town of Rutland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to engineer and construct a Town Pool?

in the town of Rutland.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Rutland	878	967	187	2,032

QUESTION 10

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An act establishing a board of selectmen-town manager form of administration in the town of Sudbury", be accepted?

SUMMARY

The proposed law is a special act of the legislature applicable to the Town of Sudbury, which would change the form of town administration to a Selectmen-Town Manager form of government. The act transfers a portion of the authority of the Selectmen and other elected officials to the Town Manager, and would change the status of certain elected officials to positions appointed by the Town Manager under the policy direction of the Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen will be the chief executive officers of the Town, and shall be the chief policy making board of the Town for all subordinate boards and officials. The Selectmen shall appoint a Town Manager, Town Counsel, Town Accountant, and all boards and committees not otherwise provided by law.

The act provides for the appointment of the Town Clerk and Highway Surveyor by the Town Manager and the appointment of Constables by the Board of Selectmen. The administrative functions of the Board of Assessors, including the appointment of a Director of Assessing, and the administration of the departments under elected boards other than Health and School would be placed under the Town Manager.

The financial, personnel and administrative functions of the Town will be vested in the Town Manager as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town. The Town Manager, appointed at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen, will appoint all officials and employees of the Town and shall award all contracts for the Town except those of the School or Health Departments.

The legislative powers of the Town shall continue to be exercised by a Town Meeting open to all voters of the Town.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Sudbury	3,596	3,299	613	7,508

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Seekonk be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to permanently close the former Seekonk Landfill and to provide for post-closure monitoring of said site?

in the town of Seekonk.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Seekonk	2,310	2,156	591	5,057

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of South Hadley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct additions, reconstruct, remodel and make extraordinary repairs, including furnishings, equipment and related items at the South Hadley Middle School?

in the town of South Hadley.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
South Hadley	3,065	3,755	451	7,271

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Spencer be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amount required to pay for the bond issued in order to install an elevator for handicapped access at Maple Street School?

in the town of Spencer.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Spencer	1,729	1,805	404	3,938

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of West Springfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond to be issued in order to finance the construction of a new middle school, including original equipment and furnishings?

in the town of West Springfield.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
West Springfield	2,140	5,696	2,358	10,194

QUESTION 10

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

in the town of Westhampton.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Westhampton	246	412	25	683

QUESTION 10

Shall the town of Whately be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the Town's apportioned share of the amounts required to pay for the bond issued by the Frontier Regional School District in order to construct, reconstruct, add to and equip the Regional School in Deerfield?

in the town of Whately.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Whately	529	285	15	829

QUESTION 10

Shall the board of selectmen of the town of Yarmouth be directed to petition the general court to amend the provisions of chapter seven hundred and sixteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty-nine to exempt and remove the town of Yarmouth from the provisions of said chapter seven hundred and sixteen establishing the Cape Cod commission?

in the town of Yarmouth.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Yarmouth	4,880	5,589	448	10,917

QUESTION 10

Shall a Charter Study Commission be created to study the present governmental structure of Plymouth County to consider and make findings concerning the form of government and make recommendations thereon?

in the County of Plymouth.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Abington	1,888	2,534	1,446	5,868
Bridgewater	2,073	2,902	2,165	7,140
BROCKTON	6,565	10,064	7,261	23,890
Carver	1,729	1,800	581	4,110
Duxbury	2,375	3,071	1,395	6,841
East Bridgewater	1,136	1,965	1,254	4,355
Halifax	922	1,298	493	2,713
Hanover	1,767	2,407	1,471	5,645
Hanson	1,245	1,740	765	3,750
Hingham	3,381	4,327	2,425	10,133
Hull	1,313	1,737	1,287	4,337
Kingston	1,308	1,765	887	3,960
Lakeville	1,427	1,461	607	3,495
Marion	845	885	378	2,108
Marshfield	3,566	4,384	1,807	9,757
Mattapoisett	1,098	1,181	696	2,975
Middleborough	1,910	2,797	1,181	5,888
Norwell	1,628	1,948	1,139	4,715

QUESTION 11 or 13

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Do you approve of an amendment to the laws of the commonwealth to permit the abolishment of County Government in Berkshire County, thereby authorizing the commonwealth to assume responsibility for the operation of jails, courthouses and registries of deeds.?

In the county of Berkshire this will be Question 11, except in Lee this will be Question 13.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Adams	968	2,266	533	3,767
Alford	70	82	32	184
Becket	188	288	84	560
Cheshire	465	808	152	1,425
Clarksburg	160	495	58	713
Dalton	991	1,228	377	2,596
Egremont	201	274	81	556
Florida	70	189	25	284
Great Barrington	974	907	671	2,552
Hancock	95	134	31	260
Hinsdale	255	317	62	634
Lanesborough	383	537	174	1,094
Lee	774	990	582	2,346
Lenox	958	1,021	443	2,422
Monterey	132	178	48	358
Mt. Washington	20	32	11	63
New Ashford	40	46	5	91
New Marlborough	143	260	68	471
NORTH ADAMS	1,115	2,968	571	4,654
Otis	143	254	52	449
Peru	99	134	30	263
PITTSFIELD	6,486	6,297	3,470	16,253
Richmond	336	369	67	772
Sandisfield	96	125	37	258
Savoy	59	148	23	230
Sheffield	406	643	174	1,223
Stockbridge	467	495	137	1,099
Tyringham	76	80	25	181
Washington	85	131	17	233

Pembroke	2,116	2,784	1,239	6,139
Plymouth	3,923	6,996	6,026	16,945
Plympton	464	503	166	1,133
Rochester	600	704	463	1,767
Rockland	2,220	2,925	1,198	6,343
Scituate	2,879	3,763	2,102	8,744
Wareham	2,804	2,725	1,366	6,895
West Bridgewater	950	1,506	613	3,069
Whitman	1,896	2,457	743	5,096
TOTALS	**54,028**	**72,629**	**41,154**	**167,811**

QUESTION 11
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall Riverside Park in the city known as the town of Agawam be permitted to have a casino gambling facility on its property?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
AGAWAM	3,383	7,513	570	11,466

QUESTION 10
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall casino gambling be permitted in the city of Springfield?

in the city of Springfield.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
SPRINGFIELD	16,871	17,848	4,521	39,240

West Stockbridge	254	219	87	560
Williamstown	959	1,522	500	2,981
Windsor	112	206	45	363
TOTALS	**17,580**	**23,643**	**8,672**	**49,895**

QUESTION 10, 11, 12, 14

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation requiring the construction of a Western Bypass Alternative road in Pittsfield with a connection to the Massachusetts Turnpike as described in the 1993 Berkshire County Transportation Plan?

in the First Berkshire this will be Question 12;
in the Second Berkshire Representative District this will be:
Question 10 in Ashfield, Buckland, Goshen, Huntington, Shelburne;
Question 11 in Charlemont, Chester, Cummington, Hawley, Middlefield, Monroe, Plainfield, Rowe;
Question 12 in Becket, Cheshire, Dalton, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, New Ashford, Peru, Pittsfield Ward 1, pct B, Richmond, Washington, Windsor;
in the Third Berkshire and the Fourth Berkshire Representative Districts this will be Question 12, except in Lee this will be Question 14.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
First Berkshire District				
Adams	2,744	560	463	3,767
Clarksburg	606	82	25	713
Florida	221	41	22	284
NORTH ADAMS	3,732	471	451	4,654
Savoy	145	64	21	230
Williamstown	1,891	645	445	2,981
TOTALS	**9,339**	**1,863**	**1,427**	**12,629**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Second Berkshire District				
Ashfield	316	270	205	791
Becket	265	217	78	560
Buckland	306	291	199	796
Charlemont	199	127	98	424
Cheshire	1,060	224	141	1,425
Chester	259	154	72	485
Cummington	207	99	70	376
Dalton	1,688	575	333	2,596

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Fourth Berkshire District				
Alford	77	74	33	184
Egremont	243	230	83	556
Great Barrington	1,004	899	649	2,552
Lee	966	791	589	2,346
Lenox	1,216	797	409	2,422
Monterey	174	135	49	358
Mt. Washington	26	29	8	63
New Marlborough	211	185	75	471
Otis	206	189	54	449
PITTSFIELD	1,894	620	441	2,955
Sandisfield	151	71	36	258
Sheffield	584	447	192	1,223
Stockbridge	339	669	91	1,099
Tyringham	98	61	22	181
West Stockbridge	300	244	88	632
TOTALS	**7,489**	**5,441**	**2,819**	**15,749**

Goshen	171	88	76	335
Hancock	150	76	34	260
Hawley	54	33	26	113
Hinsdale	404	174	56	634
Huntington	399	209	109	717
Lanesborough	656	277	161	1,094
Middlefield	114	56	16	186
Monroe	16	17	12	45
New Ashford	62	24	5	91
Peru	174	61	28	263
PITTSFIELD	688	364	314	1366
Plainfield	129	76	48	253
Richmond	421	298	53	772
Rowe	70	80	21	171
Shelburne	292	292	225	809
Washington	129	84	20	233
Windsor	237	97	29	363
TOTALS	**8,466**	**4,263**	**2,429**	**15,158**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Third Berkshire District				
PITTSFIELD	6,202	3,345	2,385	11,932
TOTALS	**6,202**	**3,345**	**2,385**	**11,932**

QUESTION 10 or 12

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation to place on the statewide ballot a nonbinding question to determine whether the people favor:

Establishing ongoing gun victim compensation and gun buy-back programs, with all guns destroyed after the buy-back, to be financed by an extra sales tax on all guns and ammunition, an annual excise tax on guns, and an annual permit fee on persons licensed to carry guns;

Calling upon the United States Congress to prohibit mail-order purchases and sales of all guns and ammunition within the United States; and

Requiring non-residents of Massachusetts, while they are within the state, to comply with the same laws for purchase, sale, possession, and use of guns and ammunition as apply to residents?

in the Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire & Franklin Senatorial District this will be Question 10, except in Lee this will be Question 12.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Adams	1,792	1,450	525	3,767
Alford	86	68	30	184
Becket	282	214	64	560
Cheshire	765	529	131	1,425
Clarksburg	288	390	35	713
Dalton	1,584	687	325	2,596
Egremont	322	173	61	556
Florida	96	164	24	284
Granville	236	255	77	568
Great Barrington	1,262	728	562	2,552
Hancock	142	92	26	260
Hinsdale	370	207	57	634
Lanesborough	604	349	141	1,094
Lee	1,193	756	397	2,346
Lenox	1,530	496	396	2,422
Monterey	235	88	35	358
Mt. Washington	40	15	8	63
New Ashford	39	43	9	91