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QUESTION 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the two houses on July 29, 1996 (years 127 – nays 65); and again on June 9, 1998 (years 149 – nays 41)?

SUMMARY

This proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit the state Legislature from changing the base compensation received by members of the Legislature as of January 1, 1996. As of the first Wednesday in January of 2001, and every second year thereafter, the base compensation would be increased or decreased at the same rate as increases or decreases in the median household income for the Commonwealth for the preceding two-year period, as ascertained by the Governor.

Aggregate of Votes							Total Ballots
	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	
Barnstable.....	57,345	60.81%	29,536	31.32%	7,425	7.87%	94,306
Berkshire.....	23,468	56.47%	10,220	24.59%	7,871	18.94%	41,559
Bristol.....	85,927	60.06%	37,602	26.28%	19,546	13.66%	143,075
Dukes.....	4,274	66.31%	1,575	24.44%	596	9.25%	6,445
Essex.....	132,918	58.79%	70,632	31.24%	22,555	9.98%	226,105
Franklin.....	15,473	65.66%	6,141	26.06%	1,953	8.29%	23,567
Hampden.....	75,344	63.47%	25,856	21.78%	17,510	14.75%	118,710
Hampshire.....	31,599	66.28%	11,313	23.73%	4,761	9.99%	47,673
Middlesex.....	296,956	62.23%	128,990	27.03%	51,260	10.74%	477,206
Nantucket.....	2,533	70.36%	663	18.42%	404	11.22%	3,600
Norfolk.....	146,071	61.98%	67,989	28.85%	21,604	9.17%	235,664
Plymouth.....	91,569	62.80%	43,481	29.82%	10,761	7.38%	145,811
Suffolk.....	76,452	51.78%	34,198	23.16%	36,992	25.06%	147,642
Worcester.....	130,102	58.10%	70,533	31.50%	23,279	10.40%	223,914
TOTALS.....	1,170,031	60.46%	538,729	27.84%	226,517	11.70%	1,935,277

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
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Barnstable County

Barnstable.....	10,637	6,973	1,370	18,980
Bourne.....	3,720	1,912	1,072	6,704
Brewster.....	2,926	1,353	340	4,619
Chatham.....	2,388	1,137	253	3,778
Dennis.....	4,355	2,269	512	7,136
Eastham.....	1,737	809	186	2,732
Falmouth.....	9,003	4,049	959	14,011
Harwich.....	3,389	1,881	462	5,732

Bristol County

Acushnet.....	2,119	849	497	3,465
Attleboro.....	5,779	3,091	717	9,587
Berkley.....	1,000	326	96	1,422
Dartmouth.....	5,330	3,241	1,587	10,158
Dighton.....	1,144	415	127	1,686
Easton.....	4,423	1,988	421	6,832
Fairhaven.....	2,802	1,381	1,307	5,490
FALL RIVER.....	11,918	4,622	4,241	20,781
Freetown.....	1,755	762	191	2,708
Mansfield.....	3,934	1,559	412	5,905

Mashpee.....	2,735	1,297	421	4,453	NEW BEDFORD.....	13,444	6,400	4,190	24,034
Orleans.....	2,271	1,115	221	3,607	North Attleborough.....	4,485	2,162	536	7,183
Provincetown.....		336		1,628	Norton.....	2,810	1,144	197	4,151
Sandwich.....	1,166	2,533	126	8,091	Raynham.....	2,632	1,056	551	4,239
Taunton.....	5,083	2,654	475	981	Rehoboth.....	1,757	764	254	2,775
Tisbury.....	664	265	52	1,431	Seekonk.....	2,501	1,228	359	4,088
Wellfleet.....	955	390	86	10,423	Somerset.....	4,171	1,546	855	6,572
Yarmouth.....	6,316	3,217	890		Swansea.....	3,097	1,181	655	4,933
TOTALS.....	57,345	29,536	7,425	94,306	TAUNTON.....	7,750	2,596	1,874	12,220
					Westport.....	3,076	1,291	479	4,846
					TOTALS.....	85,927	37,602	19,546	143,075
Berkshire County									
Adams.....	1,809	600	385	2,794	Dukes County				
Alford.....	146	38	9	193	Aquinnah.....	110	34	21	165
Becket.....	309	110	83	502	Chilmark.....	358	120	54	532
Cheshire.....	818	265	97	1,180	Edgartown.....	1,022	382	137	1,541
Clarksburg.....	393	136	41	570	Gosnold.....	42	19	4	65
Dalton.....	1,414	468	254	2,136	Oak Bluffs.....	1,069	362	126	1,557
Egremont.....	359	110	45	514	Tisbury.....	964	374	158	1,496
Florida.....	167	54	21	242	West Tisbury.....	709	284	96	1,089
Great Barrington.....	1,503	460	331	2,294	TOTALS.....	4,274	1,575	596	6,445
Hancock.....	148	59	24	231					
Hinsdale.....	345	147	35	497	Essex County				
Lanesborough.....	507	187	183	877	Amesbury.....	2,282	1,328	868	4,478
Lee.....	1,078	341	443	1,862	Andover.....	7,346	3,958	665	11,969
Lenox.....	1,094	491	437	2,022	BEVERLY.....	7,670	4,818	1,054	13,542
Monterey.....	251	76	17	344	Boxford.....	1,995	964	246	3,205
Mt. Washington.....	47	12	2	61	Danvers.....	5,327	3,422	533	9,282
New Ashford.....	65	15	4	84	Essex.....	800	519	115	1,434
New Marlborough.....	294	95	24	413	Georgetown.....	1,616	691	222	2,529
NORTH ADAMS.....	2,622	835	623	4,080	GLOUCESTER.....	5,204	3,525	1,201	9,930
Otis.....	253	72	89	414	Groveland.....	1,390	647	118	2,155
Peru.....	148	46	22	216	Hamilton.....	1,840	1,005	212	3,057
PITTSFIELD.....	6,631	2,827	3,553	13,011	HAVERHILL.....	9,483	4,201	1,539	15,223
Richmond.....	451	182	44	677	Ipswich.....	3,340	1,587	531	5,311
Sandisfield.....	116	58	24	198	LAWRENCE.....	5,095	2,686	2,685	10,406
Savoy.....	143	33	12	188	LYNN.....	13,310	5,051	2,129	20,490
Sheffield.....	674	220	102	996	Lynnfield.....	3,127	1,581	382	5,090
Stockbridge.....	601	245	113	959	Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,505	745	126	2,376
Tyringham.....	111	42	3	156	Marblehead.....	5,261	3,135	744	9,140
Washington.....	150	68	13	231	Merrimac.....	1,235	615	125	1,975
West Stockbridge.....	380	128	67	575	Methuen.....	6,924	3,540	1,585	12,049
Williamstown.....	224	1,751	748	2,723	Middleton.....	1,465	704	203	2,372
Windsor.....	217	79	23	319	Nahant.....	1,072	495	196	1,763
TOTALS.....	23,468	10,220	7,871	41,559					

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					Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	
Essex County (continued)									
Newbury.....	1,557	1,066	195	2,818					
NEWBURYPORT.....	3,893	2,537	684	7,114					
North Andover.....	5,657	2,995	637	9,289					
PEABODY.....	10,022	5,863	2,090	17,975					
Rockport.....	1,894	1,185	152	3,231					
Rowley.....	1,134	618	102	1,854					
SALEM.....	6,940	4,438	1,361	12,739					
Salisbury.....	1,429	211	2,323	683					
Saugus.....	5,910	2,391	854	9,155					
Swampscott.....	3,563	1,657	588	5,808					
Topsfield.....	1,687	850	143	2,680					
Wenham.....	906	576	97	1,579					
West Newbury.....	1,039	616	109	1,764					
TOTALS.....	132,918	70,632	22,555	226,105					
Franklin County									
Ashfield.....	463	171	70	704					
Barnardston.....	460	174	63	697					
Buckland.....	438	174	59	671					
Charlemont.....	275	78	29	382					
Colrain.....	370	151	35	556					
Conway.....	523	199	42	764					
Deerfield.....	1,347	485	145	1,977					
Erving.....	286	106	27	419					
Gill.....	327	141	49	517					
Greenfield.....	3,443	1,372	519	5,334					
Hawley.....	82	28	9	119					
Heath.....	170	67	22	259					
Leverett.....	542	200	62	804					
Leyden.....	158	64	18	240					
Monroe.....	29	9	4	42					
Montague.....	1,797	672	210	2,679					
New Salem.....	221	126	27	374					
Northfield.....	689	266	111	1,066					
Orange.....	1,242	641	137	2,020					
Rowe.....	96	40	16	152					
Shelburne.....	490	185	73	748					
Shutesbury.....	499	194	44	737					
Sunderland.....	752	277	69	1,098					
Hampshire County (continued)					Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	
NORTHAMPTON.....	7,242	2,751	1,176	11,169					
Pelham.....	419	169	42	630					
Plainfield.....	179	53	15	247					
South Hadley.....	3,965	1,329	473	5,767					
Southampton.....	1,295	511	120	1,926					
Ware.....	1,865	597	361	2,823					
Westhampton.....	439	154	43	636					
Williamsburg.....	736	279	86	1,101					
Worthington.....	332	115	20	467					
TOTALS.....	31,599	11,313	4,761	47,673					
Middlesex County									
Action.....	5,323	2,067	464	7,854					
Arlington.....	12,059	5,346	1,267	18,672					
Ashby.....	643	262	51	956					
Ashland.....	2,953	1,145	198	4,296					
Ayer.....	1,188	432	119	1,739					
Bedford.....	2,874	1,396	907	5,177					
Belmont.....	6,789	3,165	795	10,749					
Billerica.....	7,891	3,213	613	11,717					
Boxborough.....	1,163	451	102	1,716					
Burlington.....	5,158	2,308	629	8,095					
CAMBRIDGE.....	17,409	7,191	2,964	27,564					
Carlisle.....	1,360	637	89	2,086					
Chelmsford.....	8,289	3,810	815	12,914					
Concord.....	4,893	2,162	472	7,527					
Dracut.....	5,430	2,610	633	8,673					
Dunstable.....	642	277	41	960					
EVERETT.....	4,807	2,129	3,580	10,516					
Frammingham.....	12,546	4,747	1,309	18,602					
Groton.....	2,174	867	181	3,222					
Holliston.....	3,709	1,341	255	5,305					
Hopkinton.....	3,069	1,257	274	4,600					
Hudson.....	4,450	1,648	624	6,722					
Lexington.....	7,737	3,480	2,223	13,440					
Lincoln.....	1,652	741	110	2,503					
Littleton.....	2,032	807	145	2,984					
LOWELL.....	11,589	5,578	1,973	19,140					

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					Total Ballots	Blanks	Yes	No	Total Ballots						Blanks	Yes	No	Total Ballots	
Norfolk County (continued)										Worcester County									
Franklin.....	6,469				2,290	472			9,231	Ashburnham.....					1,121	481	120	1,722	
Holbrook.....	2,320				1,120	353			3,793	Athol.....					1,440	154	154	2,920	
Medfield.....	3,058				1,332	299			4,689	Auburn.....					3,811	2,154	536	6,501	
Medway.....	2,675				1,117	243			4,035	Barre.....					1,085	551	166	1,802	
Mills.....	2,021				744	184			2,949	Berlin.....					659	317	62	1,038	
Milton.....	6,989				3,794	831			11,614	Blackstone.....					1,493	498	183	2,174	
Needham.....	8,098				3,458	816			12,372	Bolton.....					1,059	499	105	1,663	
Norfolk.....	2,180				898	207			3,285	Boylston.....					914	630	98	1,642	
Norwood.....	6,781				2,689	932			10,402	Brookfield.....					598	278	103	979	
Plainville.....	1,438				670	167			2,275	Charlton.....					2,037	1,061	202	3,300	
QUINCY.....	16,510				8,996	3,560			29,066	Clinton.....					2,608	1,175	457	4,240	
Randolph.....	5,504				2,437	1,178			9,119	Douglas.....					1,252	623	165	2,040	
Sharon.....	4,664				2,004	485			7,153	Dudley.....					1,723	873	218	2,814	
Stoughton.....	5,732				2,502	1,147			9,381	East Brookfield.....					387	222	67	676	
Walpole.....	6,819				2,655	689			10,163	FITCHBURG.....					5,518	2,863	963	9,344	
Wellesley.....	6,478				3,045	831			10,354	GARDNER.....					3,356	1,511	454	5,321	
Westwood.....	4,120				1,669	509			6,298	Grafton.....					3,109	1,674	423	5,206	
Weymouth.....	11,603				6,226	1,228			19,057	Hardwick.....					506	277	101	884	
Wrentham.....	2,397				1,028	131			3,556	Harvard.....					1,506	643	124	2,273	
TOTALS.....	146,071				67,989	21,604			235,664	Holden.....					3,052	2,324	1,227	6,603	
Plymouth County										Hopedale.....					1,466	449	174	2,089	
Abington.....	3,119				1,441	274			4,834	Hubbardston.....					775	336	87	1,198	
Bridgewater.....	4,072				1,854	473			6,399	Lancaster.....					1,368	614	140	2,122	
BROCKTON.....	11,151				5,820	1,919			18,890	Leicester.....					2,148	1,161	317	3,626	
Carver.....	2,462				827	262			3,551	LEOMINSTER.....					6,849	3,513	1,147	11,509	
Duxbury.....	3,663				1,870	270			5,803	Lunenburg.....					2,067	905	187	3,159	
East Bridgewater.....	2,289				1,056	255			3,600	Mendon.....					1,172	413	106	1,691	
Halifax.....	1,657				706	203			2,566	Millford.....					4,715	1,725	898	7,338	
Hanover.....	3,179				1,715	364			5,258	Millbury.....					2,622	1,514	415	4,551	
Hanson.....	1,937				921	186			3,044	Millville.....					491	141	78	710	
Hingham.....	4,831				2,852	609			8,292	New Braintree.....					173	132	22	327	
Hull.....	2,456				1,205	270			3,931	North Brookfield.....					904	494	153	1,551	
Kingston.....	2,576				1,117	247			3,940	Northborough.....					3,190	1,741	304	5,235	
										Northbridge.....					2,241	1,306	635	4,182	
										Oakham.....					348	234	35	617	

Lakeville.....	1,984	755	186	2,925	2,088	1,108	746	3,942
Marion.....	1,304	553	116	1,973	921	677	127	1,725
Marshfield.....	5,499	2,724	413	8,636	268	229	44	541
Mattapoisett.....	1,756	848	193	2,797	292	129	25	446
Middleborough.....	3,411	1,310	330	5,051	767	520	98	1,385
Norwell.....	2,082	1,239	774	4,095	165	149	20	334
Pembroke.....	3,687	1,744	284	5,715	1,106	638	172	1,916
Plymouth.....	10,359	4,555	981	15,895	6,622	3,862	1,174	11,658
Plympton.....	630	315	74	1,019	2,229	915	180	3,324
Rochester.....	1,043	428	134	1,605	2,148	1,272	1,170	4,590
Rockland.....	3,435	1,601	364	5,400	1,936	1,132	255	3,323
Sctuate.....	4,761	2,710	502	7,973	1,654	894	135	2,683
Wareham.....	3,984	1,365	579	5,928	1,426	891	492	2,809
West Bridgewater.....	1,429	721	180	2,330	1,745	1,023	214	2,982
Whitman.....	2,813	1,229	319	4,361	1,268	515	145	1,928
TOTALS.....	91,569	43,481	10,761	145,811	1,553	630	171	2,354
Suffolk County					2,107	983	298	3,388
BOSTON.....	62,362	28,486	32,925	123,773	917	357	166	1,440
CHELSEA.....	2,628	1,158	861	4,647	2,419	1,304	413	4,136
REVERE.....	7,281	3,062	2,479	12,822	1,521	973	190	2,684
Winthrop.....	4,181	1,492	727	6,400	737	359	134	1,230
TOTALS.....	76,452	34,198	36,992	147,642	3,596	1,726	389	5,711
					1,537	741	159	2,437
					1,399	484	106	1,989
					21,918	14,364	5,630	41,912
					130,102	70,533	23,279	223,914

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 before May 6, 1998?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would create a new voluntary system allowing candidates for state office who agree to campaign spending limits and \$100 contribution limits to receive a set amount of public funds for their campaigns, starting with the 2002 election. The proposed law would also limit transfers of money from national political parties to state political parties for administrative, overhead, or party-building activities. It would also require candidates for state office who had raised or spent at least a set minimum amount in an election cycle to file their required campaign finance reports with the state electronically, and the public would have prompt electronic access to such reports.

The new funding system would replace the existing system of limited public financing of campaigns for statewide office. To participate in the new system, a candidate would have to raise a minimum number of contributions from registered voters in the relevant district, as follows: Governor, 6000; Lt. Governor, Attorney General, or Treasurer, 3000; Secretary of State or Auditor, 2000; Executive Councillor, 400; State Senator, 450; State Representative, 200. Such contributions would have to be between \$5 and \$100 and be collected during a limited period: for statewide candidates beginning on August 1 of the year before the election, for other candidates beginning on January 1 of the election year, and for all candidates ending on the last day to file nomination papers with the Secretary of State.

For any election, a participating candidate could not accept contributions of more than \$100 from any person or political committee and could not

Office	Primary Election:		General Election:	
	Public Funds	Spending Limit	Public Funds	Spending Limit
Governor	\$1,500,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,050,000	\$1,200,000
Lt. Governor	\$383,000	\$450,000	\$255,000	\$300,000
Attorney General or Treasurer	\$360,000	\$450,000	\$240,000	\$300,000
Secretary of State or Auditor	\$120,000	\$150,000	\$80,000	\$100,000
Councillor	\$19,000	\$24,000	\$13,000	\$16,000
Senator	\$43,000	\$54,000	\$29,000	\$36,000
Representative	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$9,000	\$12,000

A participating candidate running unopposed would receive only half the listed amount of public funds and could spend correspondingly less than a candidate with an opponent. All funds could be spent only for campaign purposes. Any unspent public funds from a primary or general election would have to be returned after that election. A participating candidate who violated the contribution or spending limits would have to return all public funds, become ineligible for further funds, and in some cases pay fines.

Candidates who do not accept public funds would have to report any spending in excess of the limit shown above and could be fined for failing to do so. If such a non-participating candidate spent more than the limit, participating candidates in that race would immediately receive, and could spend, public "matching funds" equal to the amount of the excess spending. The total amount of public funding (including matching funds) a candidate could receive would be limited to twice the spending limit for that race. During the general election campaign, running mates for Governor and Lt. Governor would be treated as teams in order to determine the distribution of any matching funds.

raise or spend any money other than these contributions and public funds.

Candidates meeting all of these requirements would, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, receive public funding in the primary and general elections. This would come from a new state Clean Elections Fund, consisting of amounts voluntarily contributed through the checkoff on the state income tax return, any amounts appropriated by the Legislature, and any money in the existing state election campaign fund.

The chart below shows the amounts of public funds a candidate could receive in the primary and general elections. A candidate could raise and spend private contributions in order to bring his or her spending up to the spending limit shown below.

		Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	Total	
Aggregate of Votes								Ballots
Barnstable	60,862	64.54%		27,329	28.98%	6,115	6.48%	94,306
Berkshire	25,793	62.06%		8,760	21.08%	7,006	16.86%	41,559
Bristol	80,023	55.93%		42,916	30.00%	20,136	14.07%	143,075
Dukes	4,330	67.18%		1,462	22.68%	653	10.13%	6,445
Essex	132,212	58.47%		70,513	31.19%	23,380	10.34%	226,105
Franklin	16,619	70.52%		5,314	22.55%	1,634	6.93%	23,567
Hampden	72,862	61.38%		29,728	25.04%	16,120	13.58%	118,710
Hampshire	32,456	68.08%		10,950	22.97%	4,267	8.95%	47,673
Middlesex	287,507	60.25%		135,251	28.34%	54,448	11.41%	477,206
Nantucket	2,282	63.39%		795	22.08%	523	14.55%	3,600
Norfolk	138,738	58.87%		74,036	31.42%	22,890	9.71%	235,664
Plymouth	83,595	57.33%		49,833	32.18%	12,383	8.49%	145,811
Suffolk	75,659	51.24%		33,965	23.00%	38,018	25.75%	147,642
Worcester	116,996	52.25%		81,624	36.45%	25,294	11.30%	223,914
TOTALS	1,129,934	58.39%		572,476	29.58%	232,867	12.03%	1,935,277

QUESTION 2

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County								
Barnstable	12,063	5,955	962	18,980	Tisbury	1,001	144	1,496
Bourne	3,558	1,944	1,202	6,704	West Tisbury	738	117	1,089
Brewster	3,359	1,064	196	4,619	TOTALS	4,330	653	6,445
Chatham	2,591	990	197	3,778				
Dennis	4,613	2,158	365	7,136	Essex County			
Eastham	1,879	701	152	2,732	Amesbury	2,394	986	4,478
Falmouth	8,955	4,031	1,025	14,011	Andover	7,161	794	11,969
Harwich	3,768	1,647	317	5,732	BEVERLY	8,092	1,288	13,542
Mashpee	2,820	1,375	258	4,453	Boxford	1,966	237	3,205
Orleans	2,434	994	179	3,607	Danvers	5,533	682	9,282
Provincetown	1,139	341	148	1,628	Essex	915	128	1,434
Sandwich	5,219	2,477	395	8,091	Georgetown	1,469	269	2,529
Truro	692	229	60	981	GLOUCESTER	6,206	1,116	9,930
Wellfleet	972	368	91	1,431	Groveland	1,217	166	2,155
Yarmouth	6,800	3,055	568	10,423	Hamilton	1,931	211	3,057
TOTALS	60,862	27,329	6,115	94,306	HAVERHILL	8,462	1,651	15,223
Berkshire County								
Adams	1,759	657	378	2,794	Ipswich	3,294	467	5,311
Alford	131	50	12	193	LAWRENCE	5,771	1,496	10,406
Becket	308	108	86	502	LYNN	12,356	2,310	20,490
Cheshire	788	279	113	1,180	Lynnfield	2,929	441	5,090
Clarksburg	356	162	52	570	Manchester-by-the-Sea	1,546	174	2,376
Dalton	1,384	531	221	2,136	Marblehead	5,527	750	9,140
Egremont	387	91	36	514	Merrimac	1,048	165	1,975
Florida	144	69	29	242	Methuen	5,721	1,720	12,049
Great Barrington	1,617	446	231	2,294	Middleton	1,400	225	2,372
Hancock	140	58	33	231	Nahant	1,085	146	1,763
Hinsdale	338	109	50	497	Newbury	1,546	239	2,818
Lanesborough	490	186	201	877	NEWBURYPORT	4,340	766	7,114
Lee	1,094	344	424	1,862	North Andover	5,298	800	9,289
Lenox	1,224	381	417	2,022	PEABODY	10,195	2,010	17,975
Monterey	282	47	15	344	Rockport	2,070	332	3,231
Mt. Washington	54	5	2	61	Rowley	1,038	157	1,854
New Ashford	54	22	8	84	SALEM	7,550	1,523	12,739
New Marlborough	281	96	36	413	Salisbury	1,414	256	2,323
NORTH ADAMS	2,551	986	543	4,080	Saugus	5,431	934	9,155
Otis	239	97	78	414	Swampscott	3,602	531	5,808
					Topsfield	1,711	159	2,680

Peru.....	138	56	22	216	Wenham.....	990	485	104	1,579
PITTSFIELD.....	7,078	2,520	3,413	13,011	West Newbury.....	1,004	613	147	1,764
Richmond.....	474	153	50	677	TOTALS.....	132,212	70,513	23,380	226,105
Sandisfield.....	126	44	28	198	Franklin County				
Savoy.....	119	52	17	188	Ashfield.....	474	161	69	704
Sheffield.....	663	225	108	996	Barnardston.....	467	163	67	697
Stockbridge.....	712	172	75	959	Buckland.....	479	150	42	671
Tyringham.....	106	36	14	156	Charlmont.....	267	82	33	382
Washington.....	146	64	21	231	Colrain.....	424	106	26	556
West Stockbridge.....	368	130	77	575	Conway.....	577	159	28	764
Williamstown.....	2,041	493	189	2,723	Deerfield.....	1,433	409	135	1,977
Windsor.....	201	91	27	319	Erving.....	287	99	33	419
TOTALS.....	25,793	8,760	7,006	41,559	Gill.....	359	122	36	517
Bristol County					Greenfield.....	3,872	1,121	341	5,334
Acushnet.....	2,090	918	457	3,465	Hawley.....	76	33	10	119
ATTLEBORO.....	5,073	3,597	917	9,587	Heath.....	186	60	13	259
Berkley.....	856	442	124	1,422	Leverett.....	644	127	33	804
Dartmouth.....	5,384	2,769	2,005	10,158	Leyden.....	183	36	21	240
Dighton.....	1,040	498	148	1,686	Monroe.....	22	15	5	42
Easton.....	3,897	2,375	560	6,832	Montague.....	1,909	560	210	2,679
Fairhaven.....	2,677	1,286	1,527	5,490	New Salem.....	226	126	22	374
FALL RIVER.....	11,244	5,544	3,993	20,781	Northfield.....	749	227	90	1,066
Freetown.....	1,681	820	207	2,708	Orange.....	1,142	726	152	2,020
Mansfield.....	3,487	1,931	487	5,905	Rowe.....	94	41	17	152
NEW BEDFORD.....	14,181	6,361	3,492	24,034	Shelburne.....	552	151	45	748
North Attleborough.....	3,972	2,618	593	7,183	Shutesbury.....	593	115	29	737
Norton.....	2,486	1,389	276	4,151	Sunderland.....	807	229	62	1,098
Raynham.....	2,297	1,402	540	4,239	Warwick.....	157	72	28	257
Rehoboth.....	1,583	943	249	2,775	Wendell.....	223	66	26	315
Seekonk.....	2,210	1,536	342	4,088	Whately.....	417	158	61	636
Somerset.....	3,660	2,006	906	6,572	TOTALS.....	16,619	5,314	1,634	23,567
Swansea.....	2,651	1,607	675	4,933	Hampden County				
TAUNTON.....	6,807	3,356	2,057	12,220	Agawam.....	4,648	1,927	1,830	8,405
Westport.....	2,747	1,518	581	4,846	Blanford.....	242	128	21	391
TOTALS.....	80,023	42,916	20,136	143,075	Brimfield.....	654	326	91	1,071
Dukes County					Chester.....	254	119	29	402
Aquinnah.....	123	21	21	165	CHICOPEE.....	9,802	3,783	1,555	15,140
Chilmark.....	372	98	62	532	East Longmeadow.....	3,458	1,395	449	5,302
Edgartown.....	1,008	369	164	1,541	Granville.....	293	169	38	500
Gosnold.....	41	21	3	65	Hampden.....	1,018	467	138	1,623
Oak Bluffs.....	1,047	368	142	1,557	Holland.....	420	211	51	682
					HOLYOKE.....	5,010	2,206	2,010	9,226

QUESTION 2

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County (continued)								
Longmeadow.....	4,180	1,580	479	6,239				
Ludlow.....	3,684	1,563	567	5,814				
Monson.....	1,463	552	194	2,209				
Montgomery.....	174	92	18	284				
Palmer.....	2,627	911	345	3,883				
Russell.....	240	124	32	396				
Southwick.....	1,534	691	216	2,441				
SPRINGFIELD.....	18,523	6,940	4,896	30,359				
Tolland.....	74	43	27	144				
Wales.....	304	124	23	451				
West Springfield.....	4,286	1,712	1,791	7,789				
WESTFIELD.....	6,583	3,072	959	10,614				
Wilbraham.....	3,391	1,593	361	5,345				
TOTALS.....	72,862	29,728	16,120	118,710				
Hampshire County								
Amherst.....	4,996	1,201	694	6,891				
Belchertown.....	2,473	970	307	3,750				
Chesterfield.....	259	106	33	398				
Cummington.....	250	55	21	326				
Easthampton.....	3,502	1,315	339	5,156				
Goshen.....	208	104	21	333				
Granby.....	1,076	392	469	1,937				
Hadley.....	1,288	477	188	1,953				
Hatfield.....	910	326	116	1,352				
Huntington.....	394	175	43	612				
Middlefield.....	128	58	13	199				
NORTHAMPTON.....	7,996	2,360	813	11,169				
Pelham.....	487	113	30	630				
Plainfield.....	177	58	12	247				
South Hadley.....	3,892	1,386	489	5,767				
Southampton.....	1,192	591	143	1,926				
Ware.....	1,719	723	381	2,823				
Westhampton.....	407	177	52	636				
Williamsburg.....	774	250	77	1,101				
Worthington.....	328	113	26	467				
TOTALS.....	32,456	10,950	4,267	47,673				
Middlesex County (continued)								
Townsend.....	1,486	870	153	2,509				
Tyngsborough.....	1,807	1,057	235	3,099				
Wakefield.....	5,098	3,356	1,016	9,470				
WALTHAM.....	7,887	3,929	3,467	15,283				
Watertown.....	7,194	3,229	1,288	11,711				
Wayland.....	4,073	1,507	413	5,993				
Westford.....	4,141	2,254	418	6,813				
Weston.....	3,101	1,201	325	4,627				
Wilmington.....	3,401	2,168	1,451	7,020				
Winchester.....	5,420	763	917	9,157				
WOBURN.....	6,063	3,570	2,690	12,323				
TOTALS.....	287,507	135,251	54,448	477,206				
Nantucket County								
Nantucket.....	2,282	795	523	3,600				
TOTALS.....	2,282	795	523	3,600				
Norfolk County								
Avon.....	955	639	179	1,773				
Bellingham.....	2,860	1,249	403	4,512				
Braintree.....	7,233	4,980	1,205	13,418				
Brookline.....	10,568	3,706	3,380	17,654				
Canton.....	4,748	2,702	811	8,261				
Cohasset.....	2,048	1,117	245	3,410				
Dedham.....	5,304	3,033	894	9,231				
Dover.....	1,313	990	197	2,500				
Foxborough.....	3,795	1,847	471	6,113				
Franklin.....	6,025	2,588	618	9,231				
Holbrook.....	2,117	1,308	368	3,793				
Medfield.....	2,934	1,351	404	4,689				
Medway.....	2,380	1,363	292	4,035				
Millis.....	1,780	917	252	2,949				
Milton.....	6,921	3,756	987	11,614				
Needham.....	7,917	3,439	1,016	12,372				
Norfolk.....	1,966	1,042	277	3,285				
Norwood.....	6,156	3,204	1,042	10,402				
Plainville.....	1,326	801	148	2,275				
QUINCY.....	15,716	10,202	3,148	29,066				

Middlesex County

Acton.....	5,304	2,067	483	7,854	Randolph.....	5,371	2,793	955	9,119
Arlington.....	11,928	5,179	1,565	18,672	Sharon.....	4,488	2,070	595	7,153
Ashby.....	552	324	80	956	Stoughton.....	5,330	940	949	9,381
Ashland.....	2,721	1,304	271	4,296	Walpole.....	6,110	3,126	927	10,163
Ayer.....	1,080	520	139	1,739	Wellesley.....	6,648	2,832	874	10,354
Bedford.....	3,036	1,428	713	5,177	Westwood.....	3,887	1,870	541	6,298
Belmont.....	6,925	2,959	865	10,749	Weymouth.....	10,602	6,889	1,566	19,057
Billerica.....	6,992	3,951	774	11,717	Wrentham.....	2,240	1,120	196	3,556
Boxborough.....	1,090	492	134	1,716	TOTALS.....	138,738	74,036	22,890	235,664
Burlington.....	4,781	2,767	547	8,095					

Plymouth County

CAMBRIDGE.....	18,953	5,557	3,054	27,564	Abington.....	2,814	1,702	318	4,834
Carlisle.....	1,363	613	110	2,086	Bridgewater.....	3,403	2,372	624	6,399
Chelmsford.....	7,555	4,559	800	12,914	BROCKTON.....	9,837	6,858	2,195	18,890
Concord.....	5,135	1,897	495	7,527	Carver.....	2,209	1,078	264	3,551
Dracut.....	4,771	3,177	725	8,673	Duxbury.....	3,533	1,909	361	5,803
Dunstable.....	532	367	61	960	East Bridgewater.....	1,977	1,318	305	3,600
EVERETT.....	4,647	2,388	3,481	10,516	Halifax.....	1,497	889	180	2,566
Framingham.....	11,736	5,294	1,572	18,602	Hanover.....	2,884	1,931	443	5,258
Groton.....	2,097	894	231	3,222	Hanson.....	1,636	1,174	234	3,044
Holliston.....	3,415	1,502	388	5,305	Hingham.....	4,849	2,801	642	8,292
Hopkinton.....	2,842	1,414	344	4,600	Hull.....	2,387	1,199	345	3,931
Hudson.....	3,765	2,190	767	6,722	Kingston.....	2,316	1,304	320	3,940
Lexington.....	8,396	2,911	2,133	13,440	Lakeville.....	1,742	964	212	2,925
Lincoln.....	1,903	501	99	2,503	Marion.....	1,351	499	123	1,973
Littleton.....	1,890	890	204	2,984	Marshfield.....	5,198	2,916	522	8,636
LOWELL.....	10,501	6,430	2,209	19,140	Mattapoisett.....	1,777	801	219	2,797
MALDEN.....	8,128	3,992	1,992	14,112	Middleborough.....	2,981	1,696	374	5,051
MARLBOROUGH.....	6,575	3,349	1,207	11,131	Norwell.....	1,969	1,264	862	4,095
Maynard.....	2,549	1,103	356	4,008	Norwalk.....	3,289	2,037	389	5,715
MEDFORD.....	10,910	5,340	2,385	18,635	Pembroke.....	9,671	5,146	1,078	15,895
MELROSE.....	6,939	3,522	1,161	11,622	Plymouth.....	537	375	107	1,019
Natick.....	7,315	3,445	850	11,610	Plympton.....	993	471	141	1,605
NEWTON.....	19,285	6,298	6,323	31,906	Rochester.....	2,989	2,036	375	5,400
North Reading.....	2,765	2,013	438	5,216	Rockland.....	4,597	2,847	529	7,973
Pepperell.....	2,153	1,010	226	3,389	Squacut.....	3,544	1,702	682	5,928
Reading.....	5,562	2,870	711	9,143	Wareham.....	1,241	910	179	2,330
Sherborn.....	1,247	535	150	1,932	West Bridgewater.....	2,374	1,634	353	4,361
Shirley.....	1,110	613	121	1,844	Whitman.....	83,595	49,833	12,383	145,811
SOMERVILLE.....	13,202	4,952	2,022	20,176	TOTALS.....	83,595	49,833	12,383	145,811
Stoneham.....	4,902	2,546	692	8,140					
Stow.....	1,575	802	239	2,616					
Sudbury.....	4,296	1,751	445	6,492					
Tewksbury.....	5,413	3,420	667	9,500					

QUESTION 2

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots		Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Suffolk County									
BOSTON	62,376	27,501	33,896	123,773	Worcester County (continued)				
CHELSEA	2,295		1,168	4,647	Milford	4,237	1,974	1,127	7,338
REVERE	7,037	3,541	2,244	12,822	Milbury	2,275	1,779	497	4,551
Winthrop	3,951	1,739	710	6,400	Millville	394	229	87	710
TOTALS	75,659	33,965	38,018	147,642	New Braintree	154	144	29	327
Worcester County									
Ashburnham	977	630	115	1,722	North Brookfield	743	633	175	1,551
Attol	1,276	1,489	155	2,920	Northborough	2,921	1,961	353	5,235
Auburn	3,384	2,554	563	6,501	Northbridge	1,862	1,580	740	4,182
Barre	931	686	185	1,038	Oakham	278	290	49	617
Berlin	569	379	90		Oxford	1,798	1,391	753	3,942
Blackstone	1,284	662	228	2,174	Paxton	849	738	138	1,725
Bolton	976	555	132	1,663	Petersham	288	203	50	541
Boylston	846	677	119	1,642	Phillipston	228	186	32	446
Brookfield	542	337	100	979	Princeton	710	554	121	1,385
Charlton	1,746	1,296	258	3,300	Royalston	145	161	28	334
Clinton	2,253	1,454	533	4,240	Rutland	1,038	716	162	1,916
Douglas	1,087	759	194	2,040	Shrewsbury	6,139	4,386	1,133	11,658
Dudley	1,537	1,033	244	2,814	Southborough	2,083	976	265	3,324
East Brookfield	305	290	81	676	Southbridge	1,966	1,346	1,278	4,590
FITCHBURG	4,949	3,267	1,128	9,344	Spencer	1,716	1,295	312	3,323
GARDNER	3,015	1,848	458	5,321	Sterling	1,461	1,053	169	2,683
Grafton	2,885	1,941	380	5,206	Sturbridge	1,274	962	573	2,809
Hardwick	467	310	884		Sutton	1,568	1,165	249	2,982
Harvard	1,463	656	154	2,273	Templeton	1,038	744	146	1,928
Holden	2,762	2,495	1,346	6,603	Upton	1,325	813	216	2,354
Hopedale	1,283	557	249	2,089	Uxbridge	1,859	1,206	323	3,388
Hubbardston	689	417	92	1,198	Warren	798	441	201	1,440
Lancaster	1,197	750	175	2,122	Webster	2,196	1,510	430	4,136
Leicester	1,844	1,485	297	3,626	West Boylston	1,312	1,148	224	2,684
LEOMINSTER	6,262	4,096	1,151	11,509	West Brookfield	622	461	147	1,230
Lunenburg	1,853	1,051	255	3,159	Westborough	3,322	1,948	441	5,711
Mendon	944	580	167	1,691	Westminster	1,357	914	166	2,437
					Winchendon	1,181	681	127	1,989
					WORCESTER	20,533	15,782	5,597	41,912
					TOTALS	116,996	81,624	25,294	223,914

QUESTION 3

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 6, 1998?

Aggregate of Votes	Yes		%	No		%	Blanks		%	Total Ballots	
Barnstable.....	74,161		78.64%	13,718		14.55%	6,427		6.82%	94,306	
Berkshire.....	26,919		64.77%	6,697		16.11%	7,943		19.11%	41,559	
Bristol.....	99,037		69.22%	25,338		17.71%	18,700		13.07%	143,075	
Dukes.....	4,850		75.25%	990		15.36%	605		9.39%	6,445	
Essex.....	172,195		76.16%	31,833		14.08%	22,077		9.76%	226,105	
Franklin.....	16,027		68.01%	5,611		23.81%	1,929		8.19%	23,567	
Hampden.....	84,392		71.09%	20,868		17.58%	13,450		11.33%	118,710	
Hampshire.....	31,707		66.51%	10,680		22.40%	5,286		11.09%	47,673	
Middlesex.....	347,866		72.90%	74,797		15.67%	54,543		11.43%	477,206	
Nantucket.....	2,652		73.67%	509		14.14%	439		12.19%	3,600	
Norfolk.....	178,031		75.54%	35,055		14.87%	22,578		9.58%	235,664	
Plymouth.....	110,873		76.04%	22,585		15.49%	12,353		8.47%	145,811	
Suffolk.....	82,462		55.85%	25,371		17.18%	39,809		26.96%	147,642	
Worcester.....	164,427		73.43%	35,364		15.79%	24,123		10.77%	223,914	
TOTALS.....	1,395,599		72.11%	309,416		15.99%	230,262		11.90%	1,935,277	

SUMMARY

This proposed law would change the state income tax rate on interest and dividend income, which was 12% as of September 1997, to whatever rate applies to Part B taxable income (such as wages and salaries), which was 5.95% as of September 1997. The change would take effect starting in tax year 2000.

Barnstable County				Bristol County			
Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots

Barnstable County

Barnstable.....	15,160	2,829	991	18,980	Acushnet.....	2,475	588	402	3,465
Bourne.....	4,269	1,159	1,276	6,704	ATTLEBORO.....	6,553	2,176	858	9,587
Brewster.....	3,821	555	243	4,619	Berkley.....	1,079	242	101	1,422
Chatham.....	3,172	416	190	3,778	Dartmouth.....	6,371	1,689	2,098	10,158
Dennis.....	5,809	913	414	7,136	Dighton.....	1,242	284	160	1,686
Eastham.....	2,190	376	166	2,732	Easton.....	5,365	964	503	6,832
Falmouth.....	10,782	2,127	1,102	14,011	Fairhaven.....	3,190	888	1,412	5,490

FALL RIVER.....	13,281	3,765	3,735	20,781
Freetown.....	2,077	461	170	2,708
Mansfield.....	4,538	939	428	5,905
NEW BEDFORD.....	16,645	4,228	3,161	24,034
North Attleborough.....	5,329	1,359	495	7,183
Norton.....	3,187	747	217	4,151
Raynham.....	3,031	678	530	4,239
Rehoboth.....	2,047	504	224	2,775
Seekonk.....	2,903	867	318	4,088
Somerset.....	4,556	1,199	817	6,572
Swansea.....	3,424	950	559	4,933
TAUNTON.....	8,271	1,965	1,984	12,220
Westport.....	3,473	845	528	4,846
TOTALS.....	99,037	25,338	18,700	143,075

Dukes County

Aquinnah.....	114	24	27	165
Chilmark.....	415	62	55	532
Edgartown.....	1,181	214	146	1,541
Gosnold.....	53	7	5	65
Oak Bluffs.....	1,191	233	133	1,557
Tisbury.....	1,098	261	137	1,496
West Tisbury.....	798	189	102	1,089
TOTALS.....	4,850	990	605	6,445

Essex County

Amesbury.....	2,820	639	1,019	4,478
Andover.....	10,112	1,159	698	11,969
BEVERLY.....	10,361	1,917	1,264	13,542
Boxford.....	2,716	283	206	3,205
Danvers.....	7,477	1,160	645	9,282
Essex.....	1,118	361	115	1,434
Georgetown.....	1,938	208	223	2,529
GLOUCESTER.....	7,261	1,569	1,100	9,930
Groveland.....	1,684	314	157	2,155
Hamilton.....	2,533	338	186	3,057
HAVERHILL.....	11,492	2,231	1,500	15,223
Ipswich.....	4,127	724	460	5,311
LAWRENCE.....	7,296	1,475	1,635	10,406
LYNN.....	14,855	3,283	2,352	20,490
Lynnfield.....	4,155	566	369	5,090
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,988	249	139	2,376
Marblehead.....	7,345	1,094	701	9,140
Merrimac.....	1,518	312	145	1,975

Harwich.....	4,556	821	355	5,732
Mashpee.....	3,512	701	240	4,453
Orleans.....	2,990	413	204	3,607
Provincetown.....	1,154	338	136	1,628
Sandwich.....	6,517	1,184	390	8,091
Truro.....	754	175	52	981
Wellfleet.....	1,109	235	87	1,431
Yarmouth.....	8,366	1,476	581	10,423
TOTALS.....	74,161	13,718	6,427	94,306

Berkshire County

Adams.....	1,893	485	416	2,794
Alford.....	145	31	17	193
Becket.....	300	81	121	502
Cheshire.....	855	215	110	1,180
Clarksburg.....	388	128	54	570
Dalton.....	1,595	321	220	2,136
Egremont.....	395	78	41	514
Florida.....	166	45	31	242
Great Barrington.....	1,601	392	301	2,294
Hancock.....	165	38	28	231
Hinsdale.....	351	102	44	497
Lanesborough.....	510	135	232	877
Lee.....	1,111	234	517	1,862
Lenox.....	1,289	254	479	2,022
Monterey.....	263	60	21	344
Mt. Washington.....	51	9	1	61
New Ashford.....	67	13	4	84
New Marlborough.....	297	79	37	413
NORTH ADAMS.....	2,750	775	555	4,080
Otis.....	251	59	104	414
Peru.....	152	45	19	216
PITTSFIELD.....	7,332	1,780	3,899	13,011
Richmond.....	517	98	62	677
Sandisfield.....	127	45	26	198
Savoy.....	117	55	16	188
Sheffield.....	710	172	114	996
Stockbridge.....	716	155	88	959
Tyringham.....	123	16	17	156
Washington.....	152	64	15	231
West Stockbridge.....	412	106	57	575
Williamstown.....	1,903	554	266	2,723
Windsor.....	215	73	31	319
TOTALS.....	26,919	6,697	7,943	41,559