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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?

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.

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

Barnstable County	Total Ballots		
	Yes	No	Blanks

Barnstable County

Barnstable.....	15,160	2,829	991	18,980
Bourne.....	4,269	1,159	1,276	6,704
Brewster.....	3,821	555	243	4,619
Chatham.....	3,172	416	190	3,778
Dennis.....	5,809	913	414	7,136
Eastham.....	2,190	376	166	2,732
Falmouth.....	10,782	2,127	1,102	14,011

Bristol County	Total Ballots		
	Yes	No	Blanks

Bristol County

Acushnet.....	2,475	588	402	3,465
Attleboro.....	6,553	2,176	858	9,587
Berkley.....	1,079	242	101	1,422
Dartmouth.....	6,371	1,689	2,098	10,158
Dighton.....	1,242	284	160	1,686
Easton.....	5,365	964	503	6,832
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

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County (continued)								
Methuen.....	8,447	2,298	1,304	12,049				
Middleton.....	1,863	308	201	2,372				
Nahant.....	1,307	324	132	1,763				
Newbury.....	2,186	428	204	2,818				
NEWBURYPORT.....	5,310	1,101	703	7,114				
North Andover.....	7,468	1,087	734	9,289				
PEABODY.....	13,580	2,522	1,873	17,975				
Rockport.....	2,471	507	253	3,231				
Rowley.....	1,462	274	118	1,854				
SALEM.....	9,151	2,020	1,568	12,739				
Salisbury.....	1,733	343	247	2,323				
Saugus.....	6,923	1,311	921	9,155				
Swampscott.....	4,506	788	514	5,808				
Topsfield.....	2,268	270	142	2,680				
Wenham.....	1,325	160	94	1,579				
West Newbury.....	1,399	210	155	1,764				
TOTALS.....	172,195	31,833	22,077	226,105				
Franklin County								
Ashfield.....	480	160	64	704				
Barnardston.....	486	137	74	697				
Buckland.....	463	144	64	671				
Charlton.....	271	81	30	382				
Colrain.....	367	154	35	556				
Conway.....	497	217	50	764				
Deerfield.....	1,400	408	169	1,977				
Erving.....	283	104	32	419				
Gill.....	355	122	40	517				
Greenfield.....	3,746	1,183	405	5,334				
Hawley.....	91	18	10	119				
Heath.....	160	77	22	259				
Leverett.....	474	271	59	804				
Leyden.....	179	44	17	240				
Monroe.....	22	12	8	42				
Montague.....	1,750	685	244	2,679				
New Salem.....	248	98	28	374				
Northfield.....	752	222	92	1,066				
Orange.....	1,473	391	156	2,020				
Rowe.....	105	34	13	152				
Hampshire County (continued)								
Huntington.....	438	139	35	612				
Middlefield.....	139	45	15	199				
NORTHAMPTON.....	7,103	2,918	1,148	11,169				
Pelham.....	405	172	53	630				
Plainfield.....	158	72	17	247				
South Hadley.....	4,222	1,010	535	5,767				
Southampton.....	1,405	391	130	1,926				
Ware.....	1,863	610	350	2,823				
Westhampton.....	458	135	43	636				
Williamsburg.....	727	274	100	1,101				
Worthington.....	333	108	26	467				
TOTALS.....	31,707	10,680	5,286	47,673				
Middlesex County								
Acton.....	6,411	994	449	7,854				
Arlington.....	13,648	3,459	1,565	18,672				
Ashby.....	699	191	66	956				
Ashland.....	3,417	638	241	4,296				
Ayer.....	1,347	269	123	1,739				
Bedford.....	3,715	577	885	5,177				
Belmont.....	8,255	1,640	854	10,749				
Billerica.....	9,202	1,806	709	11,717				
Boxborough.....	1,417	188	111	1,716				
Burlington.....	6,495	1,090	510	8,095				
CAMBRIDGE.....	16,839	7,063	3,662	27,564				
Carlisle.....	1,777	217	92	2,086				
Chelmsford.....	10,508	1,689	717	12,914				
Concord.....	6,001	973	553	7,527				
Dracut.....	6,651	1,342	680	8,673				
Dunstable.....	802	113	45	960				
EVERETT.....	5,440	1,438	3,638	10,516				
Frammingham.....	14,530	2,622	1,450	18,602				
Groton.....	2,608	412	202	3,222				
Holliston.....	4,237	746	322	5,305				
Hopkinton.....	3,763	553	284	4,600				
Hudson.....	5,049	991	682	6,722				
Lexington.....	9,286	1,776	2,378	13,440				
Lincoln.....	2,015	361	127	2,503				

Littleton	2,367	417	200	2,984
LOWELL	13,942	3,058	2,140	19,140
MALDEN	9,740	2,408	1,964	14,112
MARLBOROUGH	8,565	1,462	1,104	11,131
Maynard	3,003	662	343	4,008
MEDFORD	13,228	3,037	2,370	18,635
MELROSE	8,723	1,820	1,079	11,622
Nauck	9,042	1,792	776	11,610
NEWTON	20,653	4,868	6,385	31,906
North Reading	4,234	603	379	5,216
Pepperell	2,709	463	217	3,389
Reading	7,289	1,221	633	9,143
Sherborn	1,617	185	130	1,932
Shirley	1,397	345	102	1,844
SOMERVILLE	12,968	5,029	2,179	20,176
Stonham	6,381	1,129	630	8,140
Stow	2,073	329	214	2,616
Sudbury	5,453	651	388	6,492
Tewksbury	7,521	1,404	575	9,500
Townsend	1,960	406	143	2,509
Tyngsborough	2,452	440	207	3,099
Wakefield	7,024	1,484	962	9,470
WALTHAM	9,327	2,246	3,710	15,283
Watertown	8,261	2,187	1,263	11,711
Wayland	4,878	720	395	5,993
Westford	5,696	759	358	6,813
Weston	3,932	418	277	4,627
Wilmington	4,480	1,050	1,490	7,020
Winchester	7,329	1,137	915	9,157
WOBURN	7,510	1,919	2,894	12,323
TOTALS	347,866	74,797	54,543	477,206

Nantucket County

Nantucket	2,652	509	439	3,600
TOTALS	2,652	509	439	3,600
Norfolk County				
Avon	1,328	276	169	1,773
Bellingham	3,339	802	371	4,512
Brantree	10,101	2,039	1,278	13,418
Brookline	10,731	3,107	3,816	17,654
Canton	6,311	1,160	790	8,261
Cohasset	2,742	379	289	3,410

Shelburne	515	161	72	748
Shutesbury	417	261	59	737
Sunderland	732	298	68	1,098
Warwick	136	80	21	257
Wendell	176	110	29	315
Whately	429	139	68	636
TOTALS	16,027	5,611	1,929	23,567
Hampden County				
Agawam	5,048	1,368	1,989	8,405
Blandford	296	77	18	391
Brimfield	779	193	99	1,071
Chester	295	77	30	402
CHICOPEE	10,711	2,859	1,570	15,140
East Longmeadow	4,034	806	462	5,302
Granville	367	90	43	500
Hamden	1,218	284	121	1,623
Holland	530	105	47	682
HOLYOKE	6,338	1,736	1,152	9,226
Longmeadow	5,078	649	512	6,239
Ludlow	4,219	1,030	565	5,814
Monson	1,566	439	204	2,209
Montgomery	218	52	14	284
Palmer	2,837	694	352	3,883
Russell	287	88	21	396
Southwick	1,807	428	206	2,441
SPRINGFIELD	21,734	5,827	2,798	30,359
Tolland	99	25	20	144
Wales	332	90	29	451
West Springfield	4,601	1,313	1,875	7,789
WESTFIELD	7,739	1,887	988	10,614
Wilbraham	4,259	751	335	5,345
TOTALS	84,392	20,868	13,450	118,710

Hampshire County

Amherst	3,892	1,860	1,139	6,891
Belchertown	2,664	751	335	3,750
Chesterfield	291	77	30	398
Cummington	228	75	23	326
Easthampton	3,773	995	388	5,156
Goshen	225	74	34	333
Granby	1,081	317	539	1,937
Hadley	1,361	372	1,953	3,721
Hatfield	941	285	126	1,352

Marion	1,578	267	128	1,973
Marshfield	6,813	1,228	595	8,636
Mattapoisett	2,253	368	176	2,797
Middleborough	3,868	849	334	5,051
Norwell	2,700	498	897	4,095
Pembroke	4,479	847	389	5,715
Plymouth	12,188	2,605	1,102	15,895
Plympton	759	186	74	1,019
Rochester	1,234	251	120	1,605
Rockland	4,010	994	396	5,400
Situate	6,304	1,108	561	7,973
Wareham	4,303	1,000	625	5,928
West Bridgewater	1,786	355	189	2,330
Whitman	3,229	771	361	4,361
TOTALS	110,873	22,585	12,353	145,811
Suffolk County				
BOSTON	65,665	21,655	36,453	123,773
CHELSEA	3,315	822	510	4,647
REVERE	8,726	1,905	2,191	12,822
Winthrop	4,756	989	655	6,400
TOTALS	82,462	25,371	39,809	147,642

Princeton	1,100	178	107	1,385
Royalston	239	71	24	334
Rutland	1,475	299	142	1,916
Shrewsbury	9,029	1,537	1,092	11,658
Southborough	2,744	378	202	3,324
Southbridge	2,610	651	1,329	4,590
Spencer	2,480	533	310	3,323
Sterling	2,195	338	150	2,683
Sturbridge	1,831	424	554	2,809
Sutton	2,335	403	244	2,982
Templeton	1,400	377	151	1,928
Upton	1,819	342	193	2,354
Usbridge	2,543	531	314	3,388
Warren	950	297	193	1,440
Webster	3,026	634	476	4,136
West Boylston	2,127	347	210	2,684
West Brookfield	881	205	144	1,230
Westborough	4,649	687	375	5,711
Westminster	1,896	392	149	2,437
Winchendon	1,499	359	131	1,989
WORCESTER	29,387	6,981	5,544	41,912
TOTALS	164,427	35,364	24,123	223,914

QUESTION 4

REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives on November 19, 1997 by a vote of 124 to 30, approved by the Senate on November 19, 1997 by a vote of 32 to 6?

SUMMARY

The law changes the state's electric utility industry. Starting in March 1998, instead of buying power from the utility that owns the power lines, customers may choose to buy power from separate generating companies competing with each other to sell power to be delivered by the existing utility. Customers not choosing a new competing generating company will be provided power by their existing utility under a transition rate for 7 years, starting from a rate 10% less than 1997 rates. By September 1999, rates for such customers must be further reduced from 1997 rates (adjusted for inflation) by 5%. Subject to restrictions in the law, rates paid by such customers may be adjusted up or down if approved by the new state Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE).

The law lets a utility recover, from customers, previously incurred costs related to generating plants and contracts that have become uneconomical under competition. Utilities must first reduce such "transition costs" in all reasonable ways, which may include selling non-nuclear generating plants. DTE must approve such sales and the utility's way of financing transition costs, and DTE may limit which costs may be charged to customers. Public agencies may arrange the sale of special bonds to help a utility finance transition costs to provide savings to customers.

Utilities claiming they cannot offer the required rate reductions must work with DTE to find all possible ways to do so. State tax revenues related to sales of power plants may be used, if found necessary by DTE and subject to legislative appropriation, to ensure that utilities provide the 15% rate reduction. Utilities must maintain discounts for low-income customers.

DTE must issue consumer protection and related regulations related to energy sales, and the law lets the state Attorney General enforce consumer

protection laws and regulations against energy companies. To maintain reliability, DTE must set performance-based rates and service quality standards for electric and gas utilities. Utilities failing to meet the standards may be fined up to 2% of their annual revenues.

Such utilities will not be allowed to cut staff levels unless either the relevant unions agree or DTE finds that the cuts will not lead to sub-standard service. Utility employees who are laid off due to the law will, if eligible for unemployment benefits, also be eligible for reemployment assistance benefits.

If a generating plant loses value due to the law, the responsible company must pay the affected city or town until 2009 to offset lost property tax revenue. Cities and towns may set up power purchasing cooperatives for local customers. Businesses and other organizations may also set up cooperatives. A municipal lighting plant that chooses to sell power outside its own service area must compete with other generating companies within its service area.

The law requires electric utilities to continue energy efficiency and demand management programs until 2003 and directs DTE to ensure that such programs are cost effective. The law imposes a charge on electricity consumers to promote renewable energy projects and to help cities and towns pay to add pollution control equipment to existing trash-to-energy plants. By 2003, power suppliers must provide an annually increasing percentage of power from new renewable sources, and fossil-fuel power plants must start to meet efficiency standards limiting pollution. The law ends the requirement that the state find a need for a proposed power plant but preserves environmental reviews.

The law changes the state Department of Public Utilities to the new DTE, controlled by a 5-member commission with expertise on specified issues. The law gives the state Division of Energy Resources new duties related to energy restructuring, such as educating consumers and helping cities and towns.

Aggregate of Votes							
	Yes	%	No		Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Barnstable.....	55,452	58.80%	33,735		5,119	5.43%	94,306
Berkshire.....	27,159	65.35%	8,376		6,024	14.50%	41,559
Bristol.....	98,037	68.52%	31,215		13,823	9.66%	143,075
Dukes.....	4,610	71.53%	1,533		502	7.79%	6,445
Essex.....	151,007	66.79%	58,764		16,334	7.22%	226,105
Franklin.....	16,119	68.40%	6,169		1,279	5.43%	23,567
Hampden.....	78,389	66.03%	30,310		10,011	8.43%	118,710
Hampshire.....	32,044	67.29%	11,950		3,679	7.72%	47,673
Middlesex.....	299,618	62.79%	134,816		42,772	8.96%	477,206
Nantucket.....	2,623	72.86%	621		356	9.89%	3,600
Norfolk.....	150,450	63.84%	68,638		16,576	7.03%	235,664
Plymouth.....	94,181	64.59%	43,129		8,501	5.83%	145,811
Suffolk.....	78,754	53.34%	35,556		33,332	22.58%	147,642
Worcester.....	163,097	72.84%	45,195		15,622	6.98%	223,914
TOTALS.....	1,251,540	64.67%	509,807		173,930	8.99%	1,935,277

Barnstable County					Total Ballots
	Yes	No	Blanks		
Barnstable	11,286	6,807	887		18,980
Bourne	3,470	2,181	1,053		6,704
Brewster	2,709	1,751	159		4,619
Chatham	2,264	1,351	163		3,778
Dennis	4,109	2,736	291		7,136
Eastham	1,450	1,163	119		2,732
Falmouth	8,905	4,286	820		14,011
Harwich	3,243	2,229	260		5,732
Marshpee	2,763	1,480	210		4,453
Orleans	1,971	1,481	155		3,607
Provincetown	1,021	481	126		1,628
Sandwich	3,042	3,091	307		8,091
Truro	518	388	75		981
Wellfleet	801	544	86		1,431
Yarmouth	6,200	3,815	408		10,423
TOTALS	55,452	33,735	5,119		94,306
Berkshire County					
Adams	2,101	389	304		2,794
Alford	123	54	16		193
Becket	322	105	75		502

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	Yes	No	Blanks		
Cheshire.....	899	192	89		1,180
Clarksburg.....	448	91	31		570
Dalton	1,569	364	203		2,136
Egremont	379	106	29		514
Florida	170	48	24		242
Great Barrington	1,734	374	186		2,294
Hancock	149	66	16		231
Hinsdale.....	359	100	38		497
Lanesborough.....	518	175	184		877
Lee.....	1,195	293	374		1,862
Lenox	1,354	311	357		2,022
Monterey	237	91	16		344
Mt. Washington	44	15	2		61
New Ashford	59	21	4		84
New Marlborough	287	99	27		413
NORTH ADAMS	3,134	526	420		4,080
Otis.....	247	92	75		414
Peru.....	147	49	20		216
PITTSFIELD	8,294	1,998	2,719		13,011
Richmond	503	126	48		677
Sandisfield	141	37	20		198
Savoy	126	46	16		188

QUESTION 4

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (continued)								
Sheffield.....	729	186	81	996				
Stockbridge.....	702	160	97	959				
Tyringham.....	103	40	13	156				
Washington.....	180	40	11	231				
West Stockbridge.....	430	98	47	575				
Williamstown.....	267	2,006	450	2,723				
Windsor.....	209	78	32	319				
TOTALS.....	27,159	8,376	6,024	41,559				
Bristol County								
Acushnet.....	2,601	568	296	3,465				
ATTLEBORO.....	7,196	1,834	557	9,587				
Berkley.....	909	438	75	1,422				
Dartmouth.....	6,393	2,036	1,729	10,158				
Dighton.....	1,150	431	105	1,686				
Easton.....	4,374	2,124	334	6,832				
Karlvoren.....	3,248	992	1,250	5,490				
FALL RIVER.....	14,577	3,675	2,529	20,781				
Freetown.....	2,034	559	115	2,708				
Mansfield.....	4,108	1,473	324	5,905				
NEW BEDFORD.....	17,331	4,445	2,258	24,034				
North Attleborough.....	5,081	1,730	372	7,183				
Norton.....	2,920	1,081	150	4,151				
Raynham.....	2,475	1,303	461	4,239				
Rehoboth.....	2,079	529	167	2,775				
Seekonk.....	3,028	820	240	4,088				
Somerset.....	4,574	1,458	540	6,572				
Swansea.....	3,408	1,061	464	4,933				
TAUNTON.....	7,142	3,612	1,466	12,220				
Westport.....	3,409	1,046	391	4,846				
TOTALS.....	98,037	31,215	13,823	143,075				
Dukes County								
Aquinnah.....	114	34	17	165				
Chilmark.....	357	117	58	532				
Edgartown.....	1,153	283	107	1,541				
Gosnold.....	49	12	4	65				
Oak Bluffs.....	1,141	311	105	1,557				
Tisbury.....	1,032	347	117	1,496				
West Tisbury.....	764	231	94	1,089				
TOTALS.....	4,610	1,333	502	6,445				
Franklin County (continued)								
Hawley.....	72	39						
Heath.....	171	58	8	119				
Leverett.....	512	243	30	259				
Leyden.....	172	60	49	804				
Monroe.....	31	7	8	240				
Montague.....	1,897	675	107	2,679				
New Salem.....	241	109	24	374				
Northfield.....	731	273	62	1,066				
Orange.....	1,556	387	77	2,020				
Rowe.....	83	52	17	152				
Shelburne.....	498	201	49	748				
Shutesbury.....	461	224	52	737				
Sunderland.....	764	281	53	1,098				
Warwick.....	165	77	15	257				
Wendell.....	167	125	23	315				
Whately.....	435	161	40	636				
TOTALS.....	16,119	6,169	1,279	23,567				
Hampden County								
Agawam.....	4,748	2,034	1,623	8,405				
Blandford.....	280	92	19	391				
Brimfield.....	770	254	47	1,071				
Chester.....	278	100	24	402				
CHICOPEE.....	9,782	4,178	1,180	15,140				
East Longmeadow.....	3,642	1,307	353	5,302				
Granville.....	317	141	42	500				
Hampden.....	1,106	436	81	1,623				
Holland.....	504	147	31	682				
HOLYOKE.....	5,629	2,602	995	9,226				
Longmeadow.....	4,359	1,435	445	6,239				
Ludlow.....	3,973	1,499	342	5,814				
Monson.....	1,450	641	115	2,209				
Montgomery.....	187	84	13	284				
Palmer.....	2,798	911	174	3,883				
Russell.....	267	112	17	396				
Southwick.....	1,663	619	159	2,441				
SPRINGFIELD.....	21,070	7,301	1,988	30,359				
Tolland.....	77	38	28	144				
Wales.....	312	123	16	451				
West Springfield.....	4,668	1,807	1,314	7,789				
WESTFIELD.....	6,765	3,089	760	10,614				

Essex County

Amesbury.....	2,767	949	762	4,478
Andover.....	8,249	3,176	544	11,969
BEVERLY.....	9,288	3,925	929	13,542
Boxford.....	2,063	3,205	189	3,205
Danvers.....	5,975	2,786	521	9,282
Essex.....	995	355	84	1,434
Georgetown.....	1,691	669	169	2,529
GLOUCESTER.....	6,728	2,391	811	9,930
Groveland.....	1,423	614	118	2,155
Hamilton.....	2,127	757	173	3,057
HAVERHILL.....	10,477	3,728	1,018	15,223
Ipswich.....	3,351	1,597	363	5,311
LAWRENCE.....	7,595	1,801	1,010	10,406
LYNN.....	14,087	4,851	1,552	20,490
Lynnfield.....	3,195	1,554	341	5,090
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,695	563	118	2,376
Marblehead.....	5,369	3,100	671	9,140
Merrimac.....	1,400	479	96	1,975
Methuen.....	8,739	2,560	750	12,049
Middleton.....	1,517	970	185	2,372
Nahant.....	1,167	502	94	1,763
Newbury.....	1,811	872	135	2,818
NEWBURYPORT.....	4,503	2,088	523	7,114
North Andover.....	6,444	2,264	581	9,289
PEABODY.....	11,150	5,210	1,615	17,975
Rockport.....	2,248	782	201	3,231
Rowley.....	1,154	599	101	1,854
SALEM.....	8,411	3,154	1,174	12,739
Salisbury.....	1,630	517	176	2,323
Saugus.....	5,993	2,557	605	9,155
Swampscott.....	3,706	1,675	427	5,808
Topsfield.....	1,812	749	119	2,680
Wenham.....	1,095	399	85	1,579
West Newbury.....	1,152	518	94	1,764
TOTALS.....	151,007	58,764	16,334	226,105

Franklin County

Ashfield.....	451	197	56	704
Barnardston.....	464	195	38	697
Buckland.....	411	226	34	671
Charlton.....	233	133	16	382
Colrain.....	369	170	17	556
Conway.....	478	248	38	764
Deerfield.....	1,400	478	99	1,977
Erving.....	264	130	25	419
Gill.....	355	126	36	517
Greenfield.....	3,738	1,294	302	5,334

Wilbraham.....	3,744	1,359	242	5,345
TOTALS.....	78,389	30,310	10,011	118,710
Hampshire County				
Amherst.....	4,135	1,891	865	6,891
Belchertown.....	2,653	897	200	3,750
Chesterfield.....	277	100	21	398
Cummington.....	224	84	18	326
Easthampton.....	3,778	1,165	213	5,156
Goshen.....	221	97	15	333
Granby.....	1,094	405	438	1,937
Hadley.....	1,319	478	156	1,953
Hatfield.....	981	296	75	1,352
Huntington.....	446	147	19	612
Middlefield.....	134	54	11	199
NORTHAMPTON.....	7,453	2,967	849	11,169
Pelham.....	416	183	31	630
Plainfield.....	159	72	16	247
South Hadley.....	3,889	1,488	390	5,767
Southampton.....	1,313	522	91	1,926
Ware.....	2,091	569	163	2,823
Westhampton.....	461	150	25	636
Williamsburg.....	681	359	61	1,101
Worthington.....	319	126	22	467
TOTALS.....	32,044	11,950	3,679	47,673

Middlesex County

Acton.....	5,277	2,189	388	7,854
Arlington.....	10,998	6,543	1,131	18,672
Ashby.....	714	214	28	956
Ashland.....	2,815	1,312	169	4,296
Ayer.....	1,229	425	85	1,739
Bedford.....	2,979	1,486	712	5,177
Belmont.....	6,596	3,500	653	10,749
Billerica.....	8,127	3,108	482	11,717
Boxborough.....	1,127	491	98	1,716
Burlington.....	5,241	2,479	375	8,095
CAMBRIDGE.....	15,358	9,349	2,857	27,564
Carlisle.....	1,346	642	98	2,086
Chelmsford.....	9,139	3,298	477	12,914
Concord.....	4,783	2,251	752	7,527
Dracut.....	6,350	1,875	448	8,673
Dunstable.....	691	232	37	960
EVERETT.....	5,448	2,065	3,003	10,516
Framingham.....	12,153	5,439	1,010	18,602
Groton.....	2,049	980	193	3,222
Holliston.....	3,505	1,576	224	5,305

QUESTION 4

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots		Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (continued)					Plymouth County (continued)				
Hopkinton.....	3,118	1,262	220	4,600	Mattapoisett.....	2,041	601	155	2,797
Hudson.....	4,530	1,690	502	6,722	Middleborough.....	3,146	1,680	225	5,051
Lexington.....	7,603	3,833	2,004	13,440	Norwell.....	2,220	1,084	791	4,095
Lincoln.....	1,541	853	109	2,503	Pembroke.....	3,755	1,665	265	5,715
Littleton.....	2,007	827	150	2,984	Plymouth.....	10,694	4,512	689	15,895
LOWELL					Plympton.....	660	328	31	1,019
MALDEN.....	8,948	3,786	1,507	19,140	Rochester.....	1,164	353	88	1,605
MARLBOROUGH.....	7,810	2,568	753	11,131	Rockland.....	3,448	1,700	252	5,400
Maynard.....	2,604	1,151	253	4,008	Scituate.....	4,996	2,592	385	7,973
MEDFORD.....	11,840	5,108	1,687	18,635	Wareham.....	4,206	1,279	443	5,928
MELROSE					West Bridgewater.....	1,450	777	103	2,330
Natick.....	7,247	3,597	778	11,622	Whitman.....	2,799	1,328	234	4,361
Newton.....	17,534	8,657	5,715	31,906	TOTALS.....	94,181	43,129	8,501	145,811
North Reading.....	3,522	1,391	303	5,216	Suffolk County				
Pepperell.....	2,358	883	148	3,389	BOSTON.....	63,193	29,601	30,979	123,773
Reading					CHELSEA.....	3,237	1,079	331	4,647
Sherborn.....	1,278	573	81	1,932	REVERE.....	8,233	3,059	1,530	12,822
Shirley.....	1,346	435	63	1,844	Winthrop.....	4,091	1,817	492	6,400
SOMERVILLE.....	12,455	6,146	1,575	20,176	TOTALS.....	78,754	35,556	33,332	147,642
Stonham.....	5,319	2,371	450	8,140	Worcester County				
Tewksbury					Ashburnham.....	1,225	425	72	1,722
Townsend.....	1,744	686	79	2,509	Athol.....	2,299	551	70	2,920
Tyngsborough.....	2,226	766	107	3,099	Auburn.....	5,074	1,098	329	6,501
Wakefield					Barre.....	1,346	365	91	1,802
WALTHAM.....	5,738	2,957	775	9,470	Berlin.....	752	242	44	1,038
Watertown.....	9,603	3,686	2,994	15,283	Blackstone.....	1,601	485	88	2,174
Wayland.....	7,068	3,614	1,029	11,711	Bolton.....	1,080	481	102	1,663
Westford.....	3,944	1,667	284	5,993	Boylston.....	1,133	431	78	1,642
Weston					Brookfield.....	769	164	46	979
Wilmington.....	3,196	1,155	276	4,627	Charlton.....	2,488	661	151	3,300
Winchester.....	3,674	2,005	1,341	7,020	Clinton.....	3,110	801	329	4,240
Woburn.....	5,894	2,692	571	9,157	Douglas.....	1,583	392	65	2,040
TOTALS.....	299,618	134,816	42,772	477,206	Duxbury.....	2,269	416	129	2,814
Nantucket County					East Bridgfield.....	517	116	43	676
Nantucket.....	2,623	621	356	3,600	FITCHBURG.....	6,846	1,820	678	9,344
TOTALS.....	2,623	621	356	3,600	GARDNER.....	4,164	944	213	5,321
					Grafton.....	4,011	992	203	5,206
					Hardwick.....	613	224	47	884

Norfolk County

Avon	1,060	601	112	1,773	Harvard	1,374	787	112	2,273
Bellingham	2,924	1,385	203	4,512	Holden	4,320	1,182	1,101	6,603
Brantree	8,018	4,460	940	13,418	Hopedale	1,349	633	107	2,089
Brookline	9,934	4,698	3,022	17,654	Hubbardston	1,589	893	53	1,198
Canton	5,101	2,569	591	8,261	Lancaster	2,827	436	97	2,122
Cohasset	2,219	987	204	3,410	LEOMINSTER	8,733	2,157	184	3,626
Dedham	5,766	2,869	596	9,231	Lunenburg	2,333	705	619	11,509
Dover	1,666	674	160	2,500	Mendon	1,834	783	121	3,159
Foxborough	4,220	1,626	267	6,113	Milford	4,808	1,961	74	1,691
Franklin	6,280	2,603	348	9,231	Milbury	3,439	852	569	7,338
Holbrook	2,460	1,099	234	3,793	Millville	505	168	37	710
Medfield	3,082	1,330	277	4,689	New Braintree	254	64	9	327
Medway	2,500	1,368	167	4,035	North Brookfield	1,144	329	78	1,551
Milwau	1,922	850	177	2,949	Northborough	3,833	1,176	226	5,235
Milton	6,966	3,302	746	11,614	Northbridge	2,862	788	232	4,182
Needham	8,128	3,538	706	12,372	Oakham	441	158	18	617
Norfolk	2,216	894	175	3,285	Oxford	2,626	700	616	3,942
Norwood	6,542	3,086	774	10,402	Paxton	1,265	366	94	1,725
Plainville	1,648	554	73	2,275	Petersham	373	134	34	541
QUINCY	18,680	8,084	2,302	29,066	Phillipston	333	99	14	446
Randolph	6,063	2,448	608	9,119	Princeton	924	367	94	1,385
Sharon	4,666	2,081	406	7,153	Royalston	233	86	15	334
Stoughton	6,020	2,764	597	9,381	Rutland	1,440	387	89	1,916
Walpole	6,506	2,948	709	10,163	Shrewsbury	8,534	2,285	839	11,658
Wellesley	7,092	2,569	693	10,354	Southborough	2,319	863	142	3,324
Westwood	4,048	1,829	421	6,298	Southbridge	2,940	617	1,033	4,590
Weymouth	12,234	5,872	951	19,057	Spencer	2,619	560	144	3,323
Wrentham	2,489	950	117	3,556	Sterling	1,943	625	115	2,683
TOTALS	150,450	68,638	16,576	235,664	Sturbridge	1,920	477	412	2,809

Plymouth County

Abington	3,128	1,507	199	4,834	Upton	1,557	698	99	2,354
Bridgeton	4,056	1,957	386	6,399	Uxbridge	2,436	774	178	3,388
BROCKTON	11,654	5,706	1,530	18,890	Warren	1,072	278	90	1,440
Carver	2,628	739	124	3,531	Webster	3,295	600	241	4,136
Duxbury	3,623	1,909	271	5,803	West Boylston	1,964	585	135	2,684
East Bridgewater	2,225	1,189	186	3,600	West Brookfield	932	228	70	1,230
Halifax	1,712	755	99	2,566	Westborough	4,187	1,295	229	5,711
Hanover	3,385	1,574	299	5,258	Westminster	1,860	492	85	2,437
Hanson	1,962	956	126	3,044	Winchendon	1,590	338	61	1,989
Hingham	5,052	2,657	583	8,292	WORCESTER	30,650	7,665	3,597	41,912
Hull	2,384	1,265	282	3,931	TOTALS	163,097	45,195	15,622	223,914
Kingston	2,681	1,097	162	3,940					
Lakeville	1,981	819	125	2,925					
Marion	1,401	481	91	1,973					
Marshfield	5,730	2,529	377	8,636					

QUESTION 5

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 1998 entitled 'An Act Relative to the Establishment of the Cape Cod Open Space Land Acquisition Program' to acquire open space and conservation land, provide bicycling and walking trails, enhance opportunities for recreation and protect public drinking water supplies, and to be funded by an additional excise on real property, but not affecting existing abatements and exemptions, and expiring on January 1, 2020, be accepted?"

in Barnstable County.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	9,977	8,428	575	18,980
Bourne	2,789	2,593	1,322	6,704
Brewster	2,952	1,547	120	4,619
Chatham	2,431	1,254	93	3,778
Dennis	4,424	2,497	215	7,136
Eastham	1,606	1,027	99	2,732
Falmouth	7,997	5,454	560	14,011
Harwich	3,569	1,925	238	5,732
Mashpee	2,234	2,075	144	4,453
Orleans	2,479	1,030	98	3,607
Provincetown	1,009	520	99	1,628
Sandwich	4,148	3,743	200	8,091
Truro	560	390	31	981
Wellfleet	836	535	60	1,431
Yarmouth	5,396	4,699	328	10,423
TOTALS	52,407	37,717	4,182	94,306

QUESTION 5

"Shall the following amendment to the Hampshire County Charter proposed by a two-thirds majority of the weighted vote of the county commissioners be enacted?"

QUESTION 5

"Shall the Town of Dartmouth 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 fund an AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION TRUST FUND?"

in the town of Dartmouth.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dartmouth	4,817	3,555	1,786	10,158
TOTALS	4,817	3,555	1,786	10,158

QUESTION 5

"Shall the City of Gloucester be allowed to be exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amount required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the purchase of parcels of land commonly known as Pole's Hill for purposes of creating public open space?"

in the city of Gloucester.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
GLOUCESTER	5,638	3,713	579	9,930
TOTALS	5,638	3,713	579	9,930

SUMMARY

- Continue a regional organization for purposes of regional cooperation among municipalities now in Hampshire County.
- Rename the organization the "Hampshire Council of Governments."
- Allow municipalities to join or withdraw from the council of governments.
- Instead of the county tax, assess each municipality at a rate up to .0001 of its equalized valuation, with future increases and decreases limited by Proposition 2 1/2.
- Allow voters to continue to elect representatives to the council in the same manner they now elect county commissioners from each municipality.

in Hampshire County.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Amherst.....	3,796	1,317	1,778	6,891
Belchertown.....	2,307	788	655	3,750
Chesterfield.....	281	79	38	398
Cumington.....	222	61	43	326
Easthampton.....	3,468	1,148	540	5,156
Goshen.....	233	71	29	333
Granby.....	883	360	694	1,937
Hadley.....	1,211	425	317	1,953
Hatfield.....	925	266	161	1,352
Huntington.....	415	127	70	612
Middlefield.....	151	27	21	199
NORTHAMPTON.....	7,368	2,124	1,677	11,169
Pelham.....	449	98	83	630
Plainfield.....	165	47	35	247
South Hadley.....	3,081	1,834	852	5,767
Southampton.....	1,013	657	256	1,926
Ware.....	1,345	928	550	2,823
Westhampton.....	460	120	56	636
Williamsburg.....	748	215	138	1,101
Worthington.....	274	135	58	467
TOTALS.....	28,795	10,827	8,051	47,673

QUESTION 5

"Shall the Town of Walpole 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, originally equip and furnish additions and to remodel, reconstruct or make extraordinary repairs to the high school?"

in the town of Walpole.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Walpole.....	5,577	4,405	181	10,163
TOTALS.....	5,577	4,405	181	10,163

QUESTION 5

"Shall the Town of Marshfield be allowed to be 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 finance construction of a Community Center Building, including cost of planning, original equipment and related site improvements?"

in the town of Marshfield.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Marshfield.....	3,370	4,482	784	8,636
TOTALS.....	3,370	4,482	784	8,636

QUESTION 5

"Shall the Town of Pembroke be allowed to be exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the expansion and renovation of the North Pembroke Elementary School and the Bryantville Elementary School?"

in the town of Pembroke.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Pembroke.....	3,581	1,944	190	5,715
TOTALS.....	3,581	1,944	190	5,715

QUESTION 5

"Shall the Town of Millis be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued to acquire property for a municipal water well site on property owned by Apple Knoll LLC (Paine property), and easements for access thereto and for utilities over the Paine property and the Iorio property?"

in the town of Millis.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Millis.....	1,843	933	173	2,949
TOTALS.....	1,843	933	173	2,949

QUESTION 6

"Shall the Town of Millis be allowed to assess \$85,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the costs of wages and expenses required to provide school bus service to all children in Millis?"

in the town of Millis.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Millis.....	1,249	1,588	112	2,949
TOTALS.....	1,249	1,588	112	2,949

QUESTION 5

"Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the closure and capping of the Bolton Landfill and implementation of a follow-up solid waste disposal and recycling program?"

in the town of Bolton.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bolton.....	1,037	502	124	1,663
TOTALS.....	1,037	502	124	1,663

QUESTION 5 OR 6
DEPENDING ON THE QUESTION
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

"Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote against the elimination of county government, which elimination would allow the state to take over the county courthouses, the Berkshire County House of Correction, and the county's Registries of Deeds?"

This will be question 5 in the Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire, & Franklin Senatorial District (except #6 in Cummington, Middlefield, Plainfield, & Worthington)

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Adams.....	904	1,344	546	2,794
Alford.....	78	30	193	361
Becket.....	148	179	175	502
Blanford.....	169	173	49	391
Charlemont.....	140	172	70	382
Cheshire.....	448	527	205	1,180
Chester.....	170	171	61	402
Clarksburg.....	214	280	76	570
Cummington.....	124	133	69	326
Dalton.....	747	1,018	371	2,136
Egremont.....	211	226	77	514
Florida.....	100	103	39	242
Granville.....	170	242	88	500
Great Barrington.....	772	1,007	515	2,294
Hancock.....	87	107	37	231
Hawley.....	43	53	23	119
Heath.....	99	100	60	259
Hinsdale.....	178	227	92	497
Lanesborough.....	286	305	286	877
Lee.....	633	600	629	1,862
Lenox.....	696	766	560	2,022
Middlefield.....	90	78	31	199
Monroe.....	14	19	9	42
Monterey.....	149	150	45	344
Mt. Washington.....	20	37	4	61
New Ashford.....	32	42	10	84
New Marlborough.....	172	184	57	413
NORTH ADAMS.....	1,295	1,936	849	4,080

QUESTION 6

"Shall the Town of Bolton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for a replacement public safety communications system?"

in the town of Bolton.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bolton.....	911	606	146	1,663
TOTALS.....	911	606	146	1,663

QUESTION 6

"Shall the Town of Barnstable be allowed to assess an additional twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of paying the costs of a study of the delivery of the essential services currently provided by five Fire/Water Districts and one private corporation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999?"

in the town of Barnstable.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable.....	3,375	14,884	721	18,980
TOTALS.....	3,375	14,884	721	18,980

QUESTION 6

"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 bond issued in order to finance the planning, remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to the High School, and for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition thereto, including the acquisition of land necessary therefor?"

in the town of Northampton.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
NORTHAMPTON	8,073	2,727	369	11,169
TOTALS.....	8,073	2,727	369	11,169

Otis.....	155	129	130	414
Peru.....	77	110	29	216
PITTSFIELD.....				
Plainfield.....	430	348	352	1,130
Richmond.....	108	99	40	247
Rowe.....	251	334	92	677
Sandisfield.....	49	61	42	152
	67	106	25	198
Savoy.....	67	95	26	188
Sheffield.....	368	421	207	996
Stockbridge.....	391	394	174	959
Tolland.....	53	52	39	144
Tyringham.....	63	66	27	156
Washington.....	93	111	27	231
West Stockbridge.....	226	249	100	575
Williamstown.....	521	980	1,222	2,723
Windsor.....	132	136	51	319
Worthington.....	174	208	85	467
TOTALS.....	11,414	14,163	7,731	33,308