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# QUESTION 4

## LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2000?

5.95% as of September 1, 1999, and would set the rate at 5.6% for tax year 2001, 5.3% for tax year 2002, and 5% for tax year 2003 and after. If the Legislature set a lower rate for any of those years, that lower rate would apply. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would remain in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would reduce the state personal income tax rate in steps over three years to 5%.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the state income tax laws.

### SUMMARY

This proposed law would repeal the law setting the state personal income tax rate on Part B taxable income (such as wages and salaries), which was

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
<b>Aggregate of Votes</b>							
Barnstable.....	81,254	66.43%	36,558	29.89%	4,508	3.68%	122,320
Berkshire.....	29,587	48.97%	26,859	44.46%	3,968	6.57%	60,414
Bristol.....	115,172	53.85%	83,884	39.22%	14,824	6.93%	213,880
Dukes.....	5,637	63.30%	2,783	31.25%	485	5.45%	8,905
Essex.....	190,546	60.81%	108,681	34.68%	14,143	4.51%	313,370
Franklin.....	15,459	45.75%	17,109	50.63%	1,225	3.62%	33,793
Hampden.....	94,451	53.88%	69,390	39.58%	11,471	6.54%	175,312
Hampshire.....	31,057	44.68%	35,406	50.33%	3,050	4.39%	69,513
Middlesex.....	373,858	56.35%	259,964	39.18%	29,663	4.47%	663,485
Nantucket.....	3,316	66.80%	1,319	26.57%	329	6.63%	4,964
Norfolk.....	186,177	58.18%	121,830	38.07%	11,984	3.75%	319,991
Plymouth.....	130,051	60.94%	75,628	35.44%	7,724	3.62%	213,403
Suffolk.....	89,746	40.58%	110,685	50.04%	20,747	9.38%	221,178
Worcester.....	195,460	62.39%	105,085	33.54%	12,758	4.07%	313,303
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,541,771</b>	<b>56.40%</b>	<b>1,055,181</b>	<b>38.60%</b>	<b>136,879</b>	<b>5.00%</b>	<b>2,733,831</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County (continued)</b>				
Richmond.....	525	413	28	966
Sandisfield.....	230	105	23	358
Savoy.....	172	117	6	295
Sheffield.....	973	563	74	1,610
Stockbridge.....	639	525	120	1,284
Tyringham.....	122	85	11	218
Washington.....	158	145	3	306
West Stockbridge.....	451	328	36	815
Williamstown.....	1,636	1,750	246	3,632
Windsor.....	237	203	17	457
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>29,587</b>	<b>26,859</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>60,414</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Bristol County</b>				
Acushnet.....	2,403	2,264	319	4,986
ATTLEBORO.....	10,063	4,858	794	15,715
Berkley.....	1,320	877	78	2,475
Dartmouth.....	6,806	6,057	770	13,633
Dighton.....	1,570	1,160	156	2,886
Easton.....	6,793	3,572	371	10,736
Fairhaven.....	3,644	3,389	473	7,506
FALL RIVER.....	12,846	12,884	3,838	29,368
Freetown.....	2,290	1,598	126	4,014
Mansfield.....	6,348	2,918	597	9,863
NEW BEDFORD.....	13,221	15,238	2,767	31,226
North Attleborough.....	7,967	3,854	384	12,205
Norton.....	4,733	2,386	211	7,330
Kaydhan.....	3,326	2,256	202	5,784
Rehoboth.....	3,344	1,340	218	4,902
Seekonk.....	4,587	1,698	384	6,669
Somerset.....	5,004	3,749	772	9,525
Swansea.....	4,469	2,565	640	7,674
TAUNTON.....	10,250	8,593	1,187	20,030
Westport.....	3,988	2,628	537	7,153
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>115,172</b>	<b>83,884</b>	<b>14,824</b>	<b>213,880</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Dukes County</b>				
Aquinnah.....	150	82	9	241
Chilmark.....	149	200	31	680
Edgartown.....	1,434	578	120	2,132
Gosnold.....	58	17	6	81

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Barnstable.....	16,465	6,883	749	24,097
Bourne.....	5,813	2,817	242	8,872
Brewster.....	4,184	1,628	200	6,012
Chatham.....	3,356	1,153	191	4,700
Dennis.....	6,029	2,752	287	9,068
Eastham.....	2,316	1,023	123	3,462
Falmouth.....	10,987	6,039	771	17,797
Harwich.....	4,864	1,987	370	7,221
Nashpee.....	4,478	1,840	212	6,530
Orleans.....	3,004	1,178	349	4,531
Provincetown.....	1,226	954	94	2,274
Sandwich.....	7,431	3,155	345	10,931
Turo.....	811	444	31	1,286
Wellfleet.....	1,196	648	70	1,914
Yarmouth.....	9,094	4,057	474	13,625
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>81,254</b>	<b>36,558</b>	<b>4,508</b>	<b>122,320</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Adams.....	1,857	1,780	296	3,933
Alford.....	154	98	13	265
Becket.....	409	326	49	784
Cheshire.....	848	775	59	1,682
Clarksburg.....	409	394	24	827
Dalton.....	1,696	1,411	143	3,250
Egremont.....	453	298	25	776
Florida.....	193	144	9	346
Great Barrington.....	1,767	1,402	290	3,459
Hancock.....	194	148	16	358
Hinsdale.....	502	336	37	875
Lanesborough.....	681	655	89	1,425
Lee.....	1,375	1,155	192	2,722
Lenox.....	1,366	1,273	234	2,873
Monterey.....	274	200	23	497
Mt. Washington.....	53	28	2	83
New Ashford.....	77	66	6	149
New Marlborough.....	422	212	41	675
NORTH ADAMS.....	2,493	2,747	420	5,660
Otis.....	371	220	48	639
Peru.....	218	138	11	367
PITTSFIELD.....	8,632	8,819	1,377	18,828

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<b>Dukes County (continued)</b>								
Oak Bluffs .....	1,363	697	165	2,225				
Tisbury .....	1,280	640	101	2,021				
West Tisbury .....	903	569	53	1,525				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>5,637</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>8,905</b>				
<b>Essex County</b>								
Amesbury .....	4,368	2,388	206	6,962				
Andover .....	11,291	4,734	488	16,513				
BEVERLY .....	11,359	6,762	773	18,894				
Boxford .....	3,408	946	93	4,447				
Danvers .....	8,094	4,286	341	12,721				
Essex .....	1,239	663	43	1,945				
Georgetown .....	2,643	1,113	3,841	13,879				
GLOUCESTER .....	7,675	5,531	673	13,879				
Groveland .....	2,112	955	79	3,146				
Hamilton .....	2,952	1,145	131	4,228				
HAVERHILL .....	14,301	7,036	1,124	22,461				
Ipswich .....	4,448	2,437	237	7,122				
LAWRENCE .....	7,817	4,887	2,168	14,872				
LYNN .....	13,367	12,953	1,307	27,627				
Lynnfield .....	4,602	1,756	240	6,598				
Manchester-by-the-Sea .....	2,132	936	98	3,166				
Marblehead .....	7,726	3,794	352	11,872				
Merrimac .....	1,976	964	98	3,038				
Methuen .....	11,557	5,119	853	17,529				
Middleton .....	2,237	1,007	132	3,376				
Nahant .....	1,245	833	141	2,219				
Newbury .....	2,463	1,211	100	3,774				
NEWBURYPORT .....	5,811	3,540	521	9,872				
North Andover .....	9,150	3,548	473	13,171				
PEABODY .....	13,204	9,167	1,018	23,389				
Rockport .....	2,658	1,722	120	4,500				
Rowley .....	1,928	790	98	2,816				
SALEM .....	8,696	7,468	833	16,997				
Salisbury .....	2,307	1,133	171	3,611				
Saugus .....	7,641	4,788	540	12,969				
Swampscott .....	4,453	2,890	362	7,705				
<b>Hampden County (continued)</b>								
HOLYOKE .....	6,643	5,989	1,560	14,192				
Longmeadow .....	5,476	3,071	375	8,922				
Ludlow .....	4,766	3,547	602	8,915				
Monson .....	2,040	1,506	165	3,711				
Montgomery .....	267	142	13	422				
Palmer .....	2,836	2,269	207	5,312				
Russell .....	395	236	25	656				
Southwick .....	2,520	1,246	197	3,963				
SPRINGFIELD .....	20,768	19,384	4,005	44,157				
Tolland .....	161	48	11	220				
Wales .....	471	230	26	727				
West Springfield .....	6,584	4,353	859	11,796				
WESTFIELD .....	9,068	5,944	729	15,741				
Wilbraham .....	4,659	2,462	281	7,402				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>94,451</b>	<b>69,390</b>	<b>11,471</b>	<b>175,312</b>				
<b>Hampshire County</b>								
Amherst .....	3,462	7,647	756	11,865				
Belchertown .....	3,114	2,593	210	5,917				
Chesterfield .....	351	235	9	595				
Cummington .....	200	264	15	479				
Easthampton .....	3,829	3,454	223	7,506				
Goshen .....	243	243	10	496				
Granby .....	1,613	1,216	141	2,970				
Hadley .....	1,313	1,254	143	2,710				
Hatfield .....	977	893	60	1,930				
Huntington .....	530	397	17	944				
Middlefield .....	156	156	8	280				
NORTHAMPTON .....	5,231	8,586	647	14,464				
Pelham .....	322	495	14	831				
Plainfield .....	162	191	12	365				
South Hadley .....	4,296	3,620	394	8,310				
Southampton .....	1,683	1,096	101	2,880				
Ware .....	2,147	1,651	192	3,990				
Westhampton .....	462	369	21	852				
Williamsburg .....	609	779	53	1,441				
Worthington .....	357	307	24	688				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>31,057</b>	<b>35,406</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>69,513</b>				

**Middlesex County**

Topsfield.....	83	3,525
Wentham.....	62	2,098
West Newbury.....	72	2,487
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,143</b>	<b>313,370</b>

**Franklin County**

Ashfield.....	22	971
Barnardston.....	45	1,076
Buckland.....	36	955
Charlmont.....	330	635
Colrain.....	434	807
Conway.....	409	624
Deerfield.....	1,305	1,387
Erving.....	326	335
Gill.....	349	401
Greenfield.....	3,351	3,900
Hawley.....	100	69
Heath.....	216	147
Leverett.....	362	706
Leyden.....	200	185
Monroe.....	21	21
Montague.....	1,524	2,043
New Salem.....	289	240
Northfield.....	719	734
Orange.....	1,726	1,071
Rowe.....	136	81
Shelburne.....	465	549
Shutesbury.....	288	742
Sunderland.....	700	904
Warwick.....	203	175
Wendell.....	204	239
Whately.....	419	414
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,459</b>	<b>17,109</b>

**Hampden County**

Agawam.....	7,280	4,848
Blandford.....	368	202
Brimfield.....	995	535
Chester.....	357	226
<b>CHICOPEE.....</b>	<b>11,181</b>	<b>9,195</b>
East Longmeadow.....	4,667	2,554
Granville.....	507	242
Hampden.....	1,687	900
Holland.....	755	261

Action.....	6,486	3,750	232	10,468
Arlington.....	12,141	11,240	882	24,263
Ashby.....	894	528	26	1,448
Ashland.....	4,651	2,325	190	7,166
Ayer.....	1,754	938	88	2,780
Bedford.....	4,148	2,458	213	6,819
Belmont.....	7,441	5,736	464	13,641
Billerica.....	11,182	5,267	399	16,848
Bosborough.....	1,638	747	72	2,457
Burlington.....	7,081	4,204	287	11,572
<b>CAMBRIDGE.....</b>	<b>14,180</b>	<b>23,599</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>40,260</b>
Carlisle.....	1,965	870	70	2,905
Chelmsford.....	11,732	5,197	504	17,433
Concord.....	5,481	3,927	334	9,742
Dracut.....	8,131	4,377	448	12,956
Dunstable.....	1,055	398	35	1,488
EVERETT.....	6,726	5,588	1,484	13,798
Frammingham.....	16,176	9,397	1,042	26,615
Groton.....	3,413	1,505	214	5,132
Holliston.....	4,763	2,442	206	7,411
Hopkinton.....	4,736	1,906	147	6,789
Hudson.....	5,454	2,699	244	8,397
Lexington.....	8,712	7,577	545	16,834
Lincoln.....	1,866	1,414	103	3,383
Littleton.....	2,854	1,478	121	4,453
<b>LOWELL.....</b>	<b>15,182</b>	<b>10,528</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>27,435</b>
MALDEN.....	10,180	8,580	1,104	19,864
<b>MAKBOROUGH.....</b>	<b>9,324</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>14,747</b>
Maynard.....	3,071	2,016	183	5,270
<b>MEDFORD.....</b>	<b>13,030</b>	<b>10,766</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>25,271</b>
<b>MELROSE.....</b>	<b>8,074</b>	<b>5,906</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>14,656</b>
Natick.....	10,327	6,436	525	17,288
<b>NEWTON.....</b>	<b>19,897</b>	<b>18,491</b>	<b>3,034</b>	<b>41,422</b>
North Reading.....	5,131	2,141	168	7,440
Pepperell.....	3,767	1,549	138	5,454
Reading.....	7,574	4,699	632	12,905
Sherborn.....	1,761	729	78	2,568
Shirley.....	1,737	846	33	2,616
<b>SOMERVILLE.....</b>	<b>11,638</b>	<b>15,994</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>29,240</b>
Stoneham.....	6,754	4,147	385	11,286
Stow.....	2,162	1,131	76	3,369
Sudbury.....	6,204	2,792	252	9,248
Tewksbury.....	9,287	4,196	312	13,795
Townsend.....	2,727	1,303	103	4,133

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County (continued)</b>								
Tyngsborough.....	3,615	1,514	125	5,254				
Wakefield.....	7,978	4,800	486	13,264				
WALTHAM.....	11,673	8,809	1,884	22,366				
Watertown.....	7,786	6,952	809	15,547				
Wayland.....	4,714	2,725	224	7,663				
Westford.....	7,417	3,116	277	10,810				
Weston.....	4,231	1,708	218	6,157				
Wilmington.....	6,660	3,416	369	10,445				
Winchester.....	7,407	4,074	437	11,918				
WOBURN.....	9,890	6,212	894	16,996				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>373,858</b>	<b>259,964</b>	<b>29,663</b>	<b>663,485</b>				
<b>Nantucket County</b>								
Nantucket.....	3,316	1,319	329	4,964				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>4,964</b>				
<b>Norfolk County</b>								
Avon.....	1,315	990	103	2,408				
Bellingham.....	4,484	2,984	236	7,004				
Braintree.....	10,373	6,522	665	17,560				
Brookline.....	11,098	13,812	1,415	26,325				
Canton.....	6,720	3,875	411	11,006				
Cohasset.....	3,091	1,197	172	4,460				
Dedham.....	6,886	4,695	465	12,046				
Dover.....	2,513	691	123	3,327				
Foxborough.....	5,529	2,673	257	8,459				
Franklin.....	8,822	4,782	399	14,003				
Holbrook.....	3,084	1,905	159	5,148				
Medfield.....	4,390	2,058	186	6,634				
Medway.....	3,912	2,010	154	6,076				
Mills.....	2,669	1,415	83	4,167				
Milton.....	7,680	6,315	491	14,486				
Needham.....	9,250	6,559	462	16,271				
Norfolk.....	3,131	1,378	103	4,612				
Norwood.....	7,965	5,325	603	13,893				
Plainville.....	2,268	1,166	72	3,506				
QUINCY.....	20,839	15,337	1,701	37,877				
<b>Plymouth County (continued)</b>								
West Bridgewater.....	2,211	1,117	126	3,454				
Whitman.....	3,849	2,277	173	6,299				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>130,051</b>	<b>75,628</b>	<b>7,724</b>	<b>213,403</b>				
<b>Suffolk County</b>								
BOSTON.....	72,224	97,776	18,213	188,213				
CHELSEA.....	3,307	2,551	740	6,598				
REVERE.....	9,447	6,806	1,451	17,504				
Winthrop.....	4,768	3,752	343	8,863				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>89,746</b>	<b>110,685</b>	<b>20,747</b>	<b>221,178</b>				
<b>Worcester County</b>								
Ashburnham.....	1,563	992	64	2,619				
Athol.....	2,621	1,551	106	4,278				
Auburn.....	5,439	2,642	307	8,388				
Barre.....	1,354	889	100	2,343				
Berlin.....	932	412	23	1,367				
Blackstone.....	2,414	1,116	83	3,613				
Bolton.....	1,687	622	40	2,349				
Boylston.....	1,557	688	65	2,310				
Brookfield.....	899	450	58	1,407				
Charlton.....	3,403	1,359	155	4,917				
Clinton.....	3,588	1,877	410	5,875				
Douglas.....	2,340	950	107	3,397				
Dudley.....	2,653	1,326	175	4,154				
East Brookfield.....	630	304	40	974				
FITCHBURG.....	6,727	5,352	585	12,664				
GARDNER.....	4,382	3,064	276	7,722				
Grafton.....	4,915	2,227	193	7,335				
Hardwick.....	718	447	54	1,219				
Harvard.....	2,039	956	71	3,066				
Holden.....	6,071	2,574	226	8,871				
Hopedale.....	1,775	1,046	114	2,935				
Hubbardston.....	1,328	538	37	1,903				
Lancaster.....	1,982	827	104	2,913				
Leverett.....	3,019	1,511	125	4,655				
LEOMINSTER.....	9,356	6,163	705	16,224				

Randolph .....	6,817	5,492	639	12,948	Lunenburg .....	3,019	1,578	124	4,721
Sharon .....	5,580	3,740	284	9,604	Mendon .....	1,856	781	95	2,732
Stoughton .....	7,597	4,509	576	12,682	Milford .....	6,975	3,900	607	11,482
Walpole .....	7,405	4,270	360	12,035	Millbury .....	3,728	1,907	151	5,786
Wellesley .....	8,848	4,519	537	13,904	Millville .....	751	414	44	1,209
Westwood .....	5,213	2,584	329	8,126	New Braintree .....	286	153	10	449
Weymouth .....	15,264	10,115	890	26,369	North Brookfield .....	1,306	638	83	2,027
Wrentham .....	3,334	1,612	109	5,055	Northborough .....	4,983	2,031	212	7,226
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>186,177</b>	<b>121,830</b>	<b>11,984</b>	<b>319,991</b>	Northbridge .....	4,036	1,963	249	6,248
<b>Plymouth County</b>					Oakham .....	604	240	12	856
Abington .....	4,256	2,521	224	7,001	Oxford .....	3,665	1,757	268	5,690
Bridgewater .....	6,000	3,764	306	10,070	Paxton .....	1,574	727	63	2,364
<b>BROCKTON .....</b>	<b>14,312</b>	<b>12,455</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>28,572</b>	Petersham .....	395	299	21	715
Carver .....	3,413	1,817	142	5,372	Phillipston .....	457	253	18	728
Duxbury .....	5,921	2,482	271	8,674	Princeton .....	1,357	536	64	1,957
East Bridgewater .....	3,699	1,965	152	5,816	Royalston .....	352	180	13	545
Halifax .....	2,237	1,246	104	3,587	Rutland .....	2,113	904	67	3,084
Hanover .....	4,493	2,217	204	6,914	Shrewsbury .....	10,350	4,534	453	15,337
Hanson .....	3,014	1,624	130	4,768	Southborough .....	3,315	1,395	139	4,849
Hingham .....	7,622	3,607	479	11,708	Southbridge .....	3,515	2,300	575	6,390
Hull .....	3,211	2,130	186	5,527	Spencer .....	3,181	1,544	195	4,920
Kingston .....	3,574	1,925	152	5,651	Sterling .....	2,831	1,078	79	3,988
Lakeville .....	2,766	1,495	363	4,624	Sturbridge .....	2,694	1,190	167	4,051
Marion .....	1,758	908	106	2,772	Sutton .....	2,948	1,203	138	4,289
Marshfield .....	7,766	4,291	304	12,361	Templeton .....	1,969	980	88	3,037
Mattapoisett .....	2,206	1,349	125	3,680	Upton .....	2,183	971	80	3,234
Middleborough .....	5,176	2,724	247	8,147	Uxbridge .....	3,635	1,677	250	5,562
Norwell .....	3,747	1,728	143	5,618	Warren .....	1,090	660	68	1,818
Pembroke .....	5,250	2,784	215	8,249	Webster .....	3,717	1,852	274	5,843
Plymouth .....	14,525	8,243	684	23,452	West Boylston .....	2,307	1,027	113	3,447
Plympton .....	982	458	18	1,458	West Brookfield .....	1,082	536	49	1,667
Rochester .....	1,488	835	66	2,389	Westborough .....	5,662	2,337	216	8,215
Rockland .....	4,698	2,901	211	7,810	Westminster .....	2,299	1,234	93	3,626
Saiteuate .....	6,814	3,400	321	10,535	Winchendon .....	2,203	1,133	110	3,446
Wareham .....	5,063	3,365	467	8,895	<b>WORCESTER .....</b>	<b>29,630</b>	<b>21,290</b>	<b>3,347</b>	<b>54,267</b>
					<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>195,460</b>	<b>105,085</b>	<b>12,758</b>	<b>313,303</b>

## LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2000?

### SUMMARY

This proposed law would set up a state Health Care Council to review and recommend legislation for a health care system that ensures comprehensive, high quality health care coverage for all Massachusetts residents. Until the Council decided that such a system had been set up, the proposed law would prohibit the conversion of non-profit hospitals, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), and health insurance firms to for-profit status. The proposed law would also require health insurance carriers to provide certain rights to patients and health care professionals, starting January 1, 2001.

The Council would recommend laws to set up, and would decide whether laws had been passed to ensure, a health care system that provides:

- barrier-free access to health care services;
- patients' freedom to choose their health care providers, get second opinions, and appeal denials of care;
- health care professionals' freedom to act solely in the best interests of their patients;
- affordable coverage, with cost increases no greater than national averages;
- preserving and increasing the quality of care and encouraging research;
- at least 90% of all premiums to be used for patient care, public health, and training/research, and no more than 10% for administrative costs, with simpler paperwork and administration;
- a prohibition of financial incentives that limit patient access to health care, and limits on incentives for inappropriate care.

The Council would include 17 members representing health care and other organizations. It would hold public hearings, study proposals, and make recommendations to the state Commissioner of Public Health and the Legislature on laws and other steps needed to set up a system meeting the above requirements. The proposed law would also create a special legislative committee, including legislators and members of the Council, to make recommendations by September 30, 2001, for laws to set up a system meeting the above requirements by July 1, 2002.

Starting January 1, 2001, the proposed law would require health insurance carriers to guarantee certain rights to their insured patients and to health care professionals. These rights would include:

- patients' right to choose all of their health care providers, subject to the approval of a freely chosen primary care provider who has no financial incentive to deny care, and subject to payment of a reasonable extra fee to see a provider outside the carrier's network;
  - health care professionals' right to make medical decisions in consultation with the patients;
  - patients' right to transitional insurance coverage when they are undergoing a course of treatment from a health care provider whose contract with a carrier is being terminated;
  - patients' right to medically necessary referrals to specialists;
  - limits on and disclosure of contracts between carriers and health care providers that create financial incentives to delay or limit care or provide inappropriate care;
  - health care professionals' right to discuss health benefit plans with insured patients and to advocate on behalf of their patients;
  - carriers could not terminate health care providers' contracts without cause;
  - patients' right to receive emergency services, subject to authorization procedures, and to be reimbursed when they pay cash for emergency services from providers not affiliated with their carrier;
  - utilization review procedures that meet specific standards, including patients' right to appeal to the Commissioner of Public Health;
  - in any year at least 90% of a carrier's Massachusetts revenue must be spent on Massachusetts health care, and a carrier that spent more than 10% for non-health care purposes would have to refund the excess to its insured patients. Each carrier would have to report its revenues, premiums, and expenditures to the state Commissioner of Insurance every year.
- The proposed law states that it would not interfere with any existing contract, including contract terms (such as automatic renewal or option clauses) that may go into effect after January 1, 2001. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the rest of the law would stay in effect.
- A YES VOTE** would require health insurance carriers to guarantee certain rights to their patients and providers, and it would prohibit the conversion of non-profit hospitals, HMOs, and health insurers into for-profit entities until a system is created to provide comprehensive health care coverage for all Massachusetts residents.
- A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing health insurance and health care.



	Yes	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
<b>Aggregate of Votes</b>						
Barnstable.....	60,256	56,544	49.26%	5,510	46.23%	122,320
Berkshire.....	33,727	21,711	55.82%	4,976	35.94%	60,414
Bristol.....	98,386	98,163	46.00%	17,331	45.90%	213,880
Dukes.....	5,150	3,119	57.83%	636	35.03%	8,905
Essex.....	135,437	160,116	43.22%	17,817	51.09%	313,370
Franklin.....	17,418	14,535	51.54%	1,840	43.01%	33,793
Hampden.....	83,625	77,132	47.70%	14,555	44.00%	175,312
Hampshire.....	35,244	30,165	50.70%	4,104	5.90%	69,513
Middlesex.....	295,739	328,901	44.57%	38,845	5.86%	663,485
Nantucket.....	2,837	1,710	57.15%	417	34.45%	4,964
Norfolk.....	137,357	166,665	42.93%	15,969	52.08%	319,991
Plymouth.....	91,285	112,087	42.78%	10,031	52.52%	213,403
Suffolk.....	103,534	88,100	46.81%	29,544	13.36%	221,178
Worcester.....	129,637	166,957	41.38%	16,689	5.33%	313,303
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,229,652</b>	<b>1,325,915</b>	<b>44.98%</b>	<b>178,264</b>	<b>6.52%</b>	<b>2,733,831</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>					
Barnstable.....	11,901	11,273	923	24.09%	24,097
Bourne.....	3,994	4,554	324	8.87%	8,872
Brewster.....	3,107	2,620	285	6.01%	6,012
Chatham.....	2,418	2,044	238	4.70%	4,700
Dennis.....	4,344	4,327	397	9.06%	9,068
Eastham.....	1,725	1,594	143	3.46%	3,462
Falmouth.....	8,505	8,371	921	17.79%	17,797
Harwich.....	3,502	3,302	417	7.22%	7,221
Massapee.....	3,184	3,081	265	6.53%	6,530
Orleans.....	2,114	2,163	254	4.53%	4,531
Provincetown.....	1,536	632	106	2.27%	2,274
Sandwich.....	4,984	5,478	469	10.93%	10,931
Truro.....	778	456	52	1.28%	1,286
Wellfleet.....	1,107	696	111	1.91%	1,914
Yarmouth.....	7,057	5,963	605	13.62%	13,625
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>60,256</b>	<b>56,554</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>122,320</b>	
<b>Berkshire County</b>					
Adams.....	2,121	1,511	301	3.93%	3,933
Alford.....	142	104	19	265	19
Becket.....	416	306	62	784	62
Cheshire.....	949	638	95	1,682	95
Clarksburg.....	381	405	41	827	41
Dalton.....	1,840	1,227	183	3,250	183
Egremont.....	518	220	38	776	38
Florida.....	193	134	19	346	19
Great Barrington.....	2,014	1,124	321	3,459	321
Hancock.....	222	119	17	358	17
Hmsdale.....	530	277	68	875	68
Lanesborough.....	765	536	124	1,425	124
Lee.....	1,488	987	247	2,722	247
Lenox.....	1,520	1,073	280	2,873	280
Monterey.....	316	144	37	497	37
Mt. Washington.....	53	26	4	83	4
New Ashford.....	89	44	16	149	16
New Marlborough.....	447	185	43	675	43

**QUESTION 5**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County (continued)</b>								
NORTH ADAMS.....	2,981	2,170	509	5,660				
Otis.....	365	213	61	639				
Peru.....	204	144	19	367				
PITTSFIELD.....	10,386	6,676	1,766	18,828				
Richmond.....	526	389	51	966				
Sandisfield.....	234	88	36	358				
Savoy.....	149	136	10	295				
Sheffield.....	961	529	120	1,610				
Stockbridge.....	766	401	117	1,284				
Tyringham.....	123	77	18	218				
Washington.....	173	126	7	306				
West Stockbridge.....	500	254	61	815				
Williamstown.....	2,076	1,294	262	3,632				
Windsor.....	279	154	24	457				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>33,727</b>	<b>21,711</b>	<b>4,976</b>	<b>60,414</b>				
<b>Bristol County</b>								
Acushnet.....	2,221	2,399	366	4,986				
ATTLEBORO.....	7,265	7,532	918	15,715				
Berkley.....	1,228	1,131	116	2,475				
Dartmouth.....	6,181	6,574	878	13,633				
Dighton.....	1,175	1,515	196	2,886				
Easton.....	4,606	5,644	486	10,736				
Fairhaven.....	3,285	3,555	666	7,506				
FALL RIVER.....	13,567	11,834	4,167	29,568				
Freetown.....	1,764	2,081	169	4,014				
Mansfield.....	3,915	5,289	659	9,863				
NEW BEDFORD.....	15,029	13,049	3,148	31,226				
North Attleborough.....	5,312	6,380	513	12,205				
Norton.....	3,261	3,784	285	7,330				
Raynham.....	2,446	3,061	277	5,784				
Rehoboth.....	2,451	2,181	270	4,902				
Seekonk.....	3,594	2,598	477	6,669				
Somerset.....	4,489	4,176	860	9,525				
Swansea.....	3,796	3,182	696	7,674				
TAUNTON.....	9,134	9,367	1,529	20,030				
Westport.....	3,667	2,831	655	7,153				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>98,386</b>	<b>98,163</b>	<b>17,331</b>	<b>213,880</b>				
<b>Essex County (continued)</b>								
Wenham.....	804	1,168	126	2,098				
West Newbury.....	1,066	1,327	94	2,487				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>135,437</b>	<b>160,116</b>	<b>17,817</b>	<b>313,370</b>				
<b>Franklin County</b>								
Ashfield.....	601	325	45	971				
Barnardston.....	491	519	66	1,076				
Buckland.....	513	387	55	955				
Charlmont.....	370	234	31	635				
Colrain.....	417	343	47	807				
Conway.....	609	391	54	1,054				
Deerfield.....	1,346	1,266	140	2,752				
Erving.....	315	342	23	680				
Gill.....	405	331	52	788				
Greenfield.....	3,675	3,470	430	7,575				
Hawley.....	98	70	7	175				
Heath.....	237	121	15	373				
Leverett.....	703	347	55	1,105				
Leyden.....	209	161	27	397				
Monroe.....	19	22	3	44				
Montague.....	1,844	1,616	215	3,675				
New Salem.....	251	265	23	539				
Northfield.....	734	699	88	1,521				
Orange.....	1,351	1,430	136	2,917				
Rowe.....	126	85	17	228				
Shelburne.....	566	446	70	1,062				
Shutesbury.....	689	327	47	1,063				
Sunderland.....	929	651	84	1,664				
Warwick.....	199	171	23	393				
Wendell.....	322	116	24	462				
Whately.....	399	400	63	862				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>17,418</b>	<b>14,535</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>33,793</b>				
<b>Hampden County</b>								
Agawam.....	6,079	5,732	1,052	12,863				
Blandford.....	311	241	31	583				
Brimfield.....	745	742	75	1,562				
Chester.....	305	263	24	592				

## Dukes County

Aquinnah.....	164	60	17	241
Chilmark.....	411	223	46	680
Edgartown.....	1,161	806	165	2,132
Gosnold.....	57	20	4	81
Oak Bluffs.....	1,235	786	204	2,225
Tisbury.....	1,194	705	122	2,021
West Tisbury.....	928	519	78	1,525
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>5,150</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>8,905</b>

## Essex County

Amesbury.....	3,067	3,623	272	6,962
Andover.....	6,573	9,272	668	16,513
BEVERLY.....	8,518	9,400	976	18,894
Boxford.....	1,748	2,561	138	4,447
Danvers.....	5,203	7,023	495	12,721
Essex.....	894	963	88	1,945
Georgetown.....	1,657	6,308	166	3,841
GLOUCESTER.....	6,751	6,308	820	13,879
Groveland.....	1,294	1,739	113	3,146
Hamilton.....	1,777	2,263	188	4,228
HAVERHILL.....	9,834	11,223	1,404	22,461
Ipswich.....	3,059	3,766	297	7,122
LAWRENCE.....	6,491	6,092	2,289	14,872
LYNN.....	12,325	13,667	1,635	27,627
Lynnfield.....	2,713	3,563	322	6,598
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,409	1,636	121	3,166
Marblehead.....	4,896	6,499	477	11,872
Merrimac.....	1,330	1,572	136	3,038
Methuen.....	7,037	9,462	1,030	17,529
Middleton.....	1,392	1,807	177	3,376
Nahant.....	955	1,105	159	2,219
Newbury.....	1,610	1,998	166	3,774
NEWBURYPORT.....	4,465	4,794	613	9,872
North Andover.....	5,327	7,178	666	13,171
PEABODY.....	10,356	11,762	1,271	23,389
Rockport.....	2,226	2,038	236	4,500
Roxbury.....	1,111	1,570	135	2,816
SALEM.....	7,727	8,195	1,075	16,997
Salisbury.....	1,638	1,781	192	3,611
Saugus.....	5,475	6,787	707	12,969
Swampscott.....	3,317	3,953	435	7,705
Topsfield.....	1,392	2,063	130	3,525

## CHICOPEE

East Longmeadow.....	3,361	3,743	9,689	1,414	21,474
Granville.....	360	370	531	7635	777
Hamden.....	1,249	1,275	114	2,638	47
Holland.....	523	482	47	1,052	1,750
HOLYOKE.....	6,738	5,704	1,750	14,192	14,192
Longmeadow.....	4,083	4,335	504	8,922	8,922
Ludlow.....	3,991	4,167	757	8,915	757
Monson.....	1,700	1,793	218	3,711	3,711
Montgomery.....	189	209	24	422	24
Palmer.....	2,363	2,679	270	5,312	270
Russell.....	306	313	37	656	37
Southwick.....	1,911	1,791	261	3,963	261
SPRINGFIELD.....	22,949	16,327	4,881	44,157	4,881
Tolland.....	103	101	16	220	101
Wales.....	379	316	32	727	32
West Springfield.....	5,211	5,427	1,158	11,796	1,158
WESTFIELD.....	7,294	7,540	907	15,741	907
Wilbraham.....	3,104	3,893	405	7,402	405
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>83,625</b>	<b>77,132</b>	<b>14,555</b>	<b>175,312</b>	<b>14,555</b>

## Hampshire County

Amherst.....	7,356	3,527	982	11,865	3,527
Belchertown.....	2,921	2,688	308	5,917	2,688
Chesterfield.....	312	266	17	585	266
Cummington.....	273	184	22	479	184
Easthampton.....	3,673	3,543	290	7,506	3,543
Goshen.....	249	224	23	496	224
Granby.....	1,376	1,388	206	2,970	1,388
Hadley.....	1,228	1,287	195	2,710	1,287
Hatfield.....	860	963	107	1,930	963
Huntington.....	450	456	38	944	456
Middlefield.....	158	111	11	280	111
NORTHLAMPTON.....	8,212	5,390	862	14,464	5,390
Pelham.....	461	339	31	831	339
Plainfield.....	224	122	19	365	122
South Hadley.....	3,010	4,828	472	8,310	4,828
Southampton.....	1,279	1,448	153	2,880	1,448
Ware.....	1,675	2,082	233	3,990	2,082
Westhampton.....	315	494	43	852	494
Williamsburg.....	829	558	54	1,441	558
Worthington.....	383	267	38	688	267
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>35,244</b>	<b>30,165</b>	<b>4,104</b>	<b>69,513</b>	<b>30,165</b>

## QUESTION 5

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County</b>								
Acton.....	8,157	1,799	512	10,468	5,607	6,359	716	12,682
Arlington.....	11,460	11,600	1,203	24,263	4,832	6,708	495	12,035
Ashtab.....	638	741	69	1,448	5,494	7,729	681	13,904
Ashland.....	3,067	3,855	244	7,166	3,195	4,519	412	8,126
Ayer.....	1,190	1,487	103	2,780	11,479	13,722	1,168	26,369
Bedford.....	2,992	3,488	339	6,819	2,171	2,715	169	5,055
Belmont.....	6,035	6,982	624	13,641	<b>137,357</b>	<b>166,665</b>	<b>15,969</b>	<b>319,991</b>
Billerica.....	7,128	9,156	564	16,848				
Boxborough.....	1,019	1,342	96	2,457				
Burlington.....	4,818	6,334	420	11,572				
<b>CAMBRIDGE</b>								
Cambridge.....	22,574	14,624	3,062	40,260	2,957	3,728	316	7,001
Carlisle.....	1,157	1,628	120	3,405	4,261	5,368	441	10,070
Chelmsford.....	6,643	10,012	778	17,433	12,805	13,674	2,093	28,572
Concord.....	4,354	4,822	466	9,742	2,246	2,926	200	5,372
Dracut.....	5,072	7,277	607	12,956	3,627	4,643	404	8,674
<b>Dunstable</b>								
Dunstable.....	619	789	80	1,488	2,410	3,160	246	5,816
<b>EVERETT</b>								
Everett.....	5,645	6,357	1,796	13,798	1,556	1,892	139	3,587
<b>Framingham</b>								
Framingham.....	12,045	13,303	1,267	26,615	2,715	3,911	288	6,914
<b>Groton</b>								
Groton.....	2,157	2,676	299	5,132	1,988	2,586	194	4,768
<b>Holliston</b>								
Holliston.....	3,208	3,933	270	7,411	4,594	6,523	591	11,708
<b>Hopkinton</b>								
Hopkinton.....	2,781	3,780	228	6,789	2,662	2,638	227	5,527
<b>Hudson</b>								
Hudson.....	3,549	4,379	469	8,397	2,367	3,060	224	5,651
<b>Lexington</b>								
Lexington.....	7,410	8,679	745	16,834	1,803	2,434	387	4,624
<b>Lincoln</b>								
Lincoln.....	1,706	1,543	134	3,383	1,172	1,470	130	2,772
<b>Littleton</b>								
Littleton.....	1,790	2,479	184	4,453	5,295	6,645	421	12,361
<b>LOWELL</b>								
Lowell.....	11,572	13,819	2,044	27,435	1,550	1,965	165	3,680
<b>MALDEN</b>								
Malden.....	9,194	9,851	1,319	19,864	3,492	4,330	325	8,147
<b>MARLBOROUGH</b>								
Marlborough.....	6,307	7,701	747	14,747	2,172	3,230	216	5,618
<b>Maynard</b>								
Maynard.....	2,318	2,685	267	5,270	3,535	4,409	305	8,249
<b>MEDFORD</b>								
Medford.....	11,683	11,811	1,777	25,271	10,383	12,151	918	23,452
<b>MELROSE</b>								
Melrose.....	6,213	7,612	831	14,656	649	755	54	1,458
<b>Natick</b>								
Natick.....	7,418	9,133	737	17,288	1,054	1,238	97	2,389
<b>NEWTON</b>								
Newton.....	19,741	18,155	3,526	41,422	3,355	4,171	284	7,810
<b>North Reading</b>								
North Reading.....	3,031	2,339	239	7,440	4,431	5,673	431	10,535
<b>Pepperell</b>								
Pepperell.....	2,362	2,891	201	5,454	4,002	4,347	546	8,895
<b>Reading</b>								
Reading.....	4,943	7,187	775	12,905	1,384	1,897	173	3,454
<b>Sherborn</b>								
Sherborn.....	1,055	1,414	99	2,568	2,820	3,263	216	6,299
<b>Shirley</b>								
Shirley.....	1,173	1,318	125	2,616				
<b>SOMERVILLE</b>								
Somerville.....	15,379	11,790	2,071	29,240	<b>91,285</b>	<b>112,087</b>	<b>10,031</b>	<b>213,403</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>								
<b>Norfolk County (continued)</b>								
Stoughton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walpole.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wellesley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Plymouth County</b>								
Abington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BROCKTON.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duxbury.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Bridgewater.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Halifax.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hanover.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hanson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hingham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hull.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lakeville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshfield.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mattapoisett.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middleborough.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norwell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pembroke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plymouth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plympton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rockland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Scuttuate.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wareham.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Bridgewater.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>TOTALS</b>								

Stoneham.....	4,744	6,023	519	11,286			
Stow.....	1,322	1,936	111	3,369			
Sudbury.....	3,680	5,208	360	9,248			
Tewksbury.....	5,640	7,681	474	13,795			
Townsend.....	1,640	2,315	178	4,133			
Tyngsborough.....	2,135	2,928	191	5,254			
Wakefield.....	5,405	7,203	656	13,264			
WALTHAM.....	9,051	10,884	2,431	22,366			
Watertown.....	7,439	7,137	971	15,547			
Wayland.....	3,186	4,143	334	7,663			
Westford.....	4,019	6,358	433	10,810			
Weston.....	2,487	3,383	287	6,157			
Wilmington.....	4,164	5,707	574	10,445			
Winchester.....	4,718	6,566	634	11,918			
WOBURN.....	6,506	9,227	1,263	16,996			
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>295,739</b>	<b>328,901</b>	<b>38,845</b>	<b>663,485</b>			

**Suffolk County**

BOSTON.....	88,063	73,460	26,690	188,213
CHELSEA.....	3,186	2,604	808	6,598
REVERE.....	7,823	8,060	1,621	17,504
Winthrop.....	4,462	3,976	425	8,863
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>103,534</b>	<b>88,100</b>	<b>29,544</b>	<b>221,178</b>

**Worcester County**

Ashburnham.....	1,168	1,375	76	2,619
Athol.....	1,661	2,466	151	4,278
Auburn.....	3,482	4,494	412	8,388
Barre.....	961	1,269	113	2,343
Berlin.....	519	794	54	1,367
Blackstone.....	1,740	1,743	130	3,613
Bolton.....	876	1,358	115	2,349
Boylston.....	859	1,369	82	2,310
Brookfield.....	576	755	76	1,407
Charlton.....	2,149	2,554	214	4,917
Clinton.....	2,479	2,954	442	5,875
Douglas.....	1,489	1,740	168	3,397
Dudley.....	1,647	2,304	203	4,154
East Brookfield.....	372	552	50	974
FITCHBURG.....	5,210	6,745	709	12,664
GARDNER.....	3,084	4,300	338	7,722
Grafton.....	2,944	4,134	257	7,335
Hardwick.....	535	622	62	1,219
Harvard.....	1,326	1,638	102	3,066
Holden.....	3,129	5,405	337	8,871
Hopedale.....	1,243	1,531	161	2,935
Hubbardston.....	792	1,065	46	1,903
Lancaster.....	1,187	1,580	146	2,913
Leicester.....	1,934	2,536	185	4,655
LEOMINSTER.....	6,212	9,141	871	16,224
Lunenburg.....	1,984	2,563	174	4,721
Mendon.....	1,092	1,515	125	2,732
Millford.....	4,827	5,880	775	11,482
Millbury.....	2,262	3,301	223	5,786
Millville.....	583	550	76	1,209
New Braintree.....	212	216	21	449
North Brookfield.....	808	1,116	103	2,027
Northborough.....	2,902	4,033	291	7,226
Northbridge.....	2,294	3,576	378	6,248
Oakham.....	346	483	27	856
Oxford.....	2,303	3,031	356	5,690

Stoneham.....	4,744	6,023	519	11,286
Stow.....	1,322	1,936	111	3,369
Sudbury.....	3,680	5,208	360	9,248
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<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>295,739</b>	<b>328,901</b>	<b>38,845</b>	<b>663,485</b>

**Nantucket County**

Nantucket.....	2,837	1,710	417	4,964
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,837</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>4,964</b>

**Norfolk County**

Avon.....	948	1,339	121	2,408
Bellingham.....	3,132	3,572	300	7,004
Braintree.....	7,266	9,396	898	17,560
Brookline.....	13,574	10,768	1,983	26,325
Canton.....	4,585	5,923	498	11,006
Cohasset.....	1,703	2,522	235	4,460
Dedham.....	4,861	6,587	598	12,046
Dover.....	1,155	1,996	176	3,327
Foxborough.....	3,570	4,515	374	8,459
Franklin.....	5,838	7,596	569	14,003
Holliston.....	2,149	2,804	195	5,148
Medfield.....	2,666	3,704	264	6,634
Medway.....	1,521	3,329	226	6,076
Mills.....	1,765	2,245	157	4,167
Milton.....	5,896	7,914	676	14,486
Needham.....	6,548	9,067	656	16,271
Norfolk.....	1,881	2,549	182	4,612
Norwood.....	5,966	7,146	781	13,893
Plainville.....	1,421	1,969	116	3,506
QUINCY.....	16,714	19,013	2,150	37,877
Randolph.....	6,027	6,133	788	12,948
Sharon.....	4,393	4,826	385	9,604

**QUESTION 5**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County (continued)</b>								
Paxton.....	920	1,345	99	2,364	1,759	2,336	194	4,289
Petersham.....	347	327	41	715	1,208	1,707	122	3,037
Phillipston.....	304	391	33	728	1,336	1,761	137	3,234
Princeton.....	767	1,103	87	1,957	2,265	2,976	321	5,562
Royalston.....	235	285	25	545	829	891	98	1,818
Rutland.....	1,178	1,810	96	3,084	2,459	3,089	295	5,843
Shrewsbury.....	6,537	8,130	670	15,337	1,276	2,032	139	3,447
Southborough.....	1,994	2,667	188	4,849	701	906	60	1,667
Southbridge.....	2,597	3,045	748	6,390	3,347	4,442	426	8,215
Spencer.....	1,969	2,704	247	4,920	1,393	2,107	126	3,626
Sterling.....	1,605	2,254	129	3,988	1,489	1,825	132	3,446
Sturbridge.....	1,555	2,237	259	4,051	24,400	25,899	3,968	54,267
Sutton.....								
Templeton.....								
Upton.....								
Uxbridge.....								
Warren.....								
Webster.....								
West Boylston.....								
West Brookfield.....								
Westborough.....								
Westminster.....								
Winchendon.....								
WORCESTER.....								
<b>TOTALS.....</b>					<b>129,657</b>	<b>166,957</b>	<b>16,689</b>	<b>313,303</b>



**QUESTION 6**

**LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2000?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would allow a state personal income taxpayer a tax credit equal to the amount of tolls the taxpayer paid during the taxable year on all Massachusetts roads, highways, tunnels, and bridges, including the Massachusetts Turnpike and its Boston Extension, the Tobin Bridge, and the Summer, Callahan, and Ted Williams Tunnels. Also, a corporation would be allowed a credit against its corporate excise taxes in an amount equal to all such tolls paid during the taxable year by the corporation or by its employees in furtherance of the corporation's business.

The proposed law would also allow a state personal income taxpayer a tax

credit equal to the amount of excise taxes on registered motor vehicles the taxpayer paid during the taxable year. A corporation would be allowed a credit against its corporate excise taxes in an amount equal to all registered motor vehicle excise taxes the corporation paid during the taxable year.

The tax credits could not be used to reduce a personal income taxpayer's taxes below zero or a corporate excise taxpayer's taxes below the minimum levels set by state law. Any amount of tax credit not usable in a taxable year because of these limits could be carried over and used in later taxable years, for up to ten years.

The proposed law would apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would allow a state personal income tax or corporate excise tax credit for Massachusetts tolls and motor vehicle excise taxes.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the state tax laws.

Aggregate of Votes	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Barnstable.....	52,314	42.77%	64,276	52.55%	5,730	4.68%	122,320
Berkshire.....	20,329	33.65%	35,205	58.27%	4,880	8.08%	60,414
Bristol.....	78,668	36.78%	117,992	55.17%	17,220	8.05%	213,880
Dukes.....	3,072	34.50%	5,142	57.74%	691	7.76%	8,905
Essex.....	133,395	42.57%	162,739	51.93%	17,236	5.50%	313,370
Franklin.....	9,657	28.58%	22,308	66.01%	1,828	5.41%	33,793
Hampden.....	70,247	40.07%	91,737	52.33%	13,328	7.60%	175,312
Hampshire.....	23,650	34.02%	42,038	60.48%	3,825	5.50%	69,513
Middlesex.....	268,814	40.52%	358,535	54.04%	36,136	5.44%	663,485
Nantucket.....	1,973	39.75%	2,564	51.65%	427	8.60%	4,964
Norfolk.....	131,693	41.16%	173,466	54.21%	14,832	4.63%	319,991
Plymouth.....	92,083	43.15%	111,906	52.44%	9,414	4.41%	213,403
Suffolk.....	67,633	30.58%	129,284	58.45%	24,261	10.97%	221,178
Worcester.....	136,921	43.70%	160,539	51.24%	15,843	5.06%	313,303
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,090,449</b>	<b>39.89%</b>	<b>1,477,731</b>	<b>54.05%</b>	<b>165,651</b>	<b>6.06%</b>	<b>2,733,831</b>



	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County (continued)</b>				
Richmond.....	360	558	48	966
Sandisfield.....	146	174	38	358
Savoy.....	154	125	16	295
Sheffield.....	649	835	126	1,610
Stockbridge.....	430	723	131	1,284
Tyringham.....	68	124	26	218
Washington.....	103	193	10	306
West Stockbridge.....	315	441	59	815
Williamstown.....	1,003	2,367	262	3,632
Windsor.....	170	255	32	457
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>20,329</b>	<b>35,205</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>60,414</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Bristol County</b>				
Acushnet.....	1,692	2,924	370	4,986
Attleboro.....	6,645	8,102	968	15,715
Berkley.....	1,048	1,317	110	2,475
Dartmouth.....	4,497	8,210	926	13,633
Dighton.....	1,043	1,647	196	2,886
Easton.....	4,771	5,500	465	10,736
Fairhaven.....	2,520	4,387	599	7,506
FALL RIVER.....	9,075	16,236	4,257	29,568
Freetown.....	1,624	2,231	159	4,014
Mansfield.....	4,314	4,915	634	9,863
NEW BEDFORD.....	9,620	18,519	3,087	31,226
North Attleborough.....	5,321	6,417	467	12,205
Norton.....	3,265	3,786	279	7,330
Raynham.....	2,330	3,201	253	5,784
Rehoboth.....	2,092	2,541	269	4,902
Seekonk.....	2,717	3,492	460	6,669
Somerset.....	3,307	8,525	868	12,700
Swanset.....	2,862	4,091	721	7,674
TAUNTON.....	7,259	11,285	1,486	20,030
Westport.....	2,666	3,841	646	7,153
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>78,668</b>	<b>117,992</b>	<b>17,220</b>	<b>213,880</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Dukes County</b>				
Aquinnah.....	98	123	20	241
Chilmark.....	230	389	61	680
Edgartown.....	786	1,188	158	2,132
Gosnold.....	39	35	7	81

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Barnstable.....	10,798	12,326	973	24,097
Bourne.....	3,932	4,602	338	8,872
Brewster.....	2,547	3,211	254	6,012
Chatham.....	2,096	2,356	248	4,700
Dennis.....	3,873	4,816	379	9,068
Eastham.....	1,349	1,956	157	3,462
Falmouth.....	6,936	9,929	932	17,797
Harwich.....	3,101	3,696	424	7,221
Mashpee.....	3,108	3,168	254	6,530
Orleans.....	1,704	2,421	406	4,531
Provincetown.....	786	1,332	156	2,274
Sandwich.....	5,064	5,443	424	10,931
Truro.....	503	720	63	1,286
Wellfleet.....	717	1,069	128	1,914
Yarmouth.....	5,800	7,231	594	13,625
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>52,314</b>	<b>64,276</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>122,320</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Adams.....	1,202	2,418	313	3,933
Alford.....	96	151	18	265
Becket.....	280	438	66	784
Cheshire.....	555	1,016	111	1,682
Clarksburg.....	218	561	48	827
Dalton.....	1,148	1,941	161	3,250
Egremont.....	290	440	46	776
Florida.....	103	204	39	346
Great Barrington.....	1,240	1,889	330	3,459
Hancock.....	117	212	29	358
Hinsdale.....	354	462	59	875
Lanesborough.....	505	809	111	1,425
Lee.....	2,775	1,488	259	4,522
Lenox.....	931	1,669	273	2,873
Monterey.....	191	273	33	497
Mt. Washington.....	30	49	4	83
New Ashford.....	44	95	10	149
New Marlborough.....	273	341	61	675
NORTH ADAMS.....	1,584	3,597	479	5,660
Otis.....	280	303	56	639
Peru.....	124	225	21	367
PITTSFIELD.....	6,394	10,829	1,605	18,828