



## 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, 2008?

#### SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the

unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession or prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

**A YES VOTE** would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
<b>Aggregate of Votes</b>							
BARNSTABLE .....	84,528	63.27%	44,847	33.57%	4,225	3.16%	133,600
BERKSHIRE .....	37,109	55.73%	27,394	41.14%	2,090	3.14%	66,593
BRISTOL .....	140,934	57.31%	93,263	37.93%	11,715	4.76%	245,912
DUKES .....	7,815	73.66%	2,181	20.56%	613	5.78%	10,609
ESSEX .....	218,437	61.35%	126,533	35.54%	11,101	3.12%	356,071
FRANKLIN .....	26,621	68.48%	11,497	29.58%	756	1.94%	38,874
HAMPDEN .....	119,655	60.09%	70,707	35.51%	8,751	4.39%	199,113
HAMPSHIRE .....	56,156	70.16%	22,240	27.79%	1,642	2.05%	80,038
MIDDLESEX .....	476,457	65.22%	230,981	31.62%	23,052	3.16%	730,490
NANTUCKET .....	4,523	74.38%	1,351	22.22%	207	3.40%	6,081
NORFOLK .....	217,409	62.59%	119,239	34.33%	10,706	3.08%	347,354
PLYMOUTH .....	155,637	61.87%	89,482	35.57%	6,420	2.55%	251,539
SUFFOLK .....	173,152	63.97%	75,477	27.88%	22,044	8.14%	270,673
WORCESTER .....	231,271	63.18%	123,331	33.69%	11,446	3.13%	366,048
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,949,704</b>	<b>62.83%</b>	<b>1,038,523</b>	<b>33.47%</b>	<b>114,768</b>	<b>3.70%</b>	<b>3,102,995</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Barnstable .....	16,210	8,562	437	25,209
Bourne .....	6,424	3,468	287	10,179
Brewster .....	4,310	2,099	258	6,667
Chatham .....	3,089	1,604	109	4,802
Dennis .....	5,930	3,409	234	9,573
Eastham .....	2,511	1,266	66	3,843
Falmouth .....	12,259	6,613	814	19,686
Harwich .....	4,858	2,952	333	8,143
Mashpee .....	5,068	2,804	277	8,149
Orleans .....	3,015	1,517	132	4,664
Provincetown .....	1,942	339	98	2,379
Sandwich .....	7,568	4,264	676	12,508
Tyrro .....	1,098	316	32	1,446
Wellfleet .....	1,697	451	65	2,213
Yarmouth .....	8,549	5,183	407	14,139
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>84,528</b>	<b>44,847</b>	<b>4,225</b>	<b>133,600</b>
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Adams .....	2,140	1,848	111	4,099
Alford .....	198	90	35	323
Becket .....	661	272	26	959
Cheshire .....	1,037	809	50	1,896
Clarksburg .....	423	454	28	905
Dalton .....	1,926	1,541	100	3,567
Egremont .....	577	220	50	847
Florida .....	245	174	11	430
Great Barrington .....	711	2,901	162	3,774
Hancock .....	217	164	18	399
Hinsdale .....	648	435	23	1,106
Lanesborough .....	954	663	65	1,682
Lee .....	1,791	1,195	54	3,040
Lenox .....	1,785	1,175	91	3,051
Monterey .....	412	155	20	587
Mount Washington .....	90	20	8	118
New Ashford .....	94	41	10	145

**QUESTION 2**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County (cont.)</b>								
New Marlborough .....	541	254	43	838				
NORTH ADAMS .....	3,403	2,365	180	5,948				
Otis.....	562	276	21	859				
Peru.....	298	159	12	469				
PITTSFIELD .....	11,493	8,636	608	20,737				
Richmond.....	620	343	12	975				
Sandisfield.....	289	136	23	448				
Savoy.....	236	166	2	404				
Sheffield.....	1,205	599	101	1,905				
Stockbridge.....	842	364	47	1,253				
Tyringham.....	171	97	12	280				
Washington.....	220	124	7	351				
West Stockbridge .....	594	289	20	903				
Williamstown.....	2,396	1,214	128	3,738				
Windsor.....	330	215	12	557				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>37,109</b>	<b>27,394</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>66,593</b>				
<b>Bristol County</b>								
Acushnet.....	2,972	2,395	226	5,593				
ATTLEBORO.....	11,729	6,761	595	19,085				
Berkley.....	1,970	1,138	167	3,275				
Dartmouth.....	9,682	6,628	500	16,810				
Dighton.....	2,065	1,457	76	3,598				
Easton.....	7,326	4,496	238	12,060				
Fairhaven .....	4,970	3,265	273	8,508				
FALL RIVER.....	16,733	12,145	2,950	31,828				
Freetown.....	2,930	1,799	109	4,838				
Mansfield.....	7,125	4,103	454	11,682				
NEW BEDFORD.....	18,935	12,934	2,458	34,327				
North Attleborough.....	8,883	5,008	392	14,283				
Norton.....	5,691	3,070	202	8,963				
Raynham .....	3,988	2,835	253	7,076				
Rehoboth.....	3,779	2,291	230	6,300				
Seekonk .....	4,222	2,816	380	7,418				
Somerset.....	5,514	4,226	563	10,303				
Swansea.....	4,856	3,391	316	8,563				
TAUNTON.....	12,485	9,251	996	22,732				
<b>Essex County (cont.)</b>								
Salisbury.....	2,779	1,364	79	4,222				
Saugus .....	7,903	5,251	350	13,504				
Swampscott .....	5,449	2,574	168	8,191				
Topsfield.....	2,340	1,348	171	3,859				
Wenham.....	1,393	903	49	2,345				
West Newbury.....	1,811	917	44	2,772				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>218,437</b>	<b>126,533</b>	<b>11,101</b>	<b>356,071</b>				
<b>Franklin County</b>								
Ashfield.....	841	266	29	1,136				
Barnardston.....	745	427	73	1,245				
Buckland.....	728	318	32	1,078				
Charlemont.....	477	206	11	694				
Colrain.....	634	296	13	943				
Conway.....	961	277	20	1,258				
Deerfield.....	2,016	1,014	45	3,075				
Erving.....	496	294	16	806				
Gill.....	600	310	9	919				
Greenfield.....	5,786	2,603	182	8,571				
Hawley.....	126	49	1	176				
Heath.....	305	131	8	444				
Leverett.....	991	243	22	1,256				
Leyden.....	316	151	8	475				
Monroe.....	37	22	1	60				
Montague.....	2,943	1,369	73	4,385				
New Salem.....	430	178	10	618				
Northfield.....	1,093	604	48	1,745				
Orange.....	2,224	1,109	54	3,387				
Rowe.....	158	100	6	264				
Shelburne.....	859	322	31	1,212				
Shutesbury.....	1,027	195	10	1,232				
Sunderland.....	1,381	477	22	1,880				
Warwick.....	298	142	13	453				
Wendell.....	486	75	7	568				
Whately.....	663	319	12	994				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>26,621</b>	<b>11,497</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>38,874</b>				

Westport .....	5,079	3,254	337	8,670
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>140,934</b>	<b>93,263</b>	<b>11,715</b>	<b>245,912</b>

**Dukes County**

Aquinnah.....	257	41	15	313
Chilmark.....	586	126	30	742
Edgartown.....	1,711	586	175	2,472
Gosnold.....	58	15	7	80
Oak Bluffs.....	1,888	647	153	2,688
Tisbury.....	1,842	496	102	2,440
West Tisbury.....	1,473	270	131	1,874
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,815</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>10,609</b>

**Essex County**

Amesbury.....	5,832	2,585	154	8,571
Andover.....	11,316	6,678	350	18,344
BEVERLY.....	13,431	6,788	395	20,614
Boxford.....	3,194	1,727	60	4,981
Danvers.....	8,665	5,204	181	14,050
Essex.....	1,529	637	43	2,209
Georgetown.....	2,993	1,698	55	4,746
GLOUCESTER.....	10,391	4,756	537	15,684
Groveland.....	2,407	1,410	50	3,867
Hamilton.....	2,916	1,734	78	4,728
HAVERHILL.....	17,157	9,259	722	27,138
Ipswich.....	5,384	2,640	143	8,167
LAWRENCE.....	7,865	8,633	3,162	19,660
LYNN.....	17,987	11,011	958	29,956
Lynnfield.....	3,848	3,040	96	6,984
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	2,286	1,091	44	421
Marblehead.....	8,276	3,960	224	12,460
Merrimac.....	2,358	1,185	38	3,581
Methuen.....	12,355	7,994	760	21,109
Middleton.....	2,683	1,608	77	4,368
Nahant.....	1,554	703	57	2,314
Newbury.....	2,901	1,361	67	4,329
NEWBURYPORT.....	7,261	3,483	200	10,944
North Andover.....	9,300	5,464	298	15,062
PEABODY.....	14,842	10,768	831	26,441
Rockport.....	3,163	1,408	114	4,685
Rowley.....	2,223	1,192	34	3,449
SALEM.....	12,645	6,159	512	19,316

**Hampden County**

Agawam.....	8,577	5,654	279	14,510
Blandford.....	437	254	10	701
Brimfield.....	1,335	674	40	2,049
Chester.....	461	243	5	709
CHICOPEE.....	14,003	8,867	608	23,478
East Longmeadow.....	4,961	3,503	176	8,640
Granville.....	572	287	20	879
Hampden.....	1,743	1,174	77	2,994
Holland.....	944	382	15	1,341
HOLYOKE.....	9,088	5,478	957	15,523
Longmeadow.....	6,134	3,341	199	9,674
Ludlow.....	5,801	3,837	338	9,976
Monson.....	2,950	1,430	120	4,500
Montgomery.....	344	166	5	515
Palmer.....	3,633	2,160	143	5,936
Russell.....	527	281	8	816
Southwick.....	3,038	1,766	90	4,894
SPRINGFIELD.....	31,305	15,999	4,817	52,121
Tolland.....	177	95	4	276
Wales.....	741	269	10	1,020
West Springfield.....	7,298	4,735	256	12,289
WESTFIELD.....	10,636	6,674	378	17,688
Wilbraham.....	4,950	3,438	196	8,584
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>119,655</b>	<b>70,707</b>	<b>8,751</b>	<b>199,113</b>

**Hampshire County**

Amherst.....	10,357	2,230	350	12,937
Belchertown.....	5,086	2,525	122	7,733
Chesterfield.....	537	190	9	736
Cummington.....	405	126	10	541
Easthampton.....	6,155	2,631	143	8,929
Goshen.....	412	195	5	612
Granby.....	2,204	1,319	61	3,584
Hadley.....	2,000	1,024	79	3,103
Hatfield.....	1,333	770	19	2,122
Huntington.....	775	358	10	1,143
Middlefield.....	213	83	4	300
NORTHAMPTON.....	12,556	3,409	376	16,341
Pelham.....	709	172	16	897
Plainfield.....	298	93	4	395
South Hadley.....	5,578	3,375	157	9,110
Southampton.....	2,114	1,276	38	3,428
Ware.....	2,840	1,530	185	4,555

**QUESTION 2**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County (cont.)</b>				
Westhampton .....	739	357	18	1,114
Williamsburg .....	1,302	372	26	1,700
Worthington .....	543	205	10	758
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>56,156</b>	<b>22,240</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>80,038</b>
<b>Middlesex County</b>				
Acton .....	7,774	3,623	238	11,635
Arlington .....	17,310	7,594	584	25,488
Ashby .....	1,227	621	33	1,881
Ashland .....	5,778	2,608	94	8,480
Ayer .....	2,308	1,009	77	3,394
Bedford .....	4,758	2,506	171	7,435
Belmont .....	8,960	4,478	374	13,812
Billerica .....	12,714	6,590	242	19,546
Boxborough .....	68	1,802	996	2,866
Burlington .....	7,693	4,895	267	12,855
<b>CAMBRIDGE .....</b>	<b>35,533</b>	<b>9,169</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>46,727</b>
Carlisle .....	2,252	952	42	3,246
Chelmsford .....	12,114	7,109	360	19,583
Concord .....	7,132	3,165	285	10,582
Dracut .....	8,969	5,592	323	14,884
Dunstable .....	1,285	562	19	1,866
EVERETT .....	7,483	4,578	922	12,983
Framingham .....	18,070	8,314	701	27,085
Groton .....	4,127	1,837	173	6,137
Holliston .....	5,625	2,553	92	8,270
Hopkinton .....	5,405	2,862	127	8,394
Hudson .....	6,498	3,018	310	9,826
Lexington .....	11,868	5,575	519	17,962
Lincoln .....	2,515	902	79	3,496
Littleton .....	3,376	1,753	67	5,196
<b>LOWELL .....</b>	<b>19,373</b>	<b>10,523</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>31,905</b>
MALDEN .....	12,642	6,805	1,181	20,628
MARLBOROUGH .....	9,897	6,032	458	16,387
Maynard .....	3,876	1,691	107	5,674
MEDFORD .....	17,139	8,876	1,049	27,064

  

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Norfolk County (cont.)</b>				
Medway .....	4,733	2,202	91	7,026
Milis .....	3,013	1,512	83	4,608
Milton .....	9,426	5,554	611	15,591
Needham .....	11,117	5,764	455	17,336
Norfolk .....	3,452	1,838	77	5,367
Norwood .....	8,661	5,262	494	14,417
Plainville .....	2,776	1,404	117	4,297
<b>QUINCY .....</b>	<b>24,134</b>	<b>14,077</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>39,865</b>
Randolph .....	8,830	4,998	754	14,582
Sharon .....	6,968	2,923	283	10,174
Stoughton .....	8,447	4,706	483	13,636
Walpole .....	8,362	5,090	203	13,655
Wellesley .....	8,963	5,082	515	14,560
Westwood .....	5,070	3,303	402	8,775
Weymouth .....	17,043	10,394	493	27,930
Wrentham .....	4,033	2,050	88	6,171
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>217,409</b>	<b>119,239</b>	<b>10,706</b>	<b>347,354</b>
<b>Plymouth County</b>				
Abington .....	5,034	2,942	121	8,097
Bridgewater .....	7,007	4,832	271	12,110
<b>BROCKTON .....</b>	<b>19,790</b>	<b>11,642</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>33,753</b>
Carver .....	3,801	2,177	199	6,177
Duxbury .....	5,916	3,371	163	9,450
East Bridgewater .....	4,382	2,724	118	7,224
Halifax .....	2,634	1,409	54	4,097
Hanover .....	4,820	3,233	119	8,172
Hanson .....	3,405	2,006	71	5,482
Hingham .....	8,110	5,152	226	13,488
Hull .....	4,212	1,663	88	5,963
Kingston .....	4,163	2,467	106	6,736
Lakeville .....	3,460	2,167	106	5,733
Marion .....	2,027	1,024	83	3,134
Marshfield .....	9,274	5,113	217	14,604
Mattapoisett .....	2,460	1,493	94	4,047
Middleborough .....	7,099	3,900	442	11,441
Norwell .....	3,829	2,405	110	6,344

MELROSE.....	9,670	5,317	418	15,405	6,005	3,456	109	9,570
Natick.....	12,046	5,503	606	18,155	18,837	9,861	343	29,041
NEWTON.....	31,421	11,953	1,346	44,720				
North Reading.....	5,040	3,269	151	8,460	1,090	600	23	1,713
Pepperell.....	4,356	1,899	81	6,336	1,905	1,179	39	3,123
Reading.....	8,444	5,098	318	13,860	5,310	3,222	119	8,651
Sherborn.....	1,832	834	39	2,705	7,061	3,931	242	11,234
Shirley.....	2,058	882	204	3,144	7,144	3,335	435	10,914
SOMERVILLE.....	24,475	7,070	1,516	33,061	2,344	1,546	102	3,992
Stoneham.....	7,316	4,577	263	12,156	4,518	2,632	99	7,249
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4,024</b>	<b>155,637</b>	<b>89,482</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>251,539</b>
Sudbury.....	6,985	3,172	170	10,327				
Tewksbury.....	9,648	5,835	263	15,746				
Townsend.....	3,289	1,710	61	5,060				
Tyngsborough.....	3,757	2,299	105	6,161				
Wakefield.....	8,337	5,567	342	14,246	153,127	63,391	20,007	236,525
WALTHAM.....	15,818	7,629	958	24,405	4,641	2,889	544	8,074
Watertown.....	10,904	4,765	531	16,200	9,604	6,106	1,212	16,922
Wayland.....	5,577	2,435	156	8,168	5,780	3,091	281	9,152
Westford.....	7,964	4,445	173	12,582				
Weston.....	4,245	2,093	165	6,503				
Wilmington.....	7,306	4,519	217	12,042				
Winchester.....	7,827	4,327	354	12,508				
WOBURN.....	11,647	6,942	640	19,229				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>476,457</b>	<b>230,981</b>	<b>23,052</b>	<b>730,490</b>	<b>173,152</b>	<b>75,477</b>	<b>22,044</b>	<b>270,673</b>

**Suffolk County**

BOSTON.....	153,127	63,391	20,007	236,525
CHELSEA.....	4,641	2,889	544	8,074
REVERE.....	9,604	6,106	1,212	16,922
Winthrop.....	5,780	3,091	281	9,152
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>173,152</b>	<b>75,477</b>	<b>22,044</b>	<b>270,673</b>

**Worcester County**

Ashburnham.....	2,254	1,105	31	3,390
Athol.....	3,211	1,490	70	4,771
Auburn.....	5,685	3,125	140	8,950
Barre.....	1,797	857	55	2,709
Berlin.....	1,077	554	22	1,653
Blackstone.....	2,757	1,371	142	4,270
Bolton.....	1,918	937	40	2,895
Boylston.....	1,787	834	28	2,649
Brookfield.....	1,175	564	31	1,770
Charlton.....	4,244	2,151	91	6,486
Clinton.....	4,019	2,276	211	6,506
Douglas.....	2,847	1,352	123	4,322
Dudley.....	3,283	1,699	83	5,065
East Brookfield.....	728	437	19	1,184
FITCHBURG.....	8,412	5,611	409	14,432
GARDNER.....	5,251	3,022	155	8,428
Grafton.....	5,683	3,179	165	9,027
Hardwick.....	959	419	37	1,415
Harvard.....	2,482	916	91	3,489
Holden.....	6,575	3,771	119	10,465
Hopedale.....	2,181	1,116	97	3,394
Hubbardston.....	1,697	828	31	2,556
Lancaster.....	2,324	1,303	47	3,674

**Nantucket County**

Nantucket.....	4,523	1,351	207	6,081
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>6,081</b>

**Norfolk County**

Avon.....	1,437	870	117	2,424
Bellingham.....	5,602	2,604	207	8,413
Braintree.....	10,687	7,422	723	18,832
Brookline.....	20,603	6,441	927	27,971
Canton.....	7,050	4,734	360	12,144
Cohasset.....	2,986	1,572	71	4,629
Dedham.....	7,684	4,545	628	12,857
Dover.....	2,178	1,203	47	3,428
Foxborough.....	5,495	3,470	184	9,149
Franklin.....	10,785	5,741	267	16,793
Hollbrook.....	3,371	1,895	165	5,431
Medfield.....	4,503	2,583	207	7,293

**QUESTION 2**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County (cont.)</b>				
Leicester .....	3,588	1,811	119	5,518
LEOMINSTER .....	10,788	7,043	521	18,352
Lunenburg .....	3,546	2,117	93	5,756
Mendon .....	2,073	1,138	37	3,248
Milford .....	7,685	4,157	552	12,394
Millbury .....	4,178	2,216	275	6,669
Millville .....	1,004	501	42	1,547
New Braintree .....	387	159	8	554
North Brookfield .....	1,567	797	34	2,398
Northborough .....	5,387	2,646	116	8,149
Northbridge .....	4,515	2,919	181	7,615
Oakham .....	783	334	13	1,130
Oxford .....	4,330	2,075	106	6,511
Paxton .....	1,545	944	107	2,596
Petersham .....	558	250	15	823
Phillipston .....	624	333	7	964
Princeton .....	1,486	716	39	2,241
Royalston .....	502	182	11	695
Rutland .....	2,647	1,529	30	4,206
Shrewsbury .....	11,141	6,277	411	17,829
Southborough .....	3,771	1,879	82	5,732
Southbridge .....	4,281	2,210	553	7,044
Spencer .....	3,749	1,816	104	5,669
Sterling .....	2,974	1,676	64	4,714
Sturbridge .....	3,345	1,803	60	5,208
Sutton .....	3,340	1,767	167	5,274
Templeton .....	2,269	1,433	50	3,752
Upton .....	2,791	1,300	44	4,135
Uxbridge .....	4,515	2,476	243	7,234
Warren .....	1,503	788	102	2,343
Webster .....	4,365	2,130	210	6,705
West Boylston .....	2,516	1,444	54	4,014
West Brookfield .....	1,307	664	62	2,033
Westborough .....	5,932	2,888	243	9,063
Westminster .....	2,610	1,637	55	4,302
Winchendon .....	2,870	1,371	82	4,323
WORCESTER .....	38,453	19,038	4,317	61,808
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>231,271</b>	<b>123,331</b>	<b>11,446</b>	<b>366,048</b>





**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, 2008?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil

penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
<b>Aggregate of Votes</b>							
BARNSTABLE .....	82,302	61.60%	46,351	34.69%	4,947	3.70%	133,600
BERKSHIRE .....	46,526	69.87%	17,844	26.80%	2,223	3.34%	66,593
BRISTOL .....	101,960	41.46%	131,122	53.32%	12,830	5.22%	245,912
DUKES .....	7,423	69.97%	2,466	23.24%	720	6.79%	10,609
ESSEX .....	183,739	51.60%	159,266	44.73%	13,066	3.67%	356,071
FRANKLIN .....	26,475	68.10%	11,295	29.06%	1,104	2.84%	38,874
HAMPDEN .....	129,161	64.87%	59,634	29.95%	10,318	5.18%	199,113
HAMPSHIRE .....	56,929	71.13%	20,624	25.77%	2,485	3.10%	80,038
MIDDLESEX .....	413,971	56.67%	287,128	39.31%	29,391	4.02%	730,490
NANTUCKET .....	4,160	68.41%	1,698	27.92%	223	3.67%	6,081
NORFOLK .....	170,058	48.96%	164,183	47.27%	13,113	3.78%	347,354
PLYMOUTH .....	106,792	42.46%	136,881	54.42%	7,866	3.13%	251,539
SUFFOLK .....	134,938	49.85%	110,559	40.85%	25,176	9.30%	270,673
WORCESTER .....	197,918	54.07%	154,657	42.25%	13,473	3.68%	366,048
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,662,352</b>	<b>53.57%</b>	<b>1,303,708</b>	<b>42.01%</b>	<b>136,935</b>	<b>4.41%</b>	<b>3,102,995</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County (cont.)</b>				
Peru.....	323	134	12	469
PITTSFIELD.....	14,722	5,309	706	20,737
Richmond.....	770	189	16	975
Sandisfield.....	287	133	28	448
Savoy.....	262	134	8	404
Sheffield.....	1,339	458	108	1,905
Stockbridge.....	1,004	203	46	1,253
Tyringham.....	199	69	12	280
Washington.....	240	104	7	351
West Stockbridge.....	700	176	27	903
Williamstown.....	2,812	797	129	3,738
Windsor.....	385	160	12	557
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>46,526</b>	<b>17,844</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>66,593</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Bristol County</b>				
Acushnet.....	2,310	3,050	233	5,593
ATTLEBORO.....	8,942	9,480	663	19,085
Berkley.....	987	2,123	165	3,275
Dartmouth.....	8,370	7,862	578	16,810
Dighton.....	1,161	2,358	79	3,598
Easton.....	4,194	7,595	271	12,060
Fairhaven.....	3,975	4,158	375	8,508
FALL RIVER.....	12,634	16,019	3,175	31,828
Freewtown.....	1,944	2,779	115	4,838
Mansfield.....	4,962	6,231	489	11,682
NEW BEDFORD.....	15,095	16,615	2,617	34,327
North Attleborough.....	6,563	7,262	458	14,283
Norton.....	3,582	5,131	250	8,963
Raynham.....	1,407	5,410	259	7,076
Rehoboth.....	2,760	3,297	243	6,300
Seekonk.....	3,548	3,447	423	7,418
Somerset.....	4,047	5,632	624	10,303
Swansea.....	3,602	4,567	394	8,563
TAUNTON.....	7,906	13,848	978	22,732
Westport.....	3,971	4,258	441	8,670
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>101,960</b>	<b>131,122</b>	<b>12,830</b>	<b>245,912</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Barnstable.....	15,831	8,841	537	25,209
Bourne.....	5,498	4,323	358	10,179
Brewster.....	4,346	2,019	302	6,667
Chatham.....	3,267	1,404	131	4,802
Dennis.....	5,798	3,476	299	9,573
Eastham.....	2,560	1,188	95	3,843
Falmouth.....	11,651	7,071	964	19,686
Harwich.....	5,185	2,624	334	8,143
Mashpee.....	4,784	3,064	301	8,149
Orleans.....	3,282	1,242	140	4,664
Provincetown.....	1,772	473	134	2,379
Sandwich.....	7,181	4,579	748	12,508
Truro.....	1,068	329	49	1,446
Wellfleet.....	1,536	579	98	2,213
Yarmouth.....	8,543	5,139	457	14,139
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>82,302</b>	<b>46,351</b>	<b>4,947</b>	<b>133,600</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Adams.....	2,502	1,490	107	4,099
Alford.....	239	62	22	323
Becket.....	629	300	30	959
Cheshire.....	1,166	681	49	1,896
Clarksburg.....	492	389	24	905
Dalton.....	2,519	938	110	3,567
Egremont.....	628	168	51	847
Florida.....	219	200	11	430
Great Barrington.....	2,816	777	181	3,774
Hancock.....	250	127	22	399
Hinsdale.....	782	299	25	1,106
Lanesborough.....	1,154	473	55	1,682
Lee.....	2,149	830	61	3,040
Lenox.....	2,369	596	86	3,051
Monterey.....	465	94	28	587
Mount Washington.....	90	23	5	118
New Ashford.....	89	46	10	145
New Marlborough.....	602	196	40	838
NORTH ADAMS.....	3,743	2,031	174	5,948
Otis.....	580	258	21	859

**QUESTION 3**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Dukes County</b>								
Aquinnah.....	223	71	19	313	9,709	4,442	359	14,510
Chilmark.....	583	122	37	742	443	242	16	701
Edgartown.....	1,665	601	206	2,472	1,234	763	52	2,049
Gosnold.....	44	32	4	80	431	270	8	709
Oak Bluffs.....	1,794	719	175	2,688	15,399	7,372	707	23,478
Tisbury.....	1,739	577	124	2,440	5,777	2,665	198	8,640
West Tisbury.....	1,375	344	155	1,874	577	276	26	879
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,423</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>10,609</b>	<b>10,127</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>15,523</b>
<b>Essex County</b>								
Amesbury.....	4,772	3,596	203	8,571	6,894	2,503	277	9,674
Andover.....	10,646	7,229	469	18,344	6,201	3,947	428	9,976
BEVERLY.....	10,972	9,112	530	20,614	2,851	1,509	140	4,500
Boxford.....	2,872	2,017	92	4,981	348	160	7	515
Danvers.....	6,949	6,823	278	14,050	3,611	2,107	218	5,936
Essex.....	1,310	846	53	2,209	524	274	18	816
Georgetown.....	2,460	2,181	105	4,746	3,204	1,562	128	4,894
GLOUCESTER.....	8,747	6,265	672	15,684	32,266	14,413	5,442	52,121
Groveland.....	2,044	1,765	58	3,867	168	105	3	276
Hamilton.....	2,840	1,778	110	4,728	586	419	15	1,020
Haverhill.....	14,107	12,150	881	27,138	8,254	3,670	365	12,289
Ipswich.....	4,461	3,507	199	8,167	11,878	5,325	485	17,688
LAWRENCE.....	8,691	7,703	3,266	19,660	5,838	2,517	229	8,584
LYNN.....	12,718	16,163	1,075	29,956				
Lynnfield.....	3,376	3,467	141	6,984	<b>129,161</b>	<b>59,634</b>	<b>10,318</b>	<b>199,113</b>
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	2,126	1,229	66	3,421				
Marblehead.....	7,317	4,842	301	12,460	9,557	2,789	591	12,937
Merrimac.....	1,951	1,575	55	3,581	5,284	2,225	224	7,733
Methuen.....	10,791	9,499	819	21,109	505	216	15	736
Middleton.....	2,001	2,277	90	4,368	395	137	9	541
Nahant.....	1,059	1,196	59	2,314	6,414	2,319	196	8,929
Newbury.....	2,386	1,841	102	4,329	439	167	6	612
NEWBURYPORT.....	6,600	4,050	294	10,944	2,383	1,097	104	3,584
North Andover.....	8,190	6,495	377	15,062	2,172	830	101	3,103
PEABODY.....	12,226	13,300	915	26,441	1,448	636	38	2,122
Rockport.....	3,115	1,420	150	4,685	719	401	23	1,143
Rowley.....	1,717	1,678	54	3,449				
<b>Hampden County</b>								
Agawam.....	9,709	4,442	359	14,510				
Blandford.....	443	242	16	701				
Brimfield.....	1,234	763	52	2,049				
Chester.....	431	270	8	709				
CHICOPEE.....	15,399	7,372	707	23,478				
East Longmeadow.....	5,777	2,665	198	8,640				
Granville.....	577	276	26	879				
Hampden.....	2,030	877	87	2,994				
Holland.....	811	500	30	1,341				
HOLYOKE.....	10,127	4,316	1,080	15,523				
Longmeadow.....	6,894	2,503	277	9,674				
Ludlow.....	6,201	3,947	428	9,976				
Monson.....	2,851	1,509	140	4,500				
Montgomery.....	348	160	7	515				
Palmer.....	3,611	2,107	218	5,936				
Russell.....	524	274	18	816				
Southwick.....	3,204	1,562	128	4,894				
SPRINGFIELD.....	32,266	14,413	5,442	52,121				
Tolland.....	168	105	3	276				
Wales.....	586	419	15	1,020				
West Springfield.....	8,254	3,670	365	12,289				
WESTFIELD.....	11,878	5,325	485	17,688				
Wilbraham.....	5,838	2,517	229	8,584				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>129,161</b>	<b>59,634</b>	<b>10,318</b>	<b>199,113</b>				
<b>Hampshire County</b>								
Amherst.....	9,557	2,789	591	12,937				
Belchertown.....	5,284	2,225	224	7,733				
Chesterfield.....	505	216	15	736				
Cummington.....	395	137	9	541				
Easthampton.....	6,414	2,319	196	8,929				
Goshen.....	439	167	6	612				
Granby.....	2,383	1,097	104	3,584				
Hadley.....	2,172	830	101	3,103				
Hatfield.....	1,448	636	38	2,122				
Huntington.....	719	401	23	1,143				

SALEM .....	10,327	8,361	628	19,316	Middlefield.....	203	91	6	300
Salisbury .....	2,083	2,036	103	4,222	NORTHAMPTON .....	12,510	3,266	565	16,341
Saugus .....	5,859	7,272	373	13,504	Pelham.....	682	181	34	897
Swampscott .....	4,110	3,854	227	8,191	Plainfield .....	297	88	10	395
Topsfield.....	1,970	1,698	191	3,859	South Hadley.....	6,296	2,613	201	9,110
Wenham.....	1,367	909	69	2,345	Southampton.....	2,367	991	70	3,428
West Newbury.....	1,579	1,132	61	2,772	Ware.....	2,737	1,617	201	4,555
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>183,739</b>	<b>159,266</b>	<b>13,066</b>	<b>356,071</b>	Westhampton .....	771	314	29	1,114
					Williamsburg.....	1,233	418	49	1,700
					Worthington.....	517	228	13	758

**Franklin County**

Ashfield.....	830	271	35	1,136	<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>56,929</b>	<b>20,624</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>80,038</b>
Barnardston.....	746	415	84	1,245	<b>Middlesex County</b>				
Buckland.....	726	311	41	1,078	Acton.....	7,555	3,768	312	11,635
Charlemont.....	447	231	16	694	Arlington.....	15,437	9,121	930	25,488
Colrain.....	588	324	31	943	Ashby.....	960	879	42	1,881
Conway.....	869	354	35	1,258	Ashland.....	4,918	3,409	153	8,480
Deerfield.....	2,222	798	55	3,075	Ayer.....	1,925	1,372	97	3,394
Erving.....	478	303	25	806	Bedford.....	4,429	2,722	284	7,435
Gill.....	613	284	22	919	Belmont.....	8,476	4,822	514	13,812
Greenfield.....	6,043	2,274	254	8,571	Billerica.....	9,616	9,603	327	19,546
Hawley.....	113	60	3	176	Boxborough.....	92	1,853	921	2,866
Heath.....	294	138	12	444	Burlington.....	6,719	5,750	386	12,855
Leverett.....	975	239	42	1,256	<b>CAMBRIDGE.....</b>	<b>30,338</b>	<b>13,389</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>46,727</b>
Leyden.....	334	129	12	475	Carlisle.....	2,189	969	88	3,246
Monroe.....	32	27	1	60	Chelmsford.....	10,592	8,496	495	19,583
Montague.....	2,955	1,333	97	4,385	Concord.....	7,071	3,088	423	10,582
New Salem.....	409	190	19	618	Dracut.....	7,435	7,064	385	14,884
Northfield.....	1,147	531	67	1,745	Dunstable.....	995	838	33	1,866
Orange.....	1,889	1,413	85	3,387	<b>EVERETT.....</b>	<b>5,804</b>	<b>6,199</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>12,983</b>
Rowe.....	169	85	10	264	Framingham.....	16,261	9,988	836	27,085
Shelburne.....	847	330	35	1,212	Groton.....	3,612	2,266	259	6,137
Shutesbury.....	979	219	34	1,232	Holliston.....	4,995	3,136	139	8,270
Sunderland.....	1,388	459	33	1,880	Hopkinton.....	5,026	3,205	163	8,394
Warwick.....	273	160	20	453	Hudson.....	5,532	3,911	383	9,826
Wendell.....	441	111	16	568	Lexington.....	11,317	5,897	748	17,962
Whately.....	668	306	20	994	Lincoln.....	2,396	986	114	3,496
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>26,475</b>	<b>11,295</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>38,874</b>	Littleton.....	3,048	2,035	113	5,196

LOWELL.....	15,925	13,791	2,189	31,905
MALDEN.....	10,162	9,211	1,255	20,628
MARLBOROUGH.....	9,434	6,432	521	16,387
Maynard.....	3,345	2,184	145	5,674
MEDFORD.....	14,075	11,742	1,247	27,064

**QUESTION 3**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County (cont.)</b>								
MELROSE.....	7,945	6,926	534	15,405				
Natick.....	10,855	6,546	754	18,155				
NEWTON.....	28,064	14,723	1,933	44,720				
North Reading.....	4,293	3,970	197	8,460				
Pepperell.....	3,431	2,767	138	6,336				
Reading.....	7,350	6,128	382	13,860				
Sherborn.....	1,811	835	59	2,705				
Shirley.....	1,578	1,354	212	3,144				
SOMERVILLE.....	20,327	10,751	1,983	33,061				
Stoneham.....	6,035	5,796	325	12,156				
Stow.....	2,545	1,391	88	4,024				
Sudbury.....	6,954	3,131	242	10,327				
Tewksbury.....	7,514	7,898	334	15,746				
Townsend.....	2,672	2,285	103	5,060				
Tyngsborough.....	3,139	2,878	144	6,161				
Wakefield.....	7,163	6,612	471	14,246				
WALTHAM.....	13,558	9,744	1,103	24,405				
Watertown.....	9,700	5,842	658	16,200				
Wayland.....	5,338	2,595	235	8,168				
Westford.....	7,418	4,914	250	12,582				
Weston.....	4,186	2,112	205	6,503				
Wilmington.....	5,938	5,829	275	12,042				
Winchester.....	7,265	4,763	480	12,508				
WOBURN.....	9,213	9,212	804	19,229				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>413,971</b>	<b>287,128</b>	<b>29,391</b>	<b>730,490</b>				
<b>Nantucket County</b>								
Nantucket.....	4,160	1,698	223	6,081				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>1,698</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>6,081</b>				
<b>Norfolk County</b>								
Avon.....	800	1,493	131	2,424				
Bellingham.....	4,475	3,694	244	8,413				
Braintree.....	7,383	10,568	881	18,832				
Brookline.....	18,548	8,028	1,395	27,971				
Canton.....	5,204	6,528	412	12,144				
<b>Plymouth County</b>								
Pembroke.....	4,197	5,182	191	9,570				
Plymouth.....	14,350	14,248	443	29,041				
Plympton.....	794	889	30	1,713				
Rochester.....	1,429	1,620	74	3,123				
Rockland.....	3,418	5,027	206	8,651				
Scituate.....	5,714	5,229	291	11,234				
Wareham.....	4,758	5,679	477	10,914				
West Bridgewater.....	1,176	2,715	101	3,992				
Whitman.....	2,462	4,677	110	7,249				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>106,792</b>	<b>136,881</b>	<b>7,866</b>	<b>251,539</b>				
<b>Suffolk County</b>								
BOSTON.....	119,769	93,875	22,881	236,525				
CHELSEA.....	3,945	3,353	776	8,074				
REVERE.....	6,929	8,812	1,181	16,922				
Winthrop.....	4,295	4,519	338	9,152				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>134,938</b>	<b>110,559</b>	<b>25,176</b>	<b>270,673</b>				
<b>Worcester County</b>								
Ashburnham.....	1,726	1,608	56	3,390				
Athol.....	2,631	2,055	85	4,771				
Auburn.....	4,775	3,996	179	8,950				
Barre.....	1,375	1,265	69	2,709				
Berlin.....	919	708	26	1,653				
Blackstone.....	1,984	2,112	174	4,270				
Bolton.....	1,794	1,026	75	2,895				
Boylston.....	1,516	1,093	40	2,649				
Brookfield.....	921	810	39	1,770				
Charlton.....	3,404	2,947	135	6,486				
Clinton.....	3,324	2,937	245	6,506				
Douglas.....	2,240	1,943	139	4,322				
Dudley.....	2,676	2,287	102	5,065				
East Brookfield.....	604	559	21	1,184				
FITCHBURG.....	7,532	6,374	526	14,432				
GARDNER.....	4,485	3,754	189	8,428				
Grafton.....	4,978	3,842	207	9,027				

Cohasset .....	2,602	1,886	141	4,629	Hardwick .....	828	538	49	1,415
Dedham .....	6,014	6,085	758	12,857	Harvard .....	2,143	1,205	141	3,489
Dover .....	2,178	1,176	74	3,428	Holden .....	5,946	4,330	189	10,465
Foxborough .....	4,214	4,720	215	9,149	Hopedale .....	1,857	1,436	101	3,394
Franklin .....	8,902	7,525	366	16,793	Hubbardston .....	1,317	1,199	70	2,556
Holbrook .....	1,944	3,293	194	5,431	Lancaster .....	2,092	1,506	76	3,674
Medfield .....	4,039	3,003	251	7,293	Leicester .....	2,688	2,679	151	5,518
Medway .....	3,761	3,152	113	7,026	LEOMINSTER .....	9,571	8,187	594	18,352
Mills .....	2,393	2,100	115	4,608	Lunenburg .....	3,016	2,625	115	5,756
Milton .....	6,987	7,865	739	15,591	Mendon .....	1,839	1,332	77	3,248
Needham .....	10,164	6,532	640	17,336	Milford .....	6,508	5,299	587	12,394
Norfolk .....	2,812	2,446	109	5,367	Millbury .....	3,329	3,039	301	6,669
Norwood .....	6,696	7,177	544	14,417	Millville .....	738	748	61	1,547
Plainville .....	1,898	2,276	123	4,297	New Braintree .....	273	272	9	554
QUINCY .....	17,622	20,466	1,777	39,865	North Brookfield .....	1,277	1,071	50	2,398
Randolph .....	5,910	7,829	843	14,582	Northborough .....	4,818	3,181	150	8,149
Sharon .....	5,456	4,357	361	10,174	Northbridge .....	4,042	3,369	204	7,615
Stoughton .....	5,295	7,810	531	13,636	Oakham .....	561	551	18	1,130
Walpole .....	6,345	6,993	317	13,655	Oxford .....	3,349	3,018	144	6,511
Wellesley .....	9,392	4,495	673	14,560	Paxton .....	1,453	1,030	113	2,596
Westwood .....	4,477	3,815	483	8,775	Petersham .....	507	298	18	823
Weymouth .....	11,427	15,934	569	27,930	Phillipston .....	490	462	12	964
Wrentham .....	3,120	2,937	114	6,171	Princeton .....	1,312	871	58	2,241
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>170,058</b>	<b>164,183</b>	<b>13,113</b>	<b>347,354</b>	Royalston .....	371	304	20	695
<b>Plymouth County</b>					Rutland .....	2,222	1,929	55	4,206
Abington .....	2,928	5,024	145	8,097	Shrewsbury .....	10,409	6,942	478	17,829
Bridgewater .....	3,660	8,146	304	12,110	Southborough .....	3,558	2,056	118	5,732
BROCKTON .....	11,361	19,889	2,503	33,753	Southbridge .....	3,767	2,694	583	7,044
Carver .....	2,496	3,463	218	6,177	Spencer .....	2,886	2,639	144	5,669
Duxbury .....	5,309	3,919	222	9,450	Sterling .....	2,615	2,020	79	4,714
East Bridgewater .....	2,265	4,775	184	7,224	Sturbridge .....	3,039	2,081	88	5,208
Halifax .....	1,577	2,429	91	4,097	Sutton .....	2,740	2,331	203	5,274
Hanover .....	3,450	4,538	184	8,172	Templeton .....	1,899	1,789	64	3,752
Hanson .....	2,067	3,307	108	5,482	Upton .....	2,459	1,599	77	4,135
Hingham .....	7,324	5,822	342	13,488	Uxbridge .....	3,898	3,051	285	7,234
Hull .....	2,917	2,896	150	5,963	Warren .....	1,353	883	107	2,343
Kingston .....	3,240	3,361	135	6,736	Webster .....	3,567	2,926	212	6,705
Lakeville .....	2,080	3,524	129	5,733	West Boylston .....	2,245	1,685	84	4,014
Marion .....	1,662	1,333	139	3,134	West Brookfield .....	1,088	885	60	2,033
Marshfield .....	6,984	7,334	286	14,604	Westborough .....	5,582	3,201	280	9,063
Mattapoisett .....	2,013	1,898	136	4,047	Westminster .....	2,246	1,977	79	4,302
Middleborough .....	3,939	6,992	510	11,441	Winchendon .....	2,319	1,885	119	4,323
Norwell .....	3,222	2,965	157	6,344	WORCESTER .....	32,817	24,218	4,773	61,808
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>170,058</b>	<b>164,183</b>	<b>13,113</b>	<b>347,354</b>	<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>197,918</b>	<b>154,657</b>	<b>13,473</b>	<b>366,048</b>

## QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Northfield accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters of this town, a summary of which appears below?

### SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve, and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Northfield, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2009, by an additional surcharge of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (2) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to bylaw and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

### In the Town of Northfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Franklin County</b>				
Northfield .....	818	792	135	1,745
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,745</b>

## QUESTION 4

Shall this Town amend its acceptance of sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

### SUMMARY

This question involves amendment of the Town's acceptance to G.L. c.44B, §§ 3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), by increasing the surcharge imposed on real property from one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) to three percent (3 %) of the tax levy, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors. The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for: the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space and land for recreational use; the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources; and the creation, preservation and support of community housing. Acceptance of the Act also entitles municipalities to receive an annual distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund, which supplements the funds collected pursuant to the surcharge imposed by the Town and increases the available funds for eligible projects.

As approved under Article 2 of the February 12, 2001 Special Town Meeting and by the voters at the 2001 Annual Town Election, the surcharge was initially fixed at one percent (1 %) of the annual property tax assessed on real property. An increase in the surcharge to one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) was later approved under Article 38 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting and by the voters at the 2006 biennial state election. On a motion made under Article 24 of the April 28, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, the Amherst Town Meeting voted to increase the surcharge to three percent (3 %). If approved, the additional surcharge would be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2009.

The Act contains certain mandatory exemptions and also allows municipalities to approve certain optional exemptions. The Town has adopted two such optional exemptions, as follows: (1) any property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Amherst is exempt from the surcharge; and, (2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property is exempt from the surcharge. Regardless of whether this question passes or fails, these exemptions will continue to be applicable in the Town of Amherst.

### In the Town of Amherst



## QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Royalston accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

### SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Royalston, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2010, by an additional surcharge of 3% (Three percent) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to annual audit.

### In the Town of Royalston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Royalston.....	351	312	32	695
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>695</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Amherst.....	5,148	5,316	2,473	12,937
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>5,148</b>	<b>5,316</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>12,937</b>

## Question 4

Shall the City of Gloucester accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

### SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In the City of Gloucester, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of one (1%) percent on the annual tax levy on real property commencing in fiscal year 2010 and by matching funds provided by the state. EXCLUSIONS: property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low to moderate income senior housing in the City of Gloucester, as defined in Section 2 of said Act, One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall receive a pro rata reduction with respect to the portion exempt. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

### In the City of Gloucester

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
GLOUCESTER.....	8,270	6,094	1,320	15,684
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,270</b>	<b>6,094</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>15,684</b>