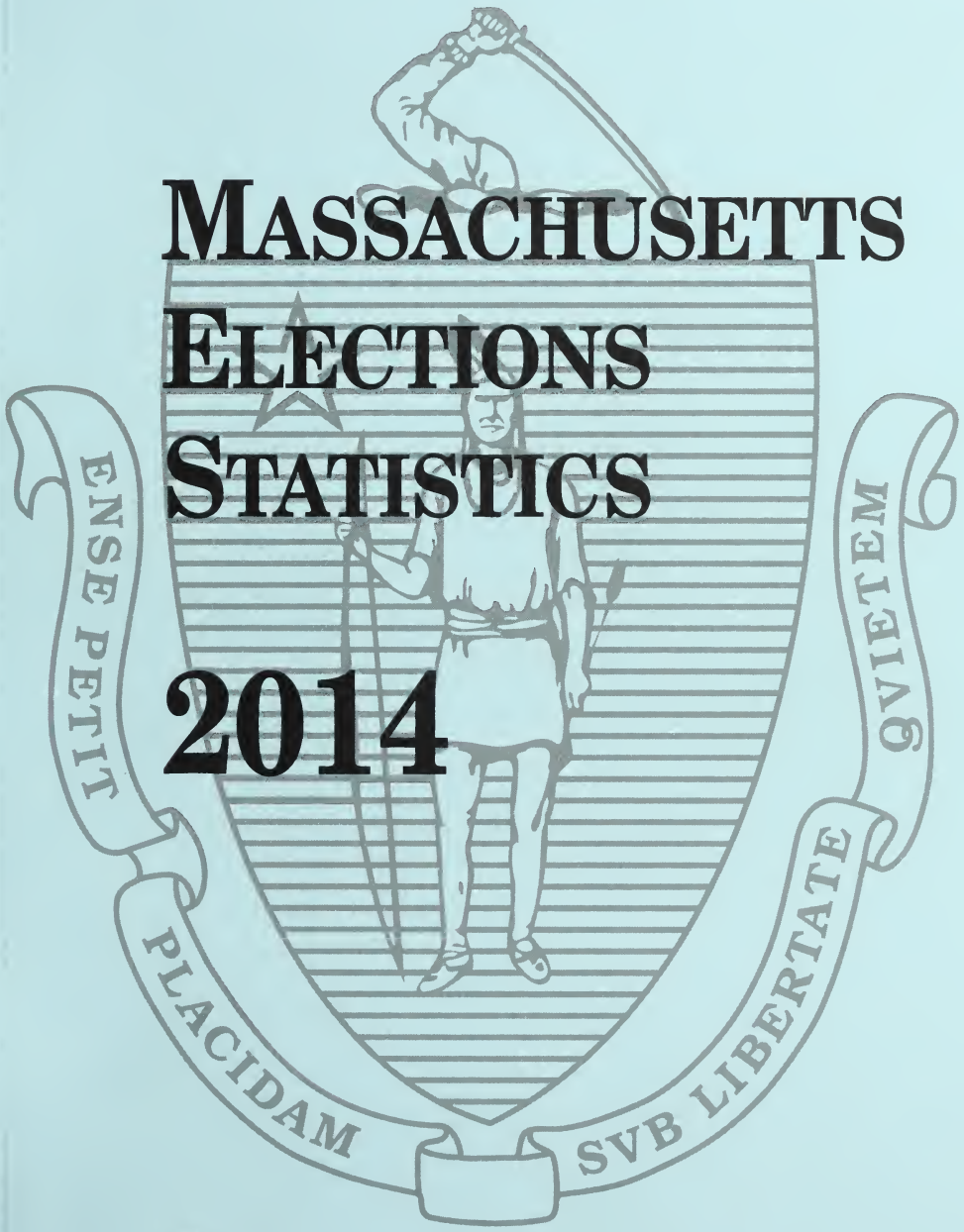
Public Document No. 43

Massachusetts Elections Statistics 2014



Published by
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Elections Division

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 on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.

An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee's dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.

Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee.

Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee's exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee's support of another employee's exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers' obligations under any contract or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
County Aggregate							
Barnstable	50,951	51.70%	44,454	45.11%	3,150	3.20%	98,555
Berkshire	26,164	65.06%	11,822	29.40%	2,230	5.55%	40,216
Bristol	84,831	56.98%	58,805	39.50%	5,236	3.52%	148,872
Dukes	4,124	55.84%	2,818	38.15%	444	6.01%	7,386
Essex	138,637	53.54%	112,580	43.47%	7,742	2.99%	258,959
Franklin	16,921	62.94%	8,484	31.56%	1,481	5.51%	26,886
Hampden	79,812	57.87%	54,192	39.29%	3,912	2.84%	137,916
Hampshire	37,356	66.92%	16,883	30.24%	1,587	2.84%	55,826
Middlesex	316,206	59.47%	198,096	37.26%	17,377	3.27%	531,679
Nantucket	1,912	51.34%	1,688	45.33%	124	3.33%	3,724
Norfolk	143,042	56.27%	103,731	40.80%	7,454	2.93%	254,227
Plymouth	95,150	52.55%	80,571	44.50%	5,347	2.95%	181,066
Suffolk	129,578	70.24%	47,949	25.99%	6,946	3.77%	184,473
Worcester	132,157	51.42%	117,548	45.74%	7,299	2.84%	257,004
Totals	1,256,841	57.47%	859,621	39.31%	70,329	3.22%	2,186,789

QUESTION 4

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	9,317	8,968	487	18,772
Bourne	3,636	3,742	170	7,548
Brewster	2,637	2,138	171	4,946
Chatham	1,710	1,767	129	3,606
Dennis	3,576	3,241	240	7,057
Eastham	1,630	1,115	83	2,828
Falmouth	7,994	6,001	432	14,427
Harwich	3,156	2,735	189	6,080
Mashpee	3,054	2,849	132	6,035
Orleans	1,850	1,521	117	3,488
Provincetown	1,039	446	167	1,652
Sandwich	4,549	4,394	171	9,114
Truro	602	384	134	1,120
Wellfleet	998	518	170	1,686
Yarmouth	5,203	4,635	358	10,196
TOTALS	**50,951**	**44,454**	**3,150**	**98,555**
Berkshire County				
Adams	1,473	683	82	2,238
Alford	116	58	35	209
Becket	382	199	12	593
Cheshire	573	355	85	1,013
Clarksburg	313	179	78	570
Dalton	1,346	670	40	2,056
Egremont	388	187	57	632
Florida	138	68	36	242
Great Barrington	1,887	776	154	2,817
Hancock	131	87	25	243
Hinsdale	359	239	82	680
Lanesborough	628	286	36	950
Lee	1,161	581	85	1,827
Lenox	1,312	620	117	2,049
Monterey	245	82	40	367
Mount Washington	35	23	18	76
New Ashford	63	31	14	108
New Marlborough	322	172	63	557
NORTH ADAMS	2,272	947	141	3,360
Otis	344	218	26	588
Dukes County (cont.)				
Tisbury	1,001	583	73	1,657
West Tisbury	855	501	81	1,437
TOTALS	**4,124**	**2,818**	**444**	**7,386**
Essex County				
Amesbury	3,248	2,539	158	5,945
Andover	6,324	6,618	269	13,211
BEVERLY	8,034	6,384	376	14,794
Boxford	1,516	2,106	73	3,695
Danvers	4,904	5,015	241	10,160
Essex	775	750	123	1,648
Georgetown	1,661	1,681	65	3,407
GLOUCESTER	6,191	4,566	413	11,170
Groveland	1,377	1,440	55	2,872
Hamilton	1,620	1,578	104	3,302
HAVERHILL	10,054	8,197	538	18,789
Ipswich	3,062	2,946	141	6,149
LAWRENCE	10,104	3,420	780	14,304
LYNN	13,524	6,977	331	20,832
Lynnfield	2,244	3,006	135	5,385
Manchester-By-The-Sea	1,293	1,296	74	2,663
Marblehead	5,032	4,498	290	9,820
Merrimac	1,380	1,215	47	2,642
Methuen	7,292	6,671	406	14,369
Middleton	1,509	1,842	85	3,436
Nahant	1,005	828	53	1,886
Newbury	1,625	1,658	85	3,368
NEWBURYPORT	4,542	3,470	273	8,285
North Andover	5,026	5,356	246	10,628
PEABODY	10,074	8,684	765	19,523
Rockport	1,979	1,351	377	3,707
Rowley	1,302	1,343	57	2,702
SALEM	8,286	4,735	408	13,429
Salisbury	1,529	1,435	74	3,038
Saugus	5,250	4,572	256	10,078
Swampscott	3,547	2,910	209	6,666
Topsfield	1,457	1,615	111	3,183

Peru	200	74	13	287
PITTSFIELD	7,864	3,331	374	11,569
Richmond	406	220	26	652
Sandisfield	172	78	19	269
Savoy	120	54	42	216
Sheffield	651	346	163	1,160
Stockbridge	621	243	60	924
Tyringham	106	59	24	189
Washington	143	78	24	245
West Stockbridge	382	166	129	677
Williamstown	1,803	615	106	2,524
Windsor	208	97	24	329
TOTALS	**26,164**	**11,822**	**2,230**	**40,216**

Bristol County

Acushnet	1,800	1,264	81	3,145
ATTLEBORO	7,177	4,759	359	12,295
Berkley	1,104	973	56	2,133
Dartmouth	5,383	3,797	222	9,402
Dighton	1,242	1,059	51	2,352
Easton	4,264	3,866	157	8,287
Fairhaven	2,968	2,063	203	5,234
FALL RIVER	10,901	5,184	1,156	17,241
Freetown	1,478	1,357	80	2,915
Mansfield	4,357	3,743	133	8,233
NEW BEDFORD	12,145	4,930	877	17,952
North Attleborough	4,873	4,302	159	9,334
Norton	3,322	2,690	75	6,087
Raynham	2,485	2,288	117	4,890
Rehoboth	1,765	1,968	127	3,860
Seekonk	2,309	1,850	108	4,267
Somerset	3,450	2,602	233	6,285
Swansea	2,421	2,034	93	4,548
TAUNTON	8,556	5,625	727	14,908
Westport	2,831	2,451	222	5,504
TOTALS	**84,831**	**58,805**	**5,236**	**148,872**

Dukes County

Aquinnah	120	52	28	200
Chilmark	288	159	64	511
Edgartown	866	762	88	1,716
Gosnold	25	12	9	46
Oak Bluffs	969	749	101	1,819
Wenham	783	854	75	1,712
West Newbury	1,088	1,024	49	2,161
TOTALS	**138,637**	**112,580**	**7,742**	**258,959**

Franklin County

Ashfield	568	246	53	867
Bernardston	450	322	36	808
Buckland	489	239	22	750
Charlemont	289	142	13	444
Colrain	370	191	40	601
Conway	613	288	59	960
Deerfield	1,430	781	49	2,260
Erving	312	194	13	519
Gill	401	241	7	649
Greenfield	3,666	1,580	319	5,565
Hawley	90	47	9	146
Heath	193	101	19	313
Leverett	648	187	102	937
Leyden	222	120	30	372
Monroe	18	12	6	36
Montague	1,931	903	214	3,048
New Salem	274	151	37	462
Northfield	698	443	39	1,180
Orange	1,250	1,017	79	2,346
Rowe	87	51	15	153
Shelburne	504	263	44	811
Shutesbury	652	144	105	901
Sunderland	827	374	31	1,232
Warwick	183	135	41	359
Wendell	320	72	27	419
Whately	436	240	72	748
TOTALS	**16,921**	**8,484**	**1,481**	**26,886**

Hampden County

Agawam	5,463	4,620	221	10,304
Blandford	234	219	62	515
Brimfield	636	699	111	1,446
Chester	234	203	30	467
CHICOPEE	9,591	6,090	390	16,071

QUESTION 4

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County (cont.)				
East Longmeadow	3,153	3,059	156	6,368
Granville	289	340	65	694
Hampden	1,002	1,023	188	2,213
Holland	485	399	28	912
HOLYOKE	7,007	3,271	207	10,485
Longmeadow	3,600	3,540	215	7,355
Ludlow	3,448	3,023	178	6,649
Monson	1,531	1,387	87	3,005
Montgomery	168	198	28	394
Palmer	2,310	1,738	129	4,177
Russell	297	209	58	564
Southwick	1,749	1,750	96	3,595
SPRINGFIELD	23,879	9,673	823	34,375
Tolland	80	100	19	199
Wales	403	264	11	678
West Springfield	4,665	3,626	181	8,472
WESTFIELD	6,781	5,598	435	12,814
Wilbraham	2,807	3,163	194	6,164
TOTALS	**79,812**	**54,192**	**3,912**	**137,916**
Hampshire County				
Amherst	6,332	1,321	281	7,934
Belchertown	3,110	2,062	103	5,275
Chesterfield	313	200	36	549
Cummington	290	103	32	425
Easthampton	4,259	1,883	123	6,265
Goshen	260	156	35	451
Granby	1,355	1,125	81	2,561
Hadley	1,408	744	60	2,212
Hatfield	900	553	31	1,484
Huntington	504	341	12	857
Middlefield	139	68	11	218
NORTHAMPTON	9,203	2,202	343	11,748
Pelham	521	137	18	676
Plainfield	214	74	36	324
South Hadley	3,648	2,601	167	6,416
Southampton	1,477	1,188	41	2,706
Ware	1,665	1,316	64	3,045

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (cont.)				
SOMERVILLE	17,833	4,183	828	22,844
Stoneham	4,820	4,133	284	9,237
Stow	1,755	1,406	58	3,219
Sudbury	4,125	3,282	164	7,571
Tewksbury	5,621	5,578	213	11,412
Townsend	1,638	1,603	64	3,305
Tyngsborough	2,195	2,223	103	4,521
Wakefield	5,513	5,041	241	10,795
WALTHAM	9,914	6,159	698	16,771
Watertown	7,943	3,424	351	11,718
Wayland	3,399	2,326	176	5,901
Westford	4,790	4,348	165	9,303
Weston	2,252	2,354	125	4,731
Wilmington	4,605	4,242	215	9,062
Winchester	5,051	4,493	240	9,784
WOBURN	7,037	6,470	391	13,898
TOTALS	**316,206**	**198,096**	**17,377**	**531,679**
Nantucket County				
Nantucket	1,912	1,688	124	3,724
TOTALS	**1,912**	**1,688**	**124**	**3,724**
Norfolk County				
Avon	932	715	53	1,700
Bellingham	3,121	2,413	128	5,662
Braintree	7,685	6,169	563	14,417
Brookline	13,573	4,586	690	18,849
Canton	4,514	4,031	229	8,774
Cohasset	1,709	1,785	125	3,619
Dedham	5,580	4,014	301	9,895
Dover	1,182	1,460	76	2,718
Foxborough	3,626	3,292	141	7,059
Franklin	6,350	5,575	342	12,267
Holbrook	2,486	1,707	154	4,347
Medfield	2,684	2,696	142	5,522
Medway	2,805	2,306	122	5,233

Westhampton	504	276	48	828
Williamsburg	897	335	25	1,257
Worthington	357	198	40	595
TOTALS	**37,356**	**16,883**	**1,587**	**55,826**

Middlesex County

Acton	5,504	3,046	186	8,736
Arlington	13,604	5,543	594	19,741
Ashby	655	527	122	1,304
Ashland	3,300	2,274	162	5,736
Ayer	1,406	1,035	49	2,490
Bedford	3,222	2,271	171	5,664
Belmont	6,515	3,522	308	10,345
Billerica	7,337	6,653	244	14,234
Boxborough	1,167	888	47	2,102
Burlington	4,765	4,323	246	9,334
CAMBRIDGE	25,554	5,562	1,609	32,725
Carlisle	1,271	1,049	221	2,541
Chelmsford	7,219	6,636	323	14,178
Concord	4,946	3,039	289	8,274
Dracut	5,078	5,272	280	10,630
Dunstable	650	715	29	1,394
EVERETT	5,572	3,269	539	9,380
Framingham	11,573	6,858	578	19,009
Groton	2,348	1,927	237	4,512
Holliston	3,383	2,594	160	6,137
Hopkinton	3,224	2,889	162	6,275
Hudson	3,809	3,093	262	7,164
Lexington	8,520	4,236	545	13,301
Lincoln	1,806	897	86	2,789
Littleton	2,224	1,778	94	4,096
LOWELL	13,155	7,563	550	21,268
MALDEN	8,837	4,669	719	14,225
MARLBOROUGH	6,518	4,845	310	11,673
Maynard	2,641	1,550	124	4,315
MEDFORD	12,298	6,234	1,020	19,552
MELROSE	7,065	4,427	340	11,832
Natick	8,178	5,168	334	13,680
NEWTON	21,386	10,117	1,516	33,019
North Reading	2,897	3,267	107	6,271
Pepperell	2,336	2,151	96	4,583
Reading	5,564	5,033	194	10,791
Sherborn	1,045	927	57	2,029
Shirley	1,143	984	151	2,278
Millis	1,882	1,586	60	3,528
Milton	6,822	4,584	430	11,836
Needham	7,757	5,267	387	13,411
Norfolk	2,034	2,142	84	4,260
Norwood	5,735	4,575	342	10,652
Plainville	1,743	1,590	71	3,404
QUINCY	16,858	9,944	477	27,279
Randolph	5,910	3,001	513	9,424
Sharon	4,242	2,680	183	7,105
Stoughton	5,259	3,881	297	9,437
Walpole	5,313	5,158	301	10,772
Wellesley	6,005	4,790	436	11,231
Westwood	3,353	3,317	222	6,892
Weymouth	11,562	8,259	495	20,316
Wrentham	2,320	2,208	90	4,618
TOTALS	**143,042**	**103,731**	**7,454**	**254,227**

Plymouth County

Abington	3,222	2,569	122	5,913
Bridgewater	4,358	3,769	211	8,338
BROCKTON	13,789	6,237	1,450	21,476
Carver	2,129	1,889	76	4,094
Duxbury	3,320	3,542	157	7,019
East Bridgewater	2,620	2,249	124	4,993
Halifax	1,460	1,385	59	2,904
Hanover	2,972	3,105	193	6,270
Hanson	2,172	1,905	58	4,135
Hingham	5,238	4,811	389	10,438
Hull	2,366	1,814	139	4,319
Kingston	2,514	2,417	88	5,019
Lakeville	1,963	2,147	86	4,196
Marion	1,128	1,117	83	2,328
Marshfield	5,547	5,332	266	11,145
Mattapoisett	1,410	1,486	129	3,025
Middleborough	4,228	3,709	190	8,127
Norwell	2,227	2,464	129	4,820
Pembroke	3,729	3,417	118	7,264
Plymouth	11,296	9,912	387	21,595
Plympton	654	560	77	1,291
Rochester	1,069	1,138	39	2,246
Rockland	3,390	2,599	146	6,135
Scituate	4,252	4,157	309	8,718
Wareham	3,818	3,226	146	7,190

QUESTION 4

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County (cont.)				
West Bridgewater	1,421	1,350	94	2,865
Whitman	2,858	2,265	82	5,205
TOTALS	**95,150**	**80,571**	**5,347**	**181,068**
Suffolk County				
BOSTON	115,255	39,852	6,008	161,115
CHELSEA	3,577	1,266	312	5,155
REVERE	7,105	4,143	419	11,667
Winthrop	3,641	2,688	207	6,536
TOTALS	**129,578**	**47,949**	**6,946**	**184,473**
Worcester County				
Ashburnham	1,125	1,029	40	2,194
Athol	1,772	1,513	88	3,373
Auburn	3,092	3,121	131	6,344
Barre	966	946	45	1,957
Berlin	695	628	88	1,411
Blackstone	1,445	1,351	117	2,913
Bolton	1,187	1,064	43	2,294
Boylston	976	1,061	38	2,075
Brookfield	621	605	19	1,245
Charlton	2,009	2,391	164	4,564
Clinton	2,532	1,810	131	4,473
Douglas	1,435	1,573	74	3,082
Dudley	1,732	1,757	54	3,543
East Brookfield	400	456	26	882
FITCHBURG	4,770	3,941	366	9,077
GARDNER	3,051	2,509	138	5,698
Grafton	3,301	3,058	204	6,563
Hardwick	543	453	22	1,018
Harvard	1,492	1,117	106	2,715
Holden	3,897	3,945	156	7,998
Hopedale	1,243	1,081	71	2,395
Hubbardston	912	945	42	1,899
Lancaster	1,454	1,335	86	2,875
Leicester	1,887	2,063	172	4,122
LEOMINSTER	6,328	5,786	515	12,629

Lunenburg	2,056	2,111	83	4,250
Mendon	1,188	1,250	45	2,483
Milford	4,934	3,818	513	9,265
Millbury	2,187	2,428	163	4,778
Millville	460	457	122	1,039
New Braintree	193	215	30	438
North Brookfield	852	874	64	1,790
Northborough	3,224	2,932	151	6,307
Northbridge	2,591	2,772	152	5,515
Oakham	376	400	65	841
Oxford	2,226	2,199	90	4,515
Paxton	832	1,026	43	1,901
Petersham	316	267	64	647
Phillipston	321	310	58	689
Princeton	841	892	46	1,779
Royalston	265	231	47	543
Rutland	1,605	1,598	57	3,260
Shrewsbury	6,856	6,302	347	13,505
Southborough	2,072	2,070	102	4,244
Southbridge	2,189	1,620	60	3,869
Spencer	1,837	2,064	102	4,003
Sterling	1,644	1,941	85	3,670
Sturbridge	1,751	1,844	51	3,646
Sutton	1,711	2,134	100	3,945
Templeton	1,340	1,331	63	2,734
Upton	1,445	1,464	78	2,987
Uxbridge	2,490	2,396	161	5,047
Warren	887	657	61	1,605
Webster	2,197	2,162	106	4,465
West Boylston	1,499	1,609	57	3,165
West Brookfield	696	712	24	1,432
Westborough	3,394	2,879	190	6,463
Westminster	1,424	1,601	60	3,085
Winchendon	1,420	1,290	71	2,781
WORCESTER	23,973	14,154	852	38,979
TOTALS	**132,157**	**117,548**	**7,299**	**257,004**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Chilmark 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 repair and reconstruct certain public ways?

In the Town of Chilmark

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Chilmark.....	308	110	93	511
TOTALS.....	**308**	**110**	**93**	**511**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Franklin be allowed to assess an additional $1,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a stabilization fund as provided in GL Chapter 40 Section 5 B, said funds to be expended solely for roadway, sidewalk and related drainage work for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and fifteen?

In the Town of Franklin

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Franklin.....	3,583	8,289	395	12,267
TOTALS.....	**3,583**	**8,289**	**395**	**12,267**

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 pay costs of architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Police Station, Senior Center, Fire Station, and Public Works building, and the renovation of, equipping of and improvements to the Town Hall, Public Works Garage, and current Police Station (as part of the new Fire Station), along with any and all work associated with and appurtenant thereto, including the cost of a project manager and other related costs?

In the Town of Walpole

QUESTION 7

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of constructing streetscape enhancements to the Main Street Intersection with Route 6A and with Route 28 not being funded under the MassDOT project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Orleans

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Orleans	1,950	1,314	224	3,488
TOTALS.....	**1,950**	**1,314**	**224**	**3,488**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Charlton 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 purchase a fire engine to replace and combine engines T-1 & E 5?

In the Town of Charlton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Charlton.....	2,519	1,820	225	4,564
TOTALS.....	**2,519**	**1,820**	**225**	**4,564**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Walpole	4,709	5,758	305	10,772
TOTALS	**4,709**	**5,758**	**305**	**10,772**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of a partial window/door replacement project at Orleans Elementary School, located at 46 Eldredge Park Way, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Orleans

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Orleans	2,641	640	207	3,488
TOTALS	**2,641**	**640**	**207**	**3,488**

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of preparing design plans for the construction of a new Department of Public Works maintenance garage to be located on Giddiah Hill Road, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Orleans

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Orleans	1,911	1,349	228	3,488
TOTALS	**1,911**	**1,349**	**228**	**3,488**

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Charlton 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 purchase a 2015 Freightliner Dump Truck for use by the Highway Department?

In the Town of Charlton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Charlton	2,032	2,311	221	4,564
TOTALS	**2,032**	**2,311**	**221**	**4,564**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Spencer be allowed to assess an additional Four Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars ($484,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the following departmental services: Council on Aging ($90,000), Richard Sugden Library ($92,000), Fire Department ($36,000), Police Department ($16,000), Highway Department ($51,000), Parks & Recreation ($61,000), Board of Health ($4,000), Town Administrator ($10,000), Town Accountant ($10,000), Assessors ($24,000), Treasurer/Collector ($17,000), Town Clerk ($26,000), Inspectional Services ($37,000), and Miscellaneous Boards and Committees ($10,000) for the fiscal year beginning July first 2014?

In the Town of Spencer

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Spencer	1,698	2,215	90	4,003
TOTALS	**1,698**	**2,215**	**90**	**4,003**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Wilbraham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of the Project Costs for the Wilbraham Middle School, 446 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, Roof Project, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Wilbraham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Wilbraham	2,660	2,902	602	6,164
TOTALS	**2,660**	**2,902**	**602**	**6,164**

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Wilbraham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of the Project Costs for the Soule Road School, 300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, Windows/Doors Project, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Wilbraham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Wilbraham	2,650	2,899	615	6,164
TOTALS	**2,650**	**2,899**	**615**	**6,164**

QUESTION 5

Shall the town of Royalston be allowed to assess an additional $50,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a capital projects stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

In the Town of Royalston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Royalston	215	295	33	543
TOTALS	**215**	**295**	**33**	**543**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of North Brookfield be allowed to assess an additional $80,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing two cruiser vehicles for the Police Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

In the Town of North Brookfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
North Brookfield	672	1,060	58	1,790
TOTALS	**672**	**1,060**	**58**	**1,790**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Northbridge be allowed to assess an additional $311,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the following capital purchases for the School Department: pick-up truck replacement; kitchen repairs at the Balmer School; air conditioner replacement for the Middle School auditorium; locker room HVAC unit replacement for the Middle School; building and grounds security cameras and key card/fob boxes at the High School, Middle School, Balmer School, and Northbridge Elementary School; and technology switch additions and replacements at the High School, Middle School, Balmer School, and Northbridge Elementary School, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

In the Town of Northbridge

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Northbridge.....	2,533	2,760	222	5,515
TOTALS.....	**2,533**	**2,760**	**222**	**5,515**

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Northbridge be allowed to assess an additional $300,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a road maintenance and repair program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

In the Town of Northbridge

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Northbridge.....	2,792	2,569	154	5,515
TOTALS.....	**2,792**	**2,569**	**154**	**5,515**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Swampscott be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to finance the design, construction and equipping of a new elementary school commonly referred to as the Hadley-New Elementary School project, located behind the Swampscott Middles School at 207 Forest Avenue, Swampscott, Massachusetts, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Swampscott

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Swampscott	1,894	4,483	289	6,666
TOTALS.....	**1,894**	**4,483**	**289**	**6,666**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Holbrook be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the construction of a building or buildings and to acquire equipment and furnishings related thereto for a pre-kindergarten to grade twelve school and all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Holbrook

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Holbrook.....	3,102	1,108	137	4,347
TOTALS.....	**3,102**	**1,108**	**137**	**4,347**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Hardwick be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay the costs of the (i) Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Project, including but not limited to the costs of treatment facility improvements, chemical system upgrades, control building renovations, construction of an operations building, electrical facilities improvements, and the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and (ii) the construction of a Wastewater Pollution Control Facility in the Wheelwright Village District of the Town, consisting of a new treatment facility, a submersible pump station, two concrete sequencing batch reactor tanks, a concrete sludge holding tank, a block building, a post equalization disinfection tank, decommissioning and demolition of the former plant engineering costs?

In the Town of Hardwick

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Hardwick	456	499	63	1,018
TOTALS.....	**456**	**499**	**63**	**1,018**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Templeton be allowed to assess an additional $57,900 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding 2% raises and equity adjustments for municipal employees for the fiscal year beginning July first, Two Thousand and fourteen?

In the Town of Templeton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Templeton.....	801	1,876	57	2,734
TOTALS.....	**801**	**1,876**	**57**	**2,734**

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Templeton be allowed to assess an additional $25,600 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a part-time administrative assistant for the Board of Assessors and a part-time administrative assistant for the Town clerk for the fiscal year beginning July first, Two Thousand and fourteen?

In the Town of Templeton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Templeton.....	733	1,955	46	2,734
TOTALS.....	**733**	**1,955**	**46**	**2,734**

QUESTION 5

Shall this Town 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

This question involves the Town's acceptance of G.L. c.44B, §§3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), approving a surcharge of 1% of the tax levy on real property. The May 12, 2014 Annual Town Meeting voted to accept the Act and impose a surcharge in the amount of 1% of the annual tax levy, effective July 1, 2014, and further to provide an exemption under Section 3(e) of the Act for 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.

The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for open space, historic resources and community housing purposes, and entitles the Town to receive a percentage of matching funds from the state. The Community Preservation Committee makes recommendations to Town Meeting on the use of such funds, and at least 10% of the funds to be collected through the surcharge, any other annual revenues appropriated to the fund, and the state match, must be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes. All expenditures pursuant to the Act are subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Boxborough

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Boxborough	1,201	826	75	2,102
TOTALS.....	**1,201**	**826**	**75**	**2,102**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Newbury accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by the Annual Town Meeting on May 20th 2014, 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: (1) create and rehabilitate recreation lands including parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; (2) preserve and rehabilitate historic resources including historic buildings, documents and artifacts; help meet the housing needs of local families and seniors; and (3) acquire and preserve open space including land to protect drinking water supplies, scenic areas, farmland and forests.

In the Town of Newbury, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1.5% (with exemptions set forth below) on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2016, and by annual distributions provided by the state from a Trust Fund created by the Act. The Commonwealth provides these funds only to communities adopting the Act. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make annual recommendations on the use of the funds, and each expenditure must be approved by Town Meeting.

If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge:
(1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile (home) by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act;
(2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and
(3) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of said Chapter 59.

A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

In the Town of Newbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Newbury	1,493	1,647	228	3,368
TOTALS.....	**1,493**	**1,647**	**228**	**3,368**

QUESTION 5

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?

SUMMARY

This question involves amendment of the Town's 2007 acceptance of G.L. c.44B, §§3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), approving a surcharge of .5% of the tax levy on real property. The May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting voted to increase that surcharge to 1% of the annual tax levy and to authorize Town Meeting to appropriate to the Community Preservation Fund additional municipal revenues not exceeding 2% of the tax levy. The amended acceptance of the Act would be implemented beginning July 1, 2015. The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for open space, historic resources and community housing purposes, and entitles the Town to receive a percentage of matching funds from the state. The Community Preservation Committee makes recommendations to Town Meeting on the use of such funds, and at least 10% of the funds to be collected through the surcharge, any other annual revenues appropriated to the fund, and the state match, must be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes. All expenditures pursuant to the Act are subject to an annual audit. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act were approved in the Town's 2007 acceptance of the Act and will continue to 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; and (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

In the Town of Essex

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Essex	499	767	382	1,648
TOTALS	**499**	**767**	**382**	**1,648**

QUESTION 5

Shall this City 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, create, and preserve open space, including land for parks, recreational uses and conservation land; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources including historic building; acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use, including parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; and to acquire, create, preserve and support affordable housing. In Woburn, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional one percent (1%) on the annual tax levy against real estate to be assessed beginning in Fiscal 2016 (July 1, 2015); and by annual distributions from the state. Exempt from this surcharge will be 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 city as defined in Section 2 of the Chapter 44B; $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property, and $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of chapter 59, of the General Laws. Any taxpayer who receives a property tax abatement or exemption under Chapter 59 of the General Laws will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds which must then be approved by the City Council. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the City of Woburn

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Woburn	6,169	6,302	1,427	13,898
TOTALS	**6,169**	**6,302**	**1,427**	**13,898**