

REGISTER OF DEEDS (to fill vacancy)

Hampshire District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				State Election				
	Stanley J. Kozera of Hadley	Raymond J. Kochin of Northampton	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Stanley J. Kozera of Hadley Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Amherst.....	837	244	—	176	1,257	—	1	276	277	6,480	—	5,369	11,849
Belchertown.....	191	67	—	17	275	—	2	137	139	2,404	—	900	3,304
Chesterfield.....	25	19	—	4	48	—	1	18	19	267	2	132	401
Cummington.....	29	34	—	4	67	—	1	44	45	277	1	121	399
Easthampton.....	798	502	1	78	1,379	—	8	140	148	5,665	5	1,510	7,180
Goshen.....	31	9	—	3	43	—	1	23	24	233	—	69	302
Granby.....	209	69	—	59	337	—	—	177	177	1,692	—	785	2,477
Hadley.....	499	250	—	12	761	—	5	68	73	1,674	—	674	2,348
Hatfield.....	390	257	—	21	668	—	6	47	53	1,391	2	369	1,762
Huntington.....	41	34	—	13	88	—	—	35	35	553	—	221	774
Middlefield.....	9	10	—	3	22	—	1	20	21	131	—	48	179
NORTHAMPTON.....	1,985	2,466	2	239	4,692	—	41	222	263	9,433	—	3,817	13,250
Pelham.....	54	10	—	16	80	—	—	20	20	397	—	179	576
Plainfield.....	10	11	—	6	27	—	—	12	12	141	—	59	200
S. Hadley.....	1,159	279	—	212	1,650	—	5	258	263	5,641	—	2,150	7,791
Southampton.....	163	107	—	17	287	—	5	65	70	1,418	—	467	1,885
Ware.....	1,343	389	—	100	1,832	—	4	153	157	3,304	2	1,008	4,314
Westhampton.....	34	41	—	7	82	—	2	28	30	414	—	127	541
Williamsburg.....	113	90	—	12	215	—	—	80	80	863	—	313	1,196
Worthington.....	35	20	—	6	61	—	—	11	11	346	2	131	479
TOTALS	7,955	4,908	3	1,005	13,871	—	83	1,834	1,917	42,744	14	18,449	61,207

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY (to fill vacancy)

State Election

Republican Primary

Democratic Primary

Worcester County	Democratic Primary						Republican Primary						State Election					
	Leonard P. Flynn of Shrewsbury	John B. Manning of Worcester	Raymond V. Marrano of Worcester	Frances L. O'Connell of Worcester	George S. Wallace of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Charles W. Patterson of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Leonard P. Flynn of Shrewsbury	Charles W. Patterson of Worcester	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	
Ashburnham.....	155	20	34	26	33	—	27	295	61	—	14	75	936	633	—	290	1,859	
Athol.....	55	17	48	40	32	—	7	199	69	—	6	75	1,997	1,886	—	622	4,505	
Auburn.....	534	169	374	380	328	—	211	1,996	478	1	210	689	3,716	3,031	—	1,114	7,861	
Barre.....	70	19	72	30	77	—	39	307	45	—	13	58	985	665	—	333	1,983	
Berlin.....	32	8	8	9	5	1	16	79	38	—	2	40	451	441	—	189	1,081	
Blackstone.....	102	18	36	46	22	—	18	242	9	—	2	11	1,574	774	—	523	2,871	
Bolton.....	93	20	19	18	27	—	115	292	50	6	6	56	458	586	—	299	1,343	
Boylston.....	93	22	24	25	25	—	5	194	46	2	3	51	912	716	—	197	1,825	
Brookfield.....	50	8	14	23	17	—	21	133	39	—	5	44	434	442	—	192	1,068	
Brookfield Chariton.....	241	56	115	77	79	1	64	633	55	—	12	67	1,296	947	2	439	2,684	
Clinton.....	395	70	273	83	140	—	39	1,000	52	3	8	63	3,444	1,451	—	916	5,811	
Douglas.....	35	12	15	28	15	—	13	118	38	1	3	42	875	639	—	274	1,788	
Dudley.....	497	57	407	131	117	—	230	1,439	60	—	27	47	1,935	1,018	—	789	3,742	
E. Brookfield.....	53	22	32	13	27	—	22	169	26	—	2	32	402	299	—	151	852	
FITCHBURG.....	1,900	258	737	471	874	—	866	5,106	339	—	90	429	8,625	4,052	—	2,777	15,454	
GARDNER.....	1,458	149	678	491	437	1	528	3,742	260	2	76	338	4,524	2,048	—	1,390	7,962	
Grafton.....	297	30	61	56	34	—	11	489	83	—	21	104	3,251	1,509	—	697	5,457	
Hardwick.....	93	23	24	34	36	—	20	230	50	—	7	57	546	320	1	194	1,061	
Harvard.....	172	47	29	85	32	—	251	616	137	—	41	178	657	1,090	—	586	2,333	
Holden.....	78	91	126	136	182	1	58	672	364	1	60	425	2,335	3,825	—	1,256	7,416	
Hopedale.....	55	9	47	16	10	—	14	151	36	—	1	37	1,045	697	—	418	2,160	
Hubbardston.....	25	5	6	8	9	—	5	58	14	—	4	18	362	341	—	166	869	
Lancaster.....	122	31	39	34	46	—	76	348	73	—	14	87	901	1,039	—	510	2,450	
Leicester.....	727	184	580	314	286	—	222	2,313	133	1	37	171	2,502	1,255	—	541	4,298	
LEOMINSTER.....	1,263	256	914	448	549	—	686	4,116	309	—	110	419	7,501	4,061	—	2,727	14,289	
Lunenburg.....	251	48	80	88	143	—	164	774	134	—	21	155	1,763	1,679	—	737	4,179	
Mendon.....	26	—	9	37	2	—	4	78	21	—	1	22	637	586	—	320	1,543	
Milford.....	483	66	613	140	140	—	213	1,655	89	—	19	108	6,421	2,428	—	2,306	11,155	
Millbury.....	964	154	527	302	288	—	240	2,475	173	—	46	219	3,549	1,398	1	768	5,716	
Millville.....	66	12	11	15	16	—	7	127	1	—	—	—	500	179	—	129	808	

New Braintree.....	26	7	1	9	8	—	5	56	11	—	18	11	122	132	—	61	315
N. Brookfield.....	237	61	73	86	110	—	161	728	56	1	—	75	877	630	1	347	1,855
Northborough.....	143	22	33	48	32	—	—	287	96	—	9	105	2,552	1,869	—	729	5,150
Northbridge.....	41	19	32	85	26	—	8	211	33	—	64	97	2,613	1,684	—	1,075	5,372
Oakham.....	27	4	18	14	24	—	17	104	21	2	—	23	218	224	—	92	534
Oxford.....	709	139	443	250	239	—	255	2,035	177	—	39	216	2,538	1,360	—	828	4,746
Paxton.....	50	42	29	61	57	—	21	260	86	—	6	92	727	984	—	290	2,001
Petersham.....	16	5	5	22	7	—	3	58	38	—	5	43	201	281	—	110	592
Phillipston.....	11	—	2	3	3	—	1	20	15	—	—	15	207	156	—	55	418
Princeton.....	26	11	11	14	8	—	8	78	59	—	8	67	417	632	—	229	1,278
Royalston.....	20	1	8	5	4	—	5	43	20	—	2	22	175	179	—	78	432
Rutland.....	30	14	16	17	84	—	11	172	56	—	4	60	798	810	—	279	1,887
Shrewsbury.....	1,296	119	230	180	117	—	88	2,030	228	8	49	285	7,138	3,349	—	1,156	11,643
Southborough.....	91	13	17	25	14	—	21	181	80	—	9	89	1,316	1,304	1	583	3,204
Southbridge.....	666	131	1,590	319	204	—	478	3,388	109	—	14	123	3,323	1,555	2	2,177	7,057
Spencer.....	269	75	370	159	162	—	132	1,167	56	—	98	154	2,273	1,656	—	756	4,685
Sterling.....	87	34	41	23	54	1	11	251	73	2	12	87	1,093	1,160	—	416	2,669
Sturbridge.....	299	61	228	136	89	—	153	966	58	—	24	82	1,142	833	—	692	2,667
Sutton.....	59	14	38	40	107	—	15	273	50	—	7	57	1,233	1,023	—	364	2,620
Templeton.....	303	29	51	48	50	—	39	520	77	—	7	84	1,414	783	—	304	2,501
Upton.....	50	12	13	31	32	—	23	161	48	—	4	52	921	720	—	416	2,057
Uxbridge.....	195	21	42	62	84	—	28	432	48	—	2	50	2,327	1,163	—	546	4,036
Warren.....	168	62	33	49	60	—	68	440	31	—	5	36	769	549	—	278	1,596
Webster.....	332	68	127	100	110	—	96	833	87	—	20	107	3,378	1,747	—	971	6,096
W. Boylston.....	97	38	71	51	159	—	14	430	102	1	12	115	1,520	1,446	—	388	3,354
W. Brookfield.....	116	38	37	30	41	—	46	308	59	1	12	72	558	530	—	205	1,293
Westborough.....	145	28	33	56	120	—	12	394	173	1	14	188	2,852	2,810	—	1,052	6,714
Westminster.....	219	48	63	59	80	—	102	571	100	—	18	118	1,277	968	—	421	2,666
Winchendon.....	212	23	39	42	36	—	55	407	82	—	10	92	1,410	805	—	416	2,631
WORCESTER.....	3,628	2,281	5,696	2,949	3,182	3	1,016	18,755	1,632	18	293	1,944	33,726	20,832	—	9,705	64,263
TOTALS	19,953	5,301	15,342	8,577	9,331	8	7,093	65,605	7,044	45	1,630	8,719	143,649	92,229	8	46,869	282,755

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and the Senate on September 7, 1977, by a vote of 262-1, and on May 28, 1980, by a vote of 192-0?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes				
Barnstable	47,275	29,138	7,076	83,489
Berkshire	40,166	18,586	10,224	68,976
Bristol	107,953	57,163	26,619	191,735
Dukes	3,467	1,370	625	5,462
Essex	181,718	88,192	32,779	302,689
Franklin	19,162	8,601	2,647	30,410
Hampden	104,830	54,349	23,602	182,781
Hampshire	37,059	18,520	5,628	61,207
Middlesex	388,201	192,800	65,995	646,996
Nantucket	1,785	701	371	2,857
Norfolk	176,768	103,909	28,963	309,640
Plymouth	100,928	61,738	13,880	176,546
Suffolk	115,460	53,642	52,020	221,122
Worcester	178,999	70,269	33,489	282,757
TOTALS.....	1,503,771	758,978	303,918	2,566,667

Barnstable County

Barnstable	9,774	5,512	1,356	16,642
Bourne	2,958	2,238	769	5,965
Brewster	1,746	1,171	206	3,123
Chatham	2,215	1,562	303	4,080
Dennis	4,136	2,777	697	7,610

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would add a new article to the state Constitution which would prohibit discrimination against handicapped people. It would provide that no otherwise qualified handicapped individual could, on the sole basis of that handicap, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any program or activity.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Acushnet	2,676	1,378	470	4,524
ATTLEBORO	7,092	4,554	1,114	12,760
Berkley	646	351	100	1,097
Dartmouth	5,681	3,687	1,356	10,724
Dighton	1,374	802	258	2,434
Easton	4,417	2,610	502	7,529
Fairhaven	4,059	2,556	937	7,552
Fall River	18,452	7,608	8,142	34,202
Freetown	1,749	1,072	207	3,028
Mansfield	3,331	1,758	510	5,599
NEW BEDFORD	20,592	9,879	5,636	36,107
N. Attleborough	4,786	3,073	676	8,535
Norton	2,680	1,573	393	4,646
Raynham	2,318	1,544	349	4,211
Rehoboth	2,069	1,078	263	3,410
Seekonk	3,568	1,604	538	5,710
Somerset	5,345	2,802	1,202	9,349
Swansea	4,193	2,003	760	6,956
TAUNTON	9,274	5,410	2,424	17,108
Westport	3,651	1,821	782	6,254
TOTALS	107,953	57,163	26,619	191,735

Dukes County

Chilmark	264	113	38	415
Edgartown	912	362	154	1,428

Gay Head	109	13	18	17
Gosnold	38	10	10	76
Oak Bluffs	674	316	187	1,177
Tisbury	1,062	382	159	1,603
W. Tisbury	408	156	59	623
TOTALS	3,467	1,370	625	5,462

Essex County

Amesbury	3,233	1,617	723	5,573
Andover	8,051	5,024	731	13,806
BEVERLY	12,019	5,123	1,517	18,659
Boxford	1,618	1,099	118	2,835
Danvers	7,663	3,667	725	12,075
Essex	993	451	142	1,586
Georgetown	1,786	939	220	2,945
GLOUCESTER	7,951	3,280	1,626	12,857
Groveland	1,574	713	142	2,429
Hamilton	2,265	1,174	212	3,651
HAVERHILL	12,376	5,128	2,815	20,319
Ipswich	3,644	1,861	522	6,027
LAWRENCE	12,526	6,157	4,471	23,154
LYNN	19,193	10,041	4,085	33,319
Lynnfield	3,832	2,228	507	6,567
Manchester	1,937	948	271	3,156
Marblehead	8,039	3,586	800	12,425
Merrimac	1,264	563	186	2,013
Methuen	9,814	5,474	2,338	17,626
Middleton	1,275	639	181	2,095
Nahant	1,311	741	232	2,284
Newbury	1,538	723	203	2,464
NEWBURYPORT	4,749	2,075	767	7,591
N Andover	5,825	3,276	915	10,016
PEABODY	14,446	5,876	2,788	23,110
Rockport	2,559	1,035	375	3,969
Rowley	1,178	542	172	1,892
SALEM	11,872	4,695	1,969	18,534
Salisbury	1,655	688	340	2,683
Saugus	7,114	3,928	1,187	12,229
Swampscott	4,421	2,547	1,078	8,046
Topsfield	1,835	1,161	178	3,174
Wenham	1,231	638	135	2,004
W Newbury	931	537	108	1,576
TOTALS	181,718	88,192	32,779	302,689

Eastham	1,233	858	122	2,213
Falmouth	7,599	3,856	1,110	12,565
Harwich	3,216	3,366	571	7,153
Mashpee	1,202	596	204	2,002
Orleans	1,691	1,511	276	3,478
Provincetown	1,263	451	239	1,953
Sandwich	2,580	1,984	308	4,872
Truro	521	249	79	849
Wellfleet	834	450	114	1,398
Yarmouth	6,307	3,790	927	11,024
TOTALS	47,275	29,138	7,076	83,489

Berkshire County

Adams	3,389	1,171	855	5,415
Alford	131	67	23	221
Becket	299	177	55	531
Cheshire	977	466	195	1,638
Clarksburg	583	190	88	861
Dalton	2,231	967	278	3,476
Egremont	378	225	64	667
Florida	241	76	41	358
Gt Barrington	1,768	742	627	3,137
Hancock	202	88	34	324
Hinsdale	547	222	98	867
Lanesborough	855	465	189	1,509
Lee	1,545	856	443	2,844
Lenox	1,591	1,202	342	3,135
Monterey	281	95	41	417
Mt Washington	33	16	6	55
New Ashford	63	23	11	97
New Marlborough	367	118	72	557
NORTH ADAMS	5,053	1,488	1,157	7,698
Otis	247	130	75	452
Peru	200	75	37	312
PITTSFIELD	13,169	7,219	4,473	24,861
Richmond	540	301	80	921
Sandisfield	182	78	51	311
Savoy	136	65	29	230
Sheffield	864	337	184	1,385
Stockbridge	898	379	146	1,423
Tyringham	116	67	22	205
Washington	155	69	26	250
W Stockbridge	472	154	98	724
Williamstown	2,462	948	367	3,777
Windsor	191	110	17	318
TOTALS	40,166	18,586	10,224	66,976

QUESTION NO. 1

		Total Ballots				Total Ballots			
		Yes	No	Blanks	Total	Yes	No	Blanks	Total
Franklin County									
Ashfield.....	455	238	52	745	5,461	2,945	394	8,800	
Barnardston.....	558	246	79	883	17,268	7,637	2,316	27,221	
Buckland.....	576	242	88	906	699	344	79	1,122	
Charlemont.....	376	155	46	533	2,326	1,918	174	4,418	
Colrain.....	495	194	68	757	1,470	534	239	2,243	
Conway.....	441	194	48	683	3,571	1,922	522	6,015	
Deerfield.....	1,422	760	162	2,344	9,126	5,237	1,326	15,689	
Erving.....	430	166	65	651	9,566	4,290	800	14,556	
Gill.....	417	171	42	630	764	56	1,344	2,154	
Greenfield.....	5,085	2,401	817	8,303	6,696	3,723	934	11,353	
Hawley.....	71	27	16	114	27,618	8,549	4,404	40,571	
Heath.....	152	70	13	235	1,196	658	91	1,945	
Leverett.....	535	188	48	771	10,215	4,685	1,020	15,920	
Leyden.....	181	74	12	267	4,973	3,281	651	8,905	
Monroe.....	60	24	15	99	6,394	2,756	1,058	10,208	
Montague.....	2,614	966	378	3,958	483	234	70	787	
New Salem.....	215	135	19	369	8,725	4,126	4,156	17,007	
Northfield.....	787	400	93	1,280	16,316	11,155	2,259	29,730	
Orange.....	1,654	767	250	2,671	1,886	830	233	2,949	
Rowe.....	98	83	17	198	3,420	2,552	327	6,299	
Shelburne.....	572	259	77	908	2,014	1,337	207	3,558	
Shutesbury.....	326	132	32	490	4,081	2,290	580	6,951	
Sunderland.....	867	337	98	1,302	10,001	5,947	1,609	17,557	
Warwick.....	173	78	35	286	1,800	1,067	167	3,034	
Wendell.....	219	78	32	329	2,194	1,005	217	3,416	
Whately.....	427	216	55	698	21,166	8,874	4,047	34,087	
TOTALS	19,162	8,601	2,647	30,410	14,461	6,310	3,452	24,223	
Hampden County									
Agawam.....	7,102	3,418	327	10,847	8,100	4,335	1,131	13,566	
Blandford.....	276	198	36	510	26,764	12,468	5,239	44,471	
Brimfield.....	665	346	106	1,117	3,788	1,611	329	5,728	
Chester.....	303	117	69	489	2,165	932	213	3,310	
CHICOPEE.....	14,663	7,348	2,733	24,744	17,157	7,073	3,933	28,163	
Middlesex County									
Acton.....	5,461	2,945	394	8,800	27,618	8,549	4,404	40,571	
Arlington.....	17,268	7,637	2,316	27,221	1,196	658	91	1,945	
Ashby.....	699	344	79	1,122	10,215	4,685	1,020	15,920	
Ashland.....	2,326	1,918	174	4,418	4,973	3,281	651	8,905	
Ayer.....	1,470	534	239	2,243	6,394	2,756	1,058	10,208	
Bedford.....	3,571	1,922	522	6,015	27,618	8,549	4,404	40,571	
Belmont.....	9,126	5,237	1,326	15,689	1,196	658	91	1,945	
Billerica.....	9,566	4,290	800	14,556	10,215	4,685	1,020	15,920	
Boxborough.....	764	56	1,344	2,154	4,973	3,281	651	8,905	
Burlington.....	6,696	3,723	934	11,353	6,394	2,756	1,058	10,208	
CAMBRIDGE.....	27,618	8,549	4,404	40,571	483	234	70	787	
Carlisle.....	1,196	658	91	1,945	8,725	4,126	4,156	17,007	
Chelmsford.....	10,215	4,685	1,020	15,920	16,316	11,155	2,259	29,730	
Concord.....	4,973	3,281	651	8,905	1,886	830	233	2,949	
Dracut.....	6,394	2,756	1,058	10,208	3,420	2,552	327	6,299	
Dunstable.....	483	234	70	787	2,014	1,337	207	3,558	
EVERETT.....	8,725	4,126	4,156	17,007	4,081	2,290	580	6,951	
Frammingham.....	16,316	11,155	2,259	29,730	10,001	5,947	1,609	17,557	
Groton.....	1,886	830	233	2,949	1,800	1,067	167	3,034	
Holliston.....	3,420	2,552	327	6,299	2,194	1,005	217	3,416	
Hopkinton.....	2,014	1,337	207	3,558	21,166	8,874	4,047	34,087	
Hudson.....	4,081	2,290	580	6,951	14,461	6,310	3,452	24,223	
Lexington.....	10,001	5,947	1,609	17,557	8,100	4,335	1,131	13,566	
Lincoln.....	1,800	1,067	167	3,034	2,693	1,665	425	4,783	
Littleton.....	2,194	1,005	217	3,416	17,157	7,073	3,933	28,163	
LOWELL.....	21,166	8,874	4,047	34,087	9,022	4,759	1,629	15,410	
MALDEN.....	14,461	6,310	3,452	24,223	8,147	5,880	1,220	15,247	
MARLBOROUGH.....	8,100	4,335	1,131	13,566	26,764	12,468	5,239	44,471	
Maynard.....	2,693	1,665	425	4,783	3,788	1,611	329	5,728	
MEDFORD.....	17,157	7,073	3,933	28,163	2,165	932	213	3,310	
MELROSE.....	9,022	4,759	1,629	15,410	7,477	4,236	705	12,418	
Natick.....	8,147	5,880	1,220	15,247					
Newton.....	26,764	12,468	5,239	44,471					
N. Reading.....	3,788	1,611	329	5,728					
Pepperell.....	2,165	932	213	3,310					
Reading.....	7,477	4,236	705	12,418					

Sherborn	1,169	1,039	109	2,317
Shirley	1,076	440	137	1,653
SOMERVILLE	20,222	6,848	4,656	31,726
Stoneham	6,711	3,067	809	10,587
Stow	1,425	997	149	2,571
Sudbury	4,178	3,042	434	7,654
Tewksbury	6,863	2,986	636	10,485
Townsend	1,919	851	174	2,944
Tyngsborough	1,562	713	210	2,485
Wakefield	8,308	3,823	1,077	13,208
WALTHAM	12,162	7,119	4,185	23,466
Watertown	11,106	4,562	1,958	17,626
Wayland	4,201	2,616	405	7,222
Westford	4,183	1,892	444	6,519
Weston	3,742	2,384	330	6,456
Wilmington	4,541	2,709	846	8,096
Winchester	6,049	4,445	997	11,491
WOBURN	9,581	5,578	2,227	17,386
TOTALS	388,201	192,800	65,995	646,996

Nantucket	1,785	701	371	2,857
TOTALS	1,785	701	371	2,857

Amherst	8,150	2,870	829	11,849
Belchertown	2,053	994	257	3,304
Chesterfield	248	118	35	401
Cummington	249	111	39	399
Easthampton	4,219	2,269	692	7,180
Goshen	175	101	26	302
Granby	1,347	896	234	2,477
Hadley	1,186	870	292	2,348
Hatfield	1,002	534	226	1,762
Huntington	458	236	80	774
Middlefield	113	46	20	179
NORTHAMPTON	8,157	3,753	1,340	13,250
Pelham	321	217	38	576
Plainfield	112	69	19	200
S. Hadley	4,441	2,643	707	7,791
Southampton	1,072	682	131	1,885
Ware	2,456	1,365	493	4,314
Westhampton	316	193	32	541
Williamsburg	681	411	104	1,196
Worthington	303	142	34	479
TOTALS	37,059	18,520	5,628	61,207

Nantucket County	1,785	701	371	2,857
TOTALS	1,785	701	371	2,857

Avon	1,459	888	198	2,545
Bellingham	3,722	1,743	657	6,122
Braintree	10,351	7,107	1,325	18,783
Brookline	16,643	6,920	4,619	28,182
Canton	5,494	3,252	850	9,596
Cohasset	2,393	4,251	265	6,909
Dedham	8,336	4,386	1,198	13,920
Dover	1,526	1,153	179	2,858
Foxborough	3,894	2,258	384	6,536
Franklin	4,835	2,374	626	7,835
Holbrook	2,884	1,809	628	5,321
Medfield	3,014	1,997	368	5,379
Medway	2,337	1,379	346	4,062
Millis	1,994	1,177	211	3,382
Milton	8,470	5,893	1,254	15,617

Norfolk County	1,785	701	371	2,857
TOTALS	1,785	701	371	2,857

QUESTION NO. 1

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
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Norfolk County continued

Needham	9,246	6,446	989	16,681
Norfolk	1,505	989	151	2,645
Norwood	9,165	4,699	1,225	15,089
Plainville	1,474	944	199	2,617
QUINCY	22,415	14,962	5,068	42,445
Randolph	8,287	4,292	1,941	14,520
Sharon	5,048	2,116	473	7,637
Stoughton	6,333	4,281	1,313	11,927
Walpole	5,829	2,905	764	9,498
Wellesley	8,815	4,985	929	14,729
Westwood	4,504	2,631	541	7,676
Weymouth	14,993	9,613	2,053	26,659
Wrentham	1,802	1,117	209	3,128
TOTALS	176,768	103,909	28,963	309,640

Plymouth County

Abington	3,436	2,216	435	6,087
Bridgewater	3,853	2,345	529	6,727
BROCKTON	20,042	10,879	3,413	34,334
Carver	1,827	852	199	2,878
Duxbury	3,574	2,376	293	6,243
E. Bridgewater	2,178	1,672	392	4,242
Halifax	1,515	973	193	2,681
Hanover	3,071	2,095	293	5,459
Hanson	2,057	1,338	234	3,629
Hingham	5,950	4,132	847	10,929
Hull	2,724	1,473	454	4,651
Kingston	2,006	1,215	281	3,502
Lakeville	1,566	930	182	2,678
Marion	1,219	728	159	2,106
Marshfield	5,991	3,441	531	9,963
Mattapoisett	1,771	1,067	164	3,002
Middleborough	4,067	2,133	507	6,707
Norwell	2,496	2,082	331	4,909
Pembroke	3,314	2,200	315	5,829
Plymouth	8,338	5,565	1,503	15,406

Worcester County

Ashburnham	1,213	508	138	1,859
Athol	2,608	1,454	443	4,505
Auburn	5,109	1,943	809	7,861
Barre	1,261	475	247	1,983
Berlin	701	310	70	1,081
Blackstone	1,844	734	293	2,871
Bolton	432	81	81	1,343
Boylston	1,246	462	117	1,825
Brookfield	680	276	112	1,068
Charlton	1,753	668	263	2,684
Clinton	3,666	1,234	911	5,811
Douglas	1,132	474	182	1,788
Dudley	2,187	935	620	3,742
E. Brookfield	584	174	94	852
FITCHBURG	10,103	3,709	1,642	15,454
GARDNER	5,076	1,863	1,023	7,962
Grafton	3,556	1,340	561	5,457
Hardwick	603	335	123	1,061
Harvard	1,394	834	105	2,333
Holden	4,697	2,109	610	7,416
Hopedale	1,379	555	226	2,160
Hubbardston	572	224	73	869
Lancaster	1,553	724	173	2,450
Leicester	2,967	852	479	4,298
LEOMINSTER	9,125	3,627	1,537	14,289
Lunenburg	2,639	1,245	295	4,179
Mendon	938	450	155	1,543
Milford	6,650	2,734	1,771	11,155
Millbury	3,770	1,225	721	5,716
Millville	517	176	115	808
New Braintree	186	104	25	315
N. Brookfield	1,185	463	207	1,855
Northborough	3,331	1,571	248	5,150
Northbridge	3,184	1,446	742	5,372
Oakham	367	124	43	534

Oxford.....	3,035	1,106	605	4,746
Paxton.....	1,253	588	160	2,001
Petersham.....	369	190	33	592
Phillipston.....	240	140	38	418
Princeton.....	831	388	59	1,278
Royalston.....	254	146	32	432
Rutland.....	1,293	480	114	1,887
Shrewsbury.....	7,632	2,974	1,037	11,643
Southborough.....	1,780	1,253	171	3,204
Southbridge.....	3,766	1,496	1,795	7,057
Spencer.....	3,173	1,008	504	4,685
Sterling.....	1,730	758	181	2,669
Sturbridge.....	1,531	727	409	2,667
Sutton.....	1,678	667	275	2,620
Templeton.....	1,580	712	209	2,501
Upton.....	1,233	625	199	2,057
Uxbridge.....	2,551	1,005	480	4,036
Warren.....	866	535	195	1,596
Webster.....	3,720	1,444	932	6,096
W. Boylston.....	2,225	862	267	3,354
W. Brookfield.....	794	385	114	1,293
Westborough.....	4,288	2,000	426	6,714
Westminster.....	1,733	765	168	2,666
Winchendon.....	1,549	813	269	2,631
WORCESTER.....	41,289	13,413	9,563	64,265
TOTALS	178,999	70,269	33,489	282,757

Plympton.....	546	346	56	948
Rochester.....	810	523	74	1,407
Rockland.....	3,874	2,234	473	6,581
Scituate.....	5,259	3,486	580	9,325
Wareham.....	4,125	2,183	820	7,128
W. Bridgewater.....	1,815	1,235	171	3,221
Whitman.....	3,504	2,019	451	5,974
TOTALS	100,928	61,738	13,880	176,546

Suffolk County

BOSTON.....	93,337	44,078	44,952	182,367
CHELSEA.....	5,337	2,037	2,441	9,815
REVERE.....	11,316	4,672	3,354	19,342
Winthrop.....	5,470	2,855	1,273	9,598
TOTALS	115,460	53,642	52,020	221,122

QUESTION NO. 2

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 6, 1980, by a vote of 5-146, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 7, 1980?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would limit certain taxes, and change laws relating to school budgets and compulsory binding arbitration. It would impose a limit on state and local taxes on real estate and personal property equal to 2½% of the full and fair cash value of the property being taxed. If a locality currently imposes a tax greater than 2½% of that cash value, the tax would have to be decreased by 15% each year until the 2½% level is reached. If a locality currently imposes a tax of less than 2½%, it would not be allowed to increase the tax rate. In either situation, a city or town could raise its limit by a 2/3 local vote at a general election.

The proposed law would provide that the total taxes on real estate and personal property imposed by the state or by localities could never be increased by more than 2½% of the total taxes imposed for the

preceding year, unless two thirds of the voters agreed to the increase at a general election.

It would further provide that no law or regulation which imposes additional costs on a city or town, or a law granting or increasing tax exemptions, would be effective unless the state agrees to assume the added cost. A division of the State Auditor's Department would determine the financial effect of laws and regulations on the various localities.

The proposal would limit the amount of money required to be appropriated for public schools to that amount voted upon by the local appropriating authority. It would also repeal the law which provides for compulsory binding arbitration when labor negotiations concerning police and fire personnel come to an impasse. In addition, the petition would provide that no county, district, or authority could impose any annual increase in costs on a locality of greater than 4% of the total of the year before.

The proposed law would also reduce the maximum excise tax rate on motor vehicles from \$66 per thousand to \$25 per thousand, and it would allow a state income tax deduction equal to one half of the rent paid for the taxpayer's principal place of residence.

Aggregate of Votes	Total Ballots		
	Yes	No	Blanks
Barnstable	37,952	42,552	3,585
Berkshire	38,278	25,479	68,976
Bristol	107,825	72,566	191,735
Dukes	1,965	3,196	301
Essex	190,874	99,491	12,324
			302,689

Berkshire County continued	Total Ballots		
	Yes	No	Blanks
Hinsdale	513	313	41
Lanesborough	920	471	1,509
Lee	1,528	1,014	302
Lenox	1,797	1,068	250
Monterey	183	210	24
			867
			1,509
			2,844
			3,135
			417

Mt. Washington	27	24	4	55
New Ashford	30	64	3	97
New Marlborough	277	236	44	557
NORTH ADAMS	3,563	3,648	487	7,698
Otis	231	174	47	
Peru	193	112	7	312
PITTSFIELD	14,481	7,992	2,388	24,861
Richmond	630	273	18	921
Sandisfield	178	98	35	311
Savoy	143	76	11	230
Sheffield	712	583	90	1,385
Stockbridge	762	582	79	1,423
Tyringham	105	92	8	205
Washington	147	99	4	250
W Stockbridge	406	283	35	724
Williamstown	1,710	1,908	159	3,777
Windsor	176	140	2	318
TOTALS	38,278	25,479	5,219	68,976

Acushnet	3,137	1,241	146	4,524
ATTLEBORO	8,659	3,388	713	12,760
Berkley	672	390	35	1,097
Dartmouth	5,945	3,928	851	10,724
Dighton	1,509	854	71	2,434
Easton	4,992	2,440	97	7,529
Fairhaven	4,787	2,178	587	7,552
FALL RIVER	13,612	17,286	3,304	34,202
Freetown	2,022	954	52	3,028
Mansfield	3,351	2,102	146	5,599
NEW BEDFORD	20,823	13,027	2,257	36,107
N. Attleborough	5,734	2,440	361	8,535
Norton	3,137	1,386	123	4,646
Raynham	2,608	1,521	82	4,211
Rehoboth	2,055	1,195	160	3,410
Seekonk	3,406	2,056	248	5,710
Somerset	4,154	4,870	325	9,349
Swansea	3,627	2,866	463	6,956
TAUNTON	10,152	5,914	1,042	17,108
Westport	3,443	2,530	281	6,254
TOTALS	107,825	72,566	11,344	191,735

Bristol County

Franklin	12,939	16,347	1,124	30,410
Hampden	93,311	76,684	12,786	182,781
Hampshire	28,512	30,486	2,209	61,207
Middlesex	361,422	259,943	646,996	1,268,361
Nantucket	1,088	1,588	181	2,857
Norfolk	181,955	116,184	11,501	309,640
Plymouth	108,431	62,281	5,834	176,546
Suffolk	115,776	81,546	23,800	221,122
Worcester	159,040	110,496	282,757	552,293
TOTALS	1,438,768	998,839	129,060	2,566,667

Barnstable County

Barnstable	7,521	8,444	677	16,642
Bourne	2,830	2,637	498	5,965
Brewster	1,166	1,826	131	3,123
Chatham	1,688	2,284	108	4,080
Dennis	3,109	4,107	394	7,610
Eastham	961	1,196	56	2,213
Falmouth	5,829	6,248	488	12,565
Harwich	2,628	2,928	159	5,715
Mashpee	959	944	99	2,002
Orleans	1,332	1,966	180	3,478
Provincetown	1,024	802	127	1,953
Sandwich	2,225	2,561	86	4,872
Truro	402	415	32	849
Wellfleet	602	741	55	1,398
Yarmouth	5,076	5,453	11,024	21,553
TOTALS	37,352	42,552	3,585	83,489

Berkshire County

Adams	3,197	1,892	326	5,415
Alford	124	87	10	221
Becket	284	212	35	531
Cheshire	900	668	70	1,638
Clarksburg	502	333	26	861
Dalton	2,194	1,190	92	3,476
Egremont	194	245	34	667
Florida	1,581	148	16	358
Gt. Barrington	202	1,118	438	3,137
Hancock		106	16	324

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Chilmark	144	253	18	415
Edgartown	563	776	89	1,428
Gay Head	45	79	16	140
Gosnold	41	30	5	76
Oak Bluffs	438	654	85	1,177
Tisbury	550	984	69	1,603
W. Tisbury	184	420	19	623
TOTALS	1,965	3,196	301	5,462

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Amesbury	3,209	2,000	364	5,573
Andover	8,240	5,268	298	13,806
BEVERLY	12,275	5,673	711	18,659
Boxford	1,890	912	33	2,835
Danvers	8,499	3,264	312	12,075
Essex	1,002	547	37	1,586
Georgetown	1,843	1,026	76	2,945
GLOUCESTER	7,268	4,988	601	12,857
Groveland	1,667	721	41	2,429
Hamilton	2,346	1,211	94	3,651
HAVERHILL	11,877	7,378	1,064	20,319
Ipswich	3,930	1,919	178	6,027
LAWRENCE	12,542	9,041	1,571	23,154
LYNN	21,711	9,707	1,901	33,319
Lynnfield	4,636	1,811	120	6,567
Manchester	1,703	1,343	110	3,156
Marblehead	8,565	3,658	202	12,425
Merrimac	1,291	652	70	2,013
Methuen	11,581	5,517	528	17,626
Middleton	1,463	577	55	2,095
Nahant	1,603	627	54	2,284
Newbury	1,545	866	53	2,464
NEWBURYPORT	4,369	2,887	335	7,591
N. Andover	5,536	4,172	308	10,016
PEABODY	15,906	6,343	861	23,110

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Agawam	5,925	4,414	508	10,847
Blandford	225	273	12	510
Brimfield	681	393	43	1,117
Chester	264	201	24	489
CHICOPEE	14,329	9,529	886	24,744
E. Longmeadow	3,301	3,147	277	6,725
Granville	386	218	21	625
Hampden	1,181	956	40	2,177
Holland	446	265	23	734
HOLYOKE	8,352	7,270	1,990	17,612
Longmeadow	4,330	4,155	412	8,897
Ludlow	5,009	2,879	290	8,178
Monson	1,696	1,422	95	3,213
Montgomery	169	173	9	351
Palmer	2,887	2,486	206	5,579
Russell	285	321	11	617
Southwick	1,716	1,191	82	2,989
SPRINGFIELD	23,901	22,429	6,229	52,559
Tolland	65	60	9	134
Wales	349	177	15	541
W. Springfield	5,878	6,083	738	12,699
WESTFIELD	8,093	6,373	367	14,833
Wilbraham	3,843	2,269	499	6,611
TOTALS	93,311	76,684	12,786	182,781

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Amherst	2,726	8,603	520	11,849
Belchertown	1,582	1,650	72	3,304
Chesterfield	189	197	15	401
Cummington	177	199	23	399
Easthampton	4,155	2,855	170	7,180
Goshen	134	153	15	302
Granby	1,513	832	132	2,477
Hadley	1,073	1,171	104	2,348
Hatfield	910	777	75	1,762

Middlefield	72	103	4	179
NORTHAMPTON	5,725	7,144	381	13,250
Pelham	224	342	10	576
Plainfield	90	101	9	200
S. Hadley	4,779	2,578	434	7,791
Southampton	1,174	687	24	1,885
Ware	2,480	1,689	145	4,314
Westhampton	278	250	13	541
Williamsburg	603	565	28	1,196
Worthington	230	238	11	479
TOTALS	28,512	30,486	2,209	61,207

Middlesex County

Acton	5,177	3,413	210	8,800
Arlington	16,266	10,358	597	27,221
Ashby	734	366	22	1,122
Ashland	2,911	1,441	66	4,418
Ayer	1,252	909	82	2,243
Bedford	3,409	2,371	235	6,015
Belmont	8,710	6,346	633	15,689
Billerica	9,725	4,642	289	14,656
Boxborough	828	495	21	1,344
Burlington	6,841	4,196	316	11,353
CAMBRIDGE	14,427	24,306	1,838	40,571
Carlisle	1,083	828	34	1,945
Chelmsford	9,995	5,665	260	15,920
Concord	5,084	3,432	389	8,905
Dracut	6,483	3,517	208	10,208
Dunstable	512	251	24	787
EVERETT	8,042	6,888	2,077	17,007
Frammingham	16,463	12,666	601	29,730
Groton	1,803	1,073	73	2,949
Holliston	4,129	1,961	209	6,299
Hopkinton	2,046	1,466	106	3,558
Hudson	4,897	1,948	46	6,951
Lexington	8,590	8,211	756	17,557
Lincoln	1,356	1,566	112	3,034
Littleton	2,034	1,311	71	3,416
LOWELL	16,149	15,883	2,055	34,087
MALDEN	14,711	8,481	1,031	24,223
MARLBOROUGH	8,072	5,227	8,072	13,966
Maynard	3,120	1,559	104	4,783
MEDFORD	18,051	9,186	926	28,163
MELROSE	10,087	4,723	600	15,410

Rockport	1,868	1,967	134	3,969
Rowley	1,319	518	55	1,892
SALEM	11,581	6,015	938	18,534
Salisbury	1,680	864	139	2,683
Saugus	8,621	3,126	482	12,229
Swampscott	5,030	2,538	478	8,046
Topshfield	1,952	1,185	67	3,174
Wenham	1,243	697	64	2,004
W. Newbury	1,083	473	20	1,576
TOTALS	190,874	99,491	12,324	302,689

Franklin County

Ashfield	238	481	26	745
Barnardston	435	417	31	863
Buckland	343	525	38	906
Charlmont	226	285	22	533
Colrain	413	413	31	757
Conway	247	417	19	683
Deerfield	998	1,301	45	2,344
Erving	241	391	19	651
Gill	280	327	23	630
Greenfield	3,682	4,190	431	8,303
Hawley	43	65	6	114
Health	90	136	9	235
Leverett	221	528	22	771
Leyden	140	125	2	267
Monroe	48	45	6	99
Montague	1,801	2,046	111	3,958
New Salem	165	195	9	369
Northfield	499	736	45	1,280
Orange	1,378	1,190	103	2,671
Rowe	70	120	8	198
Shelburne	371	510	27	908
Shutesbury	146	338	6	490
Sunderland	392	870	40	1,302
Warwick	102	168	16	286
Wendell	125	192	12	329
Whately	345	336	17	698
TOTALS	12,939	16,347	1,124	30,410

QUESTION NO. 2

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County continued				
Natick.....	8,731	6,037	479	15,247
NEWTON.....	20,766	21,152	2,553	44,471
N. Reading.....	3,750	1,899	79	5,728
Pepperell.....	2,175	1,051	84	3,310
Reading.....	7,702	4,415	301	12,418
Sherborn.....	1,382	896	39	2,317
Shirley.....	1,062	545	46	1,653
SOMERVILLE.....	15,643	14,554	1,529	31,726
Stoneham.....	7,041	3,278	268	10,587
Stow.....	1,708	824	39	2,571
Sudbury.....	4,580	2,846	228	7,654
Tewksbury.....	6,947	3,411	127	10,485
Townsend.....	1,891	1,005	48	2,944
Tyngsborough.....	1,561	880	44	2,485
Wakefield.....	8,588	4,194	426	13,208
WALTHAM.....	12,538	8,894	2,034	23,466
Watertown.....	9,650	7,090	886	17,626
Wayland.....	3,974	3,007	241	7,222
Westford.....	4,305	2,115	99	6,519
Weston.....	3,477	2,783	196	6,456
Wilmington.....	4,902	2,841	353	8,096
Winchester.....	6,609	4,443	439	11,491
WOBURN.....	9,453	7,098	835	17,386
TOTALS.....	361,422	259,943	25,631	646,996

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Nantucket County				
Nantucket.....	1,088	1,588	181	2,857
TOTALS.....	1,088	1,588	181	2,857

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Avon.....	1,651	804	90	2,545
Bellingham.....	3,875	1,773	474	6,122
Braintree.....	11,801	6,625	357	18,783
Brookline.....	10,475	15,697	2,010	28,182
Canton.....	5,677	3,695	224	9,596

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County continued				
Pembroke.....	3,898	1,856	75	5,829
Plymouth.....	7,825	6,599	982	15,406
Plymouth.....	602	340	6	948
Rochester.....	911	2,217	19	1,407
Rockland.....	4,193	3,415	171	6,581
Scituate.....	5,754	3,415	156	9,325
Wareham.....	4,267	2,552	309	7,128
W. Bridgewater.....	2,278	911	32	3,221
Whitman.....	3,968	1,822	184	5,974
TOTALS.....	108,431	62,281	5,834	176,546

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Suffolk County				
BOSTON.....	92,068	69,422	20,877	182,367
CHELSEA.....	5,864	3,041	910	9,815
REVERE.....	12,025	5,761	1,556	19,342
Winthrop.....	5,819	3,322	457	9,598
TOTALS.....	115,776	81,546	23,800	221,122

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Ashburnham.....	1,109	717	33	1,859
Athol.....	2,664	1,688	153	4,505
Auburn.....	4,484	2,926	451	7,861
Barre.....	962	922	99	1,983
Berlin.....	705	354	22	1,081
Blackstone.....	1,877	832	162	2,871
Bolton.....	831	491	21	1,343
Boylston.....	1,125	656	44	1,825
Brookfield.....	647	383	38	1,068
Charlton.....	1,558	1,027	99	2,684
Clinton.....	3,945	1,611	255	5,811
Douglas.....	1,154	788	75	1,788
Dudley.....	1,960	1,465	317	3,742
Brookfield.....	517	301	34	852
FITCHBURGH.....	8,202	6,517	735	15,454

Cohasset.....	2,482	1,651	118	4,251	4,658	3,028	276	7,962
Dedham.....	7,694	5,756	470	13,920	2,969	2,321	167	5,457
Dover.....	1,701	1,115	42	2,858	576	449	36	1,061
Foxborough.....	4,149	2,299	88	6,536	1,244	1,049	40	2,333
Franklin.....	5,123	2,375	337	7,835	3,931	3,127	358	7,416
Holbrook.....	3,298	1,590	433	5,321	1,355	760	45	2,160
Medfield.....	3,394	1,878	107	5,379	590	263	16	869
Medway.....	2,418	1,442	202	4,062	1,586	800	64	2,450
Mills.....	2,206	1,123	53	3,382	2,295	1,825	178	4,298
Milton.....	9,532	5,801	284	15,617	8,381	5,272	636	14,289
Needham.....	9,878	6,370	433	16,681	2,749	1,355	75	4,179
Norfolk.....	1,765	843	37	2,645	1,063	441	39	1,543
Norwood.....	9,036	5,493	560	15,089	6,367	4,311	477	11,155
Plainville.....	1,707	801	109	2,617	3,246	2,254	216	5,716
QUINCY.....	26,859	14,135	1,451	42,445	408	361	39	808
Randolph.....	8,273	5,273	974	14,520	186	119	10	315
Sharon.....	4,415	2,990	232	7,637	1,058	724	73	1,855
Stoughton.....	7,290	4,102	535	11,927	3,197	1,869	84	5,150
Walpole.....	5,825	3,536	137	9,498	3,090	1,873	409	5,372
Wellesley.....	8,195	5,981	553	14,729	329	193	12	534
Westwood.....	4,909	2,652	115	7,676	2,878	1,543	325	4,746
Weymouth.....	16,373	9,322	964	26,659	1,182	771	48	2,001
Wrentham.....	1,954	1,062	112	3,128	330	248	14	592
TOTALS	181,955	116,184	11,501	309,640	749	509	20	1,278

Plymouth County								
Abington.....	4,024	1,941	122	6,087	235	189	8	432
Bridgewater.....	4,091	2,376	260	6,727	1,081	785	21	1,887
BROCKTON	21,868	10,984	1,482	34,334	6,333	4,755	555	11,643
Carver.....	1,875	943	60	2,878	2,060	1,084	60	3,204
Duxbury.....	3,900	2,212	131	6,243	2,934	3,061	1,062	7,057
E. Bridgewater.....	2,916	1,146	180	4,242	2,453	1,936	296	4,685
Halifax.....	1,670	961	50	2,681	1,862	760	47	2,669
Hanover.....	3,533	1,854	72	5,459	1,347	1,099	221	2,667
Hanson.....	2,368	1,156	105	3,629	1,592	941	87	2,620
Hingham.....	6,159	4,277	493	10,929	1,473	970	58	2,501
Hull.....	2,757	1,641	253	4,651	1,323	672	62	2,057
Kingston.....	2,164	1,255	83	3,502	1,364	1,364	156	4,036
Lakeville.....	1,701	930	47	2,678	963	554	79	1,596
Marion.....	1,163	887	56	2,106	3,509	2,124	463	6,096
Marshfield.....	5,766	4,053	144	9,963	2,152	1,129	73	3,354
Mattapoisett.....	1,773	1,168	61	3,002	792	448	53	1,293
Middleborough.....	3,913	2,642	152	6,707	3,875	2,658	181	6,714
Norwell.....	3,094	1,666	149	4,909	1,537	1,077	52	2,666
TOTALS	119,040	64,265	3,306	188,601	11,496	110,496	13,221	282,757

QUESTION NO. 3

Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 6, 1980, by a vote of 2-147, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 7, 1980?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would limit local property taxes and state taxes and would provide for increased state aid for local educational purposes.

The act would limit local property taxes in the years 1981 through 1984 to the amount levied in the previous year increased by the percentage increase in personal income of the residents of the Commonwealth during the previous year. The local property tax limit could be exceeded to offset decreases in local aid, to cover shortages for prior years and to pay court judgments. Pension and retirement allowances, payments to other governmental units, principal and interest on any indebtedness, unemployment compensation, amounts required to be raised as a condition of a state or federal grant, and costs for special education programs would be excluded from the property tax limit.

These local limits would be reduced by any excess taxes actually collected over the tax limit for the preceding year. The limit would not apply to any municipality having a general tax rate of less than \$35 per thousand of equalized valuation. The tax limit could be exceeded by a two-thirds vote of the local appropriating body.

The cost of regional and independent vocational schools would be subject to the same limitations.

The proposed law would also limit state taxes imposed in the years 1981 through 1984 to an amount no greater than that imposed the previous year, increased by the percentage increase in the personal income of Massachusetts residents in the previous year. This state tax limit could be exceeded only to increase local aid or to assume other costs approved by a two-thirds vote of the state legislature. The amounts necessary to pay principal and interest on state indebtedness, pensions, retirement allowances, unemployment compensation, and court judgments, and money required to be raised as a condition of a federal grant would not be subject to the state tax limit. The total amount of local aid for any year which would be subject to legislative appropriation could not be less than the total amount of aid for the preceding year increased by half the increase in collected state taxes during that preceding year. The state tax limit would be reduced by any excess taxes actually collected over the tax limit for the preceding year.

The proposed law also would require, subject to legislative appropriation, a gradual increase in the percentage of local educational costs paid by the Commonwealth to a level of 50% in 1984. The proposal would also require, again subject to legislative appropriation, that school aid paid by the Commonwealth in any year between 1981 through 1984 must be at least 15% greater than that provided in 1980.