

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 1976

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Brookfield in the
County of WORCESTER GREETING

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL in said TOWN on TUESDAY the second day of NOVEMBER, 1976 next at 10:00 o'clock in the A.M. then and there to act on the following:- To bring in their votes to the Election Officers for the Election of Candidates for the following offices:

- PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT..... of the United States of America
- SENATOR IN CONGRESSFOR this Commonwealth
- CONGRESSMAN FOR THE Second District
- COUNCILLOR For the Seventh District
- SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT For Worcester, Franklin,
Hampden, Hampshire District
- REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURTFor the Fourth Worc. District
- CLERK OF COURTS.....For Worcester County
- REGISTER OF DEEDSFor Worcester District
- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (2).....For Worcester County.

The Polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Polls opened at 10:00 A.M. Ronald S. MacKenzie presiding.

- Warden (R) Ronald S. MacKenzie
- Clerk (D) Leamana Terry
- Police Officers Kenneth Crevier
Ralph Nichols
Charles Lovett
- Ballot Box (R) Bertha Nolan
- Checkers (D) Kathleen A. Yaskoski
(R) Kathleen R. Allen
(I) Harriet Hyde
(R) Harriet Mitchell
(D) Marie L. Minchoff
(R) Barbara Mundell
(D) Elizabeth Bansfield
(R) Alice Sheldon
(R) Doris Adams
(I) Helen Armstrong

VOTES CAST 1081

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Anderson and Shackelford, American	9
Camejo and Reid, Socialist Workers	2
Carter and Mondale, Democratic	579
Ford and Dole, Republican	449
LaRouche Jr and Evans, U.S. Labor	3
McCarthy and Stouffer, Independent	21
Blanks	18

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward M. Kennedy	662
Michael S. Robertson	382
Carol Henderson Evans	10
H. Graham Lowry	3
Blanks	24

CONGRESSMAN Second District

Edward P. Boland	618
Thomas P. Swank	324
John D. McCarthy	59
Blanks	80

Councillor

Leo J. Turo	739
Blanks	342

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Albert B. Cook III	443
Robert D. Wetmore	565
Blanks	73

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Henry R. Grenier	543
Robert A. Pentecost	435
Blanks	103

CLERK OF COURTS

Philip J. Philbin	798
Blanks	283

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Anthony J. Vigliotti	772
Blanks	309

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Paul X. Tivnan	504
Lillian M. Kelly	381
William J. O'Connor III	340
Norma Cash Smith	322
Blanks	615

QUESTION NO. 1.

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 Senate on August 15, 1973, by a vote of 261-0, and on May 14, 1975 by a vote of 217-55?

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would provide that equality under the law may not be denied or abridged on the basis of sex, race, color, creed or national origin. This amendment adds one sentence to Article 1 of Part the First of the Constitution which now contains a general statement of individual rights, including the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty and the right to acquire and protect property.

Yes	645
No.	357
Blanks	79

QUESTION NO. 2

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 Senate on August 15, 1973 by a vote of 199-66, and on May 7, 1975 by a vote of 228-41?

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to substitute for the present system of flat or uniform personal income tax rates a system of rates graduated according to the total amount of income received. The Legislature would also be authorized to provide for reasonable exemptions, deductions credits, and abatements and could base Massachusetts income tax provisions on provisions of Federal Income tax law.

Yes	254
No	740

QUESTION NO. 3

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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 Senate on August 15, 1973 by a vote of 259-0, and on May 12, 1976, by a vote of 262-1?

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide for absentee voting by persons who hold religious beliefs in conflict with the act of voting on the day on which any election is to be held.

Yes 474
No 504
Blanks 103

QUESTION NO. 4

LAW PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representative on May 5, 1975, by a vote of 179-46, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 7, 1975?

SUMMARY

SECTION 1 of the act inserts a new chapter 164-B into the General Laws and establishes a Massachusetts Power Authority, a body corporate and politic with seven members appointed by the Governor to staggered six year terms. The Authority is to establish and operate a bulk power supply system to supply wholesale electric power to utilities throughout the Commonwealth. The primary purpose of the Authority is to supply the Commonwealth with power with the minimum adverse impact on the environment. The Authority is also authorized to engage in research and development of new sources of power, new siting techniques and methods of environmental protection.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Authority is authorized to adopt by-laws; adopt an official seal; maintain offices; sue and be sued; construct or acquire facilities either within or without the Commonwealth; issue revenue bonds and borrow money in anticipation of issuance of revenue bonds; acquire real and personal property; employ professional, managerial and other employees deemed necessary and fix their compensation to be paid solely out of revenues of the Authority; appear before other government agencies; apply for and receive federal or other grants of funds; and enter into contracts and agreements.

The Authority will build and operate all new generating and transmission facilities in the Commonwealth and has the option to purchase existing facilities through negotiation, condemnation, or eminent domain. After an initial two-year period, no other utility may construct a new facility unless the Authority certifies that it lacks the capability to finance the facility and the facility would further the purposes of the act.

The Authority will finance its activities by issuing revenue bonds. The bonds will be exempt from state taxation, but will not be backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Power will be sold to other utilities by contract but no special discounts or bonuses to promote the increased use of power may be given. Public hearings are required on all major contracts.

The Authority is required to develop a master, 20 year demand study and siting plan within 18 months of its incorporation, to be updated each succeeding year. Sites will be selected in accordance with the Electric Power Facilities Siting Council Act of 1973. The Governor and the community in which any facility is to be located must affirmatively approve the facility before it can be constructed

The Authority will be subject to all applicable federal and state environmental standards and must obtain all necessary federal and state permits and complete all necessary environmental impact statements.

The Authority will be exempt from taxation but will make payments in lieu of taxes to cities and towns in an amount equal to the tax which would be paid if the Authority's real and personal property were owned by a private electric utility company.

The Authority is forbidden from engaging in promotional or image advertising. The Authority has the authority to bargain collectively with its employees and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 150 of the General Laws, which governs the conciliation and arbitration of industrial disputes. Employees of the Authority

are not subject to the civil service law and rules. Employees of utilities displaced by the activities of the Authority have first preference in employment by the Authority.

SECTION 2. of the act amends section 43 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws to provide that if a city or town votes, in accordance with the provision of Chapter 164, to establish a municipal utility and acquire the facilities of the utility currently serving the community and the utility refuses to see its property to the city or town, that the Department of Public Utilities will establish a fair price for the facilities, and the utility will be required to accept the price determined by the department and tender the deed for the facilities to the city or town.

Yes	129
No	859
Blanks	93

QUESTION 5

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 197-35, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976?

SUMMARY

The proposed legislation would prohibit the possession, ownership or sale of any weapon from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and which has a barrel length of less than sixteen inches. The prohibition would not apply to military personnel, law enforcement officers, federally licensed handgun manufacturers and wholesalers, common carriers in the ordinary course of transport, or to historical societies and museums. The act would not affect the possession of rifles, shotguns, and certain antiques and replicas. The proposal also does not change the existing statutory penalties for unlawful possession, ownership or sale of handguns, including provision imposing mandatory jail sentences.

The proposal would permit owners of handguns to surrender their weapons to any law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth within six months of the effective date of the act without incurring criminal liability. Those surrendering handguns within that six months will be compensated at a rate to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Safety

Yes	116
No	904
Blanks	61

QUESTION NO. 6

LAW PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 146-85, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976

SUMMARY

The proposed act would require every beverage container sold or offered for sale in the Commonwealth to have a refund value of at least five (5) cents, and would prohibit the sale of metal beverage containers with flip-tops. It would apply to containers for beer and other malt beverages and to soft drinks. It would not apply to containers for dairy products or natural fruit juices, nor to containers which are biodegradable.

The act would authorize the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to certify containers as reusable or recyclable. It contains both enforcement and penalty provisions and would take effect on February 1, 1977.

Yes	520
No	520
Blanks	41

QUESTION NO. 7

LAW PROPOSED BY AN INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 182-49, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976?

SUMMARY

The proposed act would impose a general requirement that every electric utility company charge a uniform rate per kilowatt hour of electricity. The proposed act would except from this general rule rates charged to other electric utility companies and to residential customers who heat their principle place of residence by electricity. The Act would also permit a different rate to be charged residential customers for the first three hundred (300) kilowatt hours they consume each month, and would authorize "peak load" pricing whereby a higher rate than the uniform rate per kilowatt hour may be charged during the periods of the day or seasons of the year when consumption of electricity is the greatest. The Act would authorize the Department of Public Utilities to issue implementing rules and regulations and provides for enforcement.

Yes	184
No	841
Blanks	56

QUESTION NO. 8

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

The following is a non-binding advisory question: "Shall the General Court enact legislation authorizing the construction of an oil refinery and a deep water port, subject to the approval of those communities directly affected and any reservations that the General Court may prescribe?"

SUMMARY

The Legislature has placed this question on the ballot in order to determine whether the people favor or oppose the construction of an oil refinery and deep water port in Massachusetts. The vote on this question is not binding on the Legislature. The question deals with the general advisability of such construction and is not a specific proposal for a facility. If a specific proposal is made, it would be subject to approval by the communities directly affected and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Legislature.

Yes	657
No	319
Blanks	105

QUESTION NO. 9

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

The following is a non-binding advisory question: "Shall retail stores including package liquor stores, so called, be allowed to open for business on Sunday?"

SUMMARY

The Legislature has placed this question on the ballot in order to determine whether the people favor or oppose the Sunday opening of certain retail stores, including package liquor stores. As the law now stands, most retail and all package liquor stores must be closed on Sundays. The vote on this question is not binding on the Legislature.

Yes	600
No	406
Blanks	75

The polls closed at 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Fraziers News and the Post Office in said Town, 7 days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy six.

S/ Donald D. Faugno
James W. Allen
Cedric G. Lindley, Jr.

SELECTMEN OF BROOKFIELD

A true copy. Attest:

S/ Douglas D. Gadaire Constable

WORCESTER ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield by posting up attested copies of the same at

Town Hall	10/26/76	9:15 A.M.
Fraziers News	10/26/76	9:20 A.M.
Post Office	10/26/76	9:25 A.M.

7 days before the date of the meeting, as within directed

Constable of Brookfield

S/ Douglas D. Gadaire

A true copy Attest

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Town Clerk