

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
November 4, 1980

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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 TOWH HALL, BANQUET HALL in said Town on Tuesday, the Fourth day of November, 1980 next at 10:00 o'clock in the A.M. then and there for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the election of candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ..Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS...Second Congressional District
COUNCILLOR....Seventh Councillor District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT..Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire
Senatorial District.
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT...Fifth Worcester Representative Dist.
(2) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS....Worcester County
SHERIFF.....Worcester County

VACANCIES

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY....Worcester County
and SIX BALLOT QUESTIONS

The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Polls opened at 10:00 A.M., Barbara Mundell, Warden presiding.

Ballot Box	Bertha Nolan	(R)
Warden	Barbara Mundell	(R)
Clerk	Leamana Terry	(D)
Police Officers	Donna Lefleur	
	Richard Savage	
Checkers	Harriet Mitchell	(R)
	Harriet Hyde	(D)
	Helen Armstrong	(R)
	Sandra Pratt	(I)
	Louise Willett	(R)
	Marie Minchoff	(D)
	Elizabeth Bansfield	(D)
	Diane Martell	(R)
	Carolyn Murray	(D)
	Barbara Olandt	(R)
	Lee Finney	(R)

1068 VOTES CAST

PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Anderson & Lucey	141
Carter & Mondale	373
Clark & Koch	14
Deberry & Zimmerman	0
Reagan & Bush	530
Barry Commoner	3
Edward Kennedy	1
R. Zabek, Jr.	1
Blanks	4

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Edward P. Boland	494
Thomas P. Swank	406
John B. Aubuchon	94
John Perry	1
Blanks	73

COUNCILLOR

Leo J. Turo	728
Blanks	340

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Robert D. Wetmore	791
Blanks	277

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Henry R. Grenier	764
R. Allen	5
D. Faugno	3
Tibbetts	1
Blanks	295

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Paul X. Tivnan	606
E. Paul Tinsley	532
Blanks	998

SHERIFF

Francis J. Deignan	732
Blanks	336

REGISTER OF PROBATE & INSOLVENCY

Leonard P. Flynn	434
Charles W. Patterson	442
Blanks	192

QUESTION 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 the Senate on September 7, 1977, by a vote of 262-1, and on May 28, 1980, by a vote of 192-0?

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	680
No	276
Blanks	112

QUESTION 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representative 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 $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the full and fair cash value of the property being taxed. If a locality currently imposes a tax greater than $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ of that cash value, the tax would have to be decreased by 15% each year until the $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ level is reached. If a locality currently imposes a tax of less than $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, it would not be allowed to increase the tax rate. In either situation, a city or town could raise its limit by a $\frac{2}{3}$ 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 of 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 appropriated 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.

Yes	647
No	383
Blanks	38

QUESTION 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 decreased 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 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.

Yes	377
No	597
Blanks	94

QUESTION 4

REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was approved by the House of Representative on November 1, 1979 by a vote of 83-62 and which was approved by the Senate on November 1, 1979?

SUMMARY

The law provides for increases in the salaries of members of the legislature and the constitutional officers of the Commonwealth.

The law increases salaries of members of the legislature by an annual amount varying from \$1,853 to \$17,923. The size of the raise conferred on a particular individual depends upon his position within the legislature. The law has the effect of setting the base salary for a legislator at \$20,335, but under the law legislative salaries range as high as the approximately \$55,920 paid to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The salaries of the constitutional officers are increased either by \$20,000, in the case of the Governor, or \$10,000 in all other cases. The law raises the annual salary of the Governor to \$60,000, that of the Attorney General to \$47,500 and the salaries of the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver General, and the Auditor to \$40,000.

The law also amends the statutes pertaining to the organization of the offices of the Secretaries of Administration and Finance and of Human Services and to the compensation of senior officials within those offices. It gives the Secretaries of Administration and Finance and of Human Services greater flexibility in establishing positions and setting salaries for those under their supervision.

Yes	83
No	896
Blanks	89

QUESTION 5

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 November 30, 1977, by a vote of 257-8 and on September 18, 1980 by a vote of 179-6?

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would limit the power of the legislature to impose certain costs on cities and towns. It would provide that any law which imposes additional costs upon two or more cities or towns by regulating the compensation, hours, status, conditions, or benefits of municipal employment would not be effective within a municipality until it accepts the law by vote or appropriation of money. Local acceptance would not be required if the legislature either passed the law by a two-thirds vote, or provided, during the same session in which the law was enacted, that the additional costs would be assumed by the Commonwealth.

Yes	611
No	314
Blanks	143

QUESTION 6

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 264-0, and on September 19, 1980 by a vote of 162-0?

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would change the procedure by which the Legislature declares a measure to be an emergency law, making it effective when it is signed by the Governor. The amendment would allow the Legislature to make such a declaration by a voice vote, rather than by a recorded vote, as now required. The amendment would maintain the existing option allowing for a formal roll call vote.

Yes	270
No	653
Blanks	145

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at TOWN HALL, POST OFFICE AND FRAZIERS NEWS in said Town, SEVEN 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 21st day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and EIGHTY.

S/ Joseph F. Murray
George W. Beeman,
Kenneth C. Cleveland 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,	10/28/80	9:20 A.M.
Post Office	"	9:30 A.M.
Fraziers News	"	9:25 A.M.

Seven days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

S/Douglas D. Gadaire
Contable of Brookfield

A true copy. Attest

Leamana Terry
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Town Clerk

