

State Election 2004

Ballot Questions

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to: acquire, create and preserve open space, land for recreational use, and community housing; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore such open space, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created as provided under said Act. In Hadley, the Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of three percent on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: 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 \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property authorized by chapter 59 or any other law will be reduced in proportion to such abatement. A Community Preservation Committee, created pursuant to bylaw, will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended to acquire any particular parcel of land. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Hadley

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Sharon 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 through 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas; (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites; and (3) create affordable housing.

In Sharon, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property

tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use); (2) historic resources; and (3) affordable housing.

In the Town of Sharon

QUESTION 1

Shall the City of Easthampton be allowed to assess an additional \$874,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the City and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five?

In the Town of Easthampton

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Mashpee be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the purpose of constructing a library and for expenses incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Mashpee

QUESTION 1

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2004 entitled, 'An Act Relative To The Charter Of The Town of Needham,' be accepted?

SUMMARY

Acceptance of this Act replaces the position of the Town Administrator with the creation of a Town Manager. The Town Manager will serve as the chief executive and fiscal officer, overseeing the day-to-day management of the Town. Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager will be responsible for hiring and supervising most Town employees, except those of the School Department.

Acceptance of this Act will not affect the composition or status of elected boards. These boards will retain their policy-making functions and will approve the hiring of the department managers under their jurisdiction. The Board of Selectmen will continue to appoint Town Counsel, and all other boards, commissions, and committees it presently appoints.

The changes to the town charter will become effective 185 days after being approved by a majority of voters of the Town voting at the November 2, 2004 election.

In the Town of Needham

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Athol 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 upgrade and renovate the municipal sewer treatment plant and appurtenances?

In the Town of Athol

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Franklin be allowed to assess an additional three million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$3,900,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of preserving current school and municipal services (\$3,255,000), restoring six (6) and adding two (2) firefighter/paramedics to staff two (2) ambulances (\$275,000), restoring four (4) police officers (\$240,000), restoring Library hours to meet the minimum state requirement (\$130,000) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Two thousand and five (2005)?

In the Town of Franklin

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Holden 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 construct and equip a Public Safety Building on property at 1384 Main Street, including the costs of architectural, engineering, property acquisition, demolitions services and temporary facilities and other costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Holden

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Grafton 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 fund additional borrowing to construct a new Fire Station at 25 Worcester Street and a new Police Station at 26 Providence Road?

In the Town of Grafton

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Mendon 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 acquire the Fino property located off North Ave., and Milford St. Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts?

In the Town of Mendon

QUESTION 1

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 bond issued in order to cap the Town land fill, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Orleans

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Wellesley be allowed to assess an additional \$2,500,00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding its Group Insurance Liability Trust Fund to reduce the Town's unfunded post retirement benefit liability to zero over a 30 year period for the fiscal years beginning July first two thousand and five?

In the Town of Wellesley

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (Act), allow communities to establish a dedicated funding source, and to receive state matching funds, with which to (1) acquire, create, and preserve open space, which includes, but is not limited to, farmland, forests and marshes, and other conservation land; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic buildings and sites; (3) create, preserve, and support affordable housing; and (4) acquire, create, and preserve land for recreational use. The dedicated funds may also be used to rehabilitate and restore open space, community housing, and recreational land acquired or created under the Act.

As approved by the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, the local funding source for Concord will be a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax on real property, commencing in fiscal year 2005, which runs from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. In addition, the Act creates a state trust fund from which the Town will receive distributions in the form of matching funds that are solely available to communities that have accepted the Act. The funding source for this trust fund is the increased filing fees at the local registry of deeds and land courts.

Concord's Town Meeting has voted to include the following optional exemptions such that, if the Act is accepted, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (2) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined by Section 2 of said Act. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption on real property taxes authorized by chapter 59 of the General Laws shall receive a pro rata reduction of the surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee composed of nine local citizens will consult with citizens and town committees and make recommendations on the use of the funds. All expenditures will be subject to a vote of Town Meeting, and will be included in the Town's annual audit.

In the Town of Concord

QUESTION 1

Shall sections 280, 281, and 282 of chapter 149 of 2004, which authorized the town of Lancaster to pay a survivor benefit and extend health insurance coverage to Claire B. McNamara and her dependents' be accepted?

SUMMARY

The Act authorizes the Town, in lieu of any obligations under any other general or special law, to pay an accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara, the widow of fallen firefighter Martin H. McNamara V, equal to 2/3 of the average annual salary of a first year career firefighter in the local area. The Act authorizes the Town to fund the purchase of an annuity through an "override" of the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called. Proposition 2 ½ imposes limits on the amount a town may raise by taxation. The Act allows the Town to raise through taxation, for one-year only, the sum of \$650,000 in addition to the amounts permitted under Proposition 2 ½. The Town Department of Finance and Budget estimates the tax rate will increase by approximately \$1.17 per thousand dollars of valuation for one year only. On March 22, 2004, Town Meeting voted to appropriate the \$650,000 contingent upon approval of this ballot question. Thus, approval of the question will constitute approval of the override and will ratify Town Meeting's contingent appropriation of such funds. The Act also makes Claire B. McNamara and her dependents eligible for health insurance, subject to certain conditions, provided that she bears responsibility for a retirees' percentage share for the premium for such insurance.

A YES VOTE would: (1) accept Sections 280-282 of chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004 authorizing the Town to provide a substantial accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara, widow of firefighter Martin H. McNamara V; (2) approve a special one-year override of the limitation imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C, Proposition 2 ½, so-called, in the amount of \$650,000 for the purchase of an annuity to pay the accidental death benefit; and (3) ratify Town Meeting's contingent appropriation of such funds.

A NO VOTE would: (1) reject Sections 280-282 of chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004, thereby precluding the Town from paying a substantial accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara, widow of firefighter Martin H. McNamara V, and allowing the Town to pay only the minimal benefit allowable under state law; (2) make no change to the limitations imposed by Proposition 2 ½ with regard to the amount the Town may raise by taxation; and (3) nullify Town Meeting's contingent appropriation of funds for the purchase of an annuity to pay a substantial accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara.

In the Town of Lancaster

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Section 3 to 7 of chapter 44B, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve land for recreation, open space, historic resources and housing for low and moderate income persons and families and moderate income seniors.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study potential uses of the funds and to make recommendations to Town Meeting on how they should be spent. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit and all meetings of the Committee will be open to the public.

In Groton, the Act will be funded by a surcharge of 3% of the annual property tax assessed on real estate beginning in the 2006 Fiscal Year – at current rates, this would be about \$111 per year based on a single family residential property with the median valuation of \$339, 741. The other source of funds would be a special state trust fund. Money from the trust fund is distributed annually to communities that have accepted the Act.

Owner occupied housing would be exempt from the surcharge when the owner qualifies for low-income housing or low or moderate senior housing. \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential property would also be exempt. Any taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement will also receive a corresponding reduction in the Community Preservation Act surcharge. Any taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by law shall be exempt from the surcharge under the Act.

In the Town of Groton

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Needham 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

In May 2004 the Annual Town Meeting voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 44B, Sections 3 to 7, known as the Community Preservation Act, which establishes a special Community Preservation Fund that may be appointed and spent for certain open space, historic resources and affordable housing purposes; to approve a property tax surcharge of up to two (2) percent of the taxes assessed annually on all real property for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2004, and to exempt from the surcharge the following: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate senior housing in the community and (2) \$100,000 of the assessed valuation of Class One residential parcels.

In the Town of Needham

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 through 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families housing needs. In Middleton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of one percent (1%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching

funds provided by the state. **EXCLUSIONS:** If approved, the following would be exempt from the surcharge: the first \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Middleton

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Barnstable adopt section 298 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004, as approved by the town council, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Acceptances of section 298 of Chapter of the Acts of 2004 means the Community Preservation Act shall effectively replace the Cape Cod Open Space Land Acquisition Program. There shall be no additional excise on real property levied, other than the current 3 per cent levied for the provisions of the Cape Cod Open Space Land Acquisition Program. Acceptance of this section shall allow the community to access state matching funds of up to 100 per cent of the excise on real property currently levied, which was previously unavailable to the town.

In the Town of Barnstable

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Hanover accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Hanover, 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 establishes a dedicated funding source to cities and towns to (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites, and (3) create affordable housing.

In the Town of Hanover Massachusetts, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 3% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town of Hanover, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by Town By-Law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for

later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

In the Town of Hanover

QUESTION 1

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2004 entitled 'An Act providing for a charter for the Town of Dudley' be accepted?

SUMMARY

If adopted the proposed charter would: Retain the open town meeting; provide for the election by the voters of a five member Board of Selectmen, a Moderator for three years, a Town Clerk, a Library Board of Trustees, a School Committee, a Housing Authority; eliminate the office of Town Administrator and replace it with a Town Manager who shall be responsible for the management of the town's business and for the appointment of a Board of Health, a Cable Advisory Committee, a Capital Improvement Committee, a Civil Defense Coordinator, a Fence Viewer, a Hazardous Waste Coordinator, a Planning Board, a Personnel Advisory Committee and advisory committees replace several boards currently elected; the Town Manager would appoint most of the employees of the town government; the Board of Selectmen will appoint the Constables, Veterans' Agent and some other officers they currently appoint; the Moderator would appoint Zoning Board of Appeals; a Department of Public Works covering such functions as highways, cemeteries, animal control, recreation, recycling; tree warden, sewer and water, would be established under the direction of the Town Manager and run by a Department Director.

In the Town of Dudley

QUESTION 1

A.Shall licenses be granted in Carlisle for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gun, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

B.Shall licenses be granted in Carlisle for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer; ale and all other malt beverages)?

In the Town of Carlisle

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Wilbraham accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Wilbraham, 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, established a dedicated source to acquire and preserve open space, parks, and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies and scenic areas, protect farmland and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local fami-

lies' housing needs.

In Wilbraham, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and by matching funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts distributed on an annual basis in the 2005 Fiscal Year from a state trust fund established pursuant to the Community Preservation Act.

The following abatements or exemptions shall be permitted:

- 1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or moderate income senior housing in the Town of Wilbraham, as defined in Section 2 of the Community Preservation Act;
- 2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and
- 3) Any other abatements or exemptions allowed by local and state law.

Any other taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption would receive a corresponding full or partial reduction in the surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee which has been established by annual town meeting and local bylaw would study community preservation resources, possibilities, and needs to make recommendations to town meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each Fiscal Year will be spent or reserved for later spending on open space, historic resources, and affordable housing.

In the Town of Wilbraham

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Northborough accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Northborough, 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 source to acquire and preserve open space, parks, and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies and scenic areas, protect farmland and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In Northborough, the Community preservation Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in the 2006 Fiscal Year, and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions shall be permitted:

- 1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile 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.

Any other taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a corresponding full or partial reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee will be established by local bylaw to study community preservation resources, possibilities, and needs and to make recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: open space, historic resources, and affordable housing.

In the Town of Northborough

QUESTION 1

E. Shall licenses be granted in Harvard for the sale therein of alcoholic beverages by restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than one hundred persons?

In the Town of Harvard

QUESTION 1 OR 2 THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote for legislation to create a strong presumption in child custody cases in favor of joint physical and legal custody, so that the court will order that the children have equal access to both parents as much as possible, except where there is clear and convincing evidence that one parent is unfit, or that joint custody is not possible due to the fault of one of the parents?

1st Berkshire Representative District (#1)

2nd Berkshire Representative District (#1)

3rd Berkshire Representative District (#1)

4th Berkshire Representative District (#1, Except Blandford, Chester, and Tolland, #2)

1st Hampshire Representative District (#1, Except Montgomery and Southampton, #2)

QUESTION 1 OR 2 THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation requiring that in all separation and divorce proceedings involving minor children, the court shall uphold the fundamental rights of both parents to the shared physical and legal custody of their children and the children's right to maximize their time with each parent, so far as is practical, unless one parent is found unfit or the parents agree otherwise, subject to the requirements of existing child support and abuse prevention laws?

2nd Hampden and Hampshire Senatorial District (#1, Except Easthampton, #2)

QUESTION 1, 2 OR 3 THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation requiring that in all separation and divorce proceedings involving minor children, the court shall uphold the fundamental rights of both parents to the shared physical and legal custody of their children and the children's right to maximize their time with each parent, so far as is practical, unless one parent is found unfit or the parents agree otherwise, subject to the requirements of existing child support and abuse prevention laws?

4th Bristol Representative District (#1)

5th Bristol Representative District (#1)

6th Essex Representative District (#2)

7th Essex Representative District (#2)

13th Essex Representative District (#2)
14th Essex Representative District (#1)
17th Essex Representative District (#1)
1st Franklin Representative District (#2)
2nd Franklin Representative District (#1, Except Athol, #2)
1st Hampden Representative District (#1)
3rd Hampden Representative District (#1, Except Granville, Russell and Southwick, #2)
9th Hampden Representative District (#1)
2nd Hampshire Representative District (#1 in South Hadley, #2 in Hadley, #3 in Easthampton)
1st Middlesex Representative District (#1, Except Groton, #2)
4th Middlesex Representative District (#1)
5th Middlesex Representative District (#1)
20th Middlesex Representative District (#1, Except Middleton, #2)
22nd Middlesex Representative District (#1)
23rd Middlesex Representative District (#2)
31st Middlesex Representative District (#1)
32nd Middlesex Representative District (#1, Except Melrose Wds. 6 and 7, #2)
5th Norfolk Representative District (#1)
12th Norfolk Representative District (#1)
14th Norfolk Representative District (#1, Except Wellesley, #2)
2nd Suffolk Representative District (#1)
3rd Suffolk Representative District (#1)
19th Suffolk Representative District (#1)
6th Worcester Representative District (#2, Except Oxford and Southbridge, #3)
11th Worcester Representative District (#1)
12th Worcester Representative District (#1, except Lancaster and Northborough, #2)
17th Worcester Representative District (#1)

QUESTION 1 OR 2
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow seriously ill patients, with their doctor's written recommendation, to possess and grow small amounts of marijuana for their personal medical use?

Worcester and Norfolk Senatorial District (#1, Except Mendon and Dudley, #2)

QUESTION 1, 2 OR 3
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow seriously ill patients, with their doctor's written recommendation, to possess and grow small amounts of marijuana for their personal medical use?

3rd Berkshire Representative District (#3)
24th Middlesex Representative District(#1)
6th Norfolk Representative District(#1, Except Stoughton Pcts. 1, 5, 7, 8, #2)
7th Plymouth Representative District (#2)

QUESTION 1, 2 OR 3
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a constitutional amendment that would remove the authority to create congressional and legislative districts from the state Legislature and instead place that responsibility in the hands of an independent commission, subject to strict guidelines for public participation, non-partisanship, retaining the integrity of existing communities, and respecting the voting rights of minorities?

1st Barnstable Representative District(#1)
10th Bristol Representative District(#1)
7th Essex Representative District(#3)
3rd Hampshire Representative District(#2)
9th Middlesex Representative District (#2)
11th Middlesex Representative District(#1)
12th Middlesex Representative District(#1)
13th Middlesex Representative District(#1)
15th Middlesex Representative District(#3)
23rd Middlesex Representative District(#1)
25th Middlesex Representative District(#2)
26th Middlesex Representative District(#1)
13th Norfolk Representative District(#1, Except Needham, #3)
8th Suffolk Representative District(#1)
13th Worcester Representative District(#1)

QUESTION 1, 2 OR 3
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation to allow a woman, or someone acting on her behalf, to surrender a newborn who is seven days old or younger, and who has not been physically abused, to a worker at a hospital, a safety officer at a 24-hour police or fire station, or an emergency medical responder at an agreed-upon location following a 911 call? Under the legislation, the woman and her representative would be immune from prosecution, remain anonymous if desired, not be obligated to give any identifying information, and be asked only to receive an optional medical history form to complete and return. The legislation would not contain any termination date or any state funding requirement.

9th Middlesex Representative District(#1)
15th Middlesex Representative District(#1)
23rd Middlesex Representative District (#3)

24th Middlesex Representative District(#2)
7th Plymouth Representative District(#1)

QUESTION 1, 2, 3 OR 4
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of: (1) a resolution asserting that the campaign against terrorism should not be waged at the expense of constitutionally protected civil rights and liberties of Massachusetts residents; (2) legislation barring the use of state resources or institutions to carry out actions that violate constitutional rights, or actions such as racial and religious profiling, conducting secret investigations without reasonable grounds, and maintaining files on individuals and organizations without reasonable suspicion of criminal conduct; and (3) a resolution urging the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to vote to repeal provisions in the federal USA PATRIOT Act and other laws that infringe on civil rights and liberties and to oppose any future legislation that infringes on civil rights and liberties?

3rd Berkshire Representative District(#2)
4th Berkshire Representative District(#2, Except Blandford, Chester and Tolland, #3)
1st Hampshire Representative District (#3, Except Montgomery and Southampton, #4)
3rd Hampshire Representative District (#1)
15th Middlesex Representative District (#2)
24th Middlesex Representative District (#3)
25th Middlesex Representative District (#1)
29th Middlesex Representative District(#1)
15th Norfolk Representative District(#1)

QUESTION 1
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to introduce and vote in favor of legislation making possession of marijuana a civil violation, like a traffic ticket instead of a criminal offense, and requiring police to hold a person under 18 cited for possession until the person is released to a parent or legal guardian or brought before a judge?

2nd Essex Senatorial District (#1)
3rd Essex and Middlesex Senatorial District (#1)

QUESTION 1 OR 2
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to introduce and vote in favor of legislation making possession of marijuana a civil violation, like a traffic ticket instead of a criminal offense, and requiring police to hold a person under 18 cited for possession until the person is released to a parent or legal guardian or brought before a judge?

10th Norfolk Representative District(#1, Except Franklin, #2)

QUESTION 1, 2 OR 3|
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would make possession of less than one ounce of marijuana a civil violation, subject to a maximum fine of \$100 and not subject to any criminal penalties?

3rd Plymouth Representative District (#1)

6th Worcester Representative District (#1, Except Oxford and Southbridge, #2)

12th Worcester Representative District(#2, Except Lancaster and Northborough, #3)

QUESTION 1
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation or a constitutional amendment to require that elections to statewide office (such as Governor, Treasurer, Auditor and Secretary of the Commonwealth) be conducted according to a system of instant runoff voting?

1st Franklin Representative District(#1)

QUESTION 2 OR 3
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow the state to regulate the taxation, manufacture and sale of marijuana to adults 21 and older provided that sales outlets are state licensed, do not sell alcohol, and are not within 500 yards of a school?

1st Hampshire Representative District(#2, Except Montgomery and Southampton, #3)

QUESTION 3
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to introduce and vote in favor of legislation that: (1) declares workplace psychological harassment (bullying) to be an occupational health and safety issue; (2) mandates a study to analyze the direct and indirect costs of workplace psychological harassment for Massachusetts families and as reflected in healthcare and insurance rates within the Commonwealth; and (3) requires employers, if they employ 50 or more workers in Massachusetts, to put into place by December 31st, 2005, a policy that defines psychological harassment and prevents its occurrence?

3rd Hampshire Representative District(#3)