

STATE ELECTION

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT

SCITUATE Pcts. 1, 2, 4-6

1535/1528

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SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

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ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

BALDWIN and CASTLE ... Vote for ONE ... BALDWIN and PALIN ... McKINNEY and CLEMENTE ... NADER and GONZALEZ ... OBAMA and BIDEN ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

JOHN F. KERRY ... JEFFREY K. BEATY ... ROBERT J. UNDERWOOD ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

COUNCILLOR

CHRISTOPHER A. IANNELLA, JR. ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

ROBERT L. HEDLUND, JR. ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

JAMES M. CANTWELL ... JOHN M. VALIANTI ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

ROBERT E. MCCARTHY ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

COUNTY TREASURER

THOMAS J. O'BRIEN ... EDWARD J. O'CONNELL ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

JOHN PATRICK RIORDAN ... RONALD K. DAVY ... ANTHONY THOMAS O'BRIEN ... SCOTT M. VECCHI ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

CLERK OF COURTS

ROBERT S. CREEDON, JR. ... DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE. USE BLANK LINE BELOW FOR WRITE-IN.

QUESTION 1 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

YES NO

QUESTION 2 LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system.

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VOTE BOTH SIDES

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The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

A YES VOTE would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

YES
NO

QUESTION 3

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

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SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

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Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

YES
NO

QUESTION 4

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed (1) to support legislation establishing health care as a human right regardless of age, state of health or employment status, by creating a single payer health insurance system that is comprehensive, cost effective, and publicly provided to all residents of Massachusetts; and (2) to oppose any laws penalizing the uninsured for failing to obtain health insurance?

YES
NO

QUESTION 5

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would support the development of Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound and other possible future onshore and offshore wind power developments in Massachusetts?

YES
NO

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SCITUATE Pat. 3

1527/1518

William D. Sullivan Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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