

SAMPLE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
STATE ELECTION

OFFICIAL

WESTWOOD

BALLOT

1440/1432

William Francis Bolger
SECRETARY OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the candidate's name. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write that person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT
AND VICE PRESIDENT

Vote for ONE

BALDWIN and CASTLE ++++++ Constitution

BARR and ROOT ++++++ Libertarian

McCAIN and PALIN ++++++ Republican

McKINNEY and CLEMENTE +++++ Green-Rainbow

NADER and GONZALEZ ++++++ Independent

OBAMA and BIDEN ++++++ Democratic

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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Vote for ONE

JOHN F. KERRY ++++++ Democratic
19 Louisburg Sq., Boston Candidate for Re-election

JEFFREY K. BEATTY ++++++ Republican
23 John Joseph Rd., Harwich

ROBERT J. UNDERWOOD ++++++ Libertarian
83 Cherrilyn St., Springfield

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Vote for ONE

NINTH DISTRICT
STEPHEN F. LYNCH ++++++ Democratic
55 G St., Boston Candidate for Re-election

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COUNCILLOR

Vote for ONE

SECOND DISTRICT
KELLY A. TIMILTY ++++++ Democratic
103 Brookdale Ave., Dedham Candidate for Re-election

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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Vote for ONE

SUFFOLK & NORFOLK DISTRICT
MARIAN WALSH ++++++ Democratic
80 Brook Farm Rd., Boston Candidate for Re-election

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Vote for ONE

ELEVENTH NORFOLK DISTRICT
PAUL McMURTRY ++++++ Democratic
7 South Stone Mill Dr., Dedham Candidate for Re-election

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REGISTER OF PROBATE

Vote for ONE

NORFOLK COUNTY
PATRICK W. McDERMOTT ++++++ Democratic
194 Federal Ave., Quincy Candidate for Re-election

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COUNTY TREASURER

Vote for ONE

NORFOLK COUNTY
JOSEPH A. CONNOLLY ++++++ Democratic
31 Merlyn Rd., Weymouth Candidate for Re-election

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Vote for not more than TWO

NORFOLK COUNTY
JOHN M. GILLIS ++++++ Democratic
1000 Southern Artery, Quincy Candidate for Re-election

FRANCIS W. O'BRIEN ++++++ Democratic
1000 Presidents Way, Dedham Candidate for Re-election

THOMAS E. GORMAN ++++++ Republican
92 Pine Hill Rd., Dedham

MICHAEL F. WALSH ++++++ Independent
47 Phillips Brooks Rd., Westwood

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You may vote for every position on the Blue Hills Regional Vocational School District Committee, regardless of where you reside in the District.

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for ONE

BLUE HILLS BRAintree (to fill vacancy)
ERIC C. ERSKINE ++++++

93 Hobart St., Braintree
ROBERT P. KIMBALL ++++++

89 South St., Braintree

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REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for ONE

BLUE HILLS (4 YEARS) HOLBROOK
ROBERT S. AUSTIN ++++++

42 Weymouth St., Holbrook

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REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for ONE

BLUE HILLS (4 YEARS) MILTON
FESTUS JOYCE ++++++

104 Washington St., Milton Candidate for Re-election

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REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for ONE

BLUE HILLS (4 YEARS) NORWOOD
KEVIN L. CONNOLLY ++++++

44 Nahatan St., Norwood Candidate for Re-election

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REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for ONE

BLUE HILLS (4 YEARS) RANDOLPH
RICHARD F. RIMAN ++++++

29 Hemlock Ter., Randolph Candidate for Re-election

RICHARD E. DONLON ++++++

14 Devine Rd., Randolph

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REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Vote for ONE

BLUE HILLS (4 YEARS) WESTWOOD

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VOTE BOTH SIDES

**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.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

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.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state income tax laws.

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. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

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**

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 prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs. The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

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 to vote in favor of legislation that would abolish county government and transfer all of its functions, duties and responsibilities to state government, including but not limited to the operation and management of the county jail and house of correction, the registry of deeds, and the courthouses?

YES

NO