

State Election – November 6, 2018

EARLY VOTING

Early voting began on Monday, October 22, 2018 and ended on Friday, November 2, 2018. Early voting was available by mail as well as in person. No voters took advantage of early voting by mail. 187 voters voted in person over the specified early voting period. Voters checked in with the Clerk, each was given a ballot and an early voting envelope. Voters voted their ballot, completed the affirmation on the envelope and inserted the ballot in the envelope and returned the ballot to the Clerk. Ballots were held in a collection envelope and at the end of each early voting session ballots were stored in a bin which was sealed each night and kept in locked storage.

The listing below shows early voting hours, numbers of votes cast and the numbered strips that were used to seal the ballot box each day. Each morning the Automark voting machine was checked to assure it was operating correctly. Test ballots were stored in a spoiled ballot envelope in the bin with the early votes.

Date	Votes Cast	Zip Strips used
October 22, 2018 8:15 am – 7 pm	16 In Person	0329059 & unnumbered red strip
October 23, 2018 8:15 am – 4 pm	14 In Person	0329075 & unnumbered red strip
October 24, 2018 8:15 am – 4 pm	17 In Person	0329068 & unnumbered red strip
October 25, 2018 8:15 am – 4 pm	11 In Person	0329038 & unnumbered red strip
October 26, 2018 9 am – Noon	2 In person	0329035 & unnumbered red strip
October 27, 2018 9 am – Noon	13 In Person	0329094 & unnumbered red strip
October 29, 2018 8:15 am – 7 pm	21 In Person	0329032 & unnumbered red strip
October 30, 2018 8:15 am – 4 pm	23 In Person	0329096 & unnumbered red strip
October 31, 2018 8:15 am – 4 pm	16 In Person	0329061 & unnumbered red strip
November 1, 2018 8:15 am – 4 pm	24 In Person	0329049 & unnumbered red strip
November 4, 2016 9:00 am – Noon	30 In Person	0329089 & unnumbered red strip

The Automark was tested prior to Early Voting and worked perfectly. On October 22, during the morning test the Automark wouldn't eject the ballot. Needed to shut down and reboot. On reboot it ejected the ballot. Tried the same ballot again and the same thing happened. Tested with a new ballot and it worked perfectly. This also happened during the test on October 30th. Inserting a new ballot resolved the issue.

After Early Voting was completed, all ballots were alphabetized and stored in the plastic bin to be processed on Election Day Nov. 6th.

ELECTION DAY

Polls opened at 7:00 a.m. on November 6, 2018 on a rainy, cold dreary morning. Temperatures at the time polls opened were in the low forties rising to near 50 by midafternoon. Polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Election Officers

Fred Baron	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Beverly Sanderson	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Katherine Fleuriel	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Jeff Derosé	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Jane Grybko	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Constance Ludlam	3:00 p.m. to Midnight
Marianne Simon	3:00 p.m. to Midnight
Martha Goodridge	3:00 p.m. to Midnight
Maryann Sadoski	3:00 p.m. to Midnight

Lynn Sibley – Clerk	6:00 a.m. to Midnight
Edwin Zaniewski, Constable	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thomas Mahar – Constable	3:00 p.m. to Midnight
Virginia Allis	10:00 a.m. to Noon
Donna Wiley	10:00 a.m. to Noon
Additional Staff for Counting Ballots:	
Patricia Barschenski	8:00 p.m. to Midnight
Randy Sibley	8:00 p.m. to Midnight

At the opening of the polls, and before any ballots were cast, the Ballot Box register indicated 000; and at the close of the polls the Ballot Box register indicated 897. Election officials processed the 187 early voting ballots throughout the morning by calling names and crossing the names off the check in and check out early voting lists and placing the ballots in the ballot box. Due to the quantity of ballots cast the ballot box needed to be opened several times to empty the ballots into a box kept in public view and guarded by election officials. By emptying the ballot box frequently, it kept the box from clogging and therefore allowing the acceptance of ballots.

There were two occasions when ballots got stuck and in the process of removing the ballot the ballot box rang. The officers in charge of the voting lists counted and announced the whole number of names checked on said lists to be 897 which indicates that the stuck ballots did count each time. At the close of polls the presiding officer then removed the ballots from the ballot box and caused them to be counted one by one, and announced the whole number of ballots cast to be 897. This confirms the accuracy between the ballot box number, the number of ballots and the number of voters crossed off the voting lists. The ballots having been duly sorted and counted were recorded and declared in open meeting to be as set forth in the official record.

897 voters cast ballots of a possible 1,188 registered voters or 75.5%. Of the 897 ballots, 187 ballots were from early voters, 24 were regular absentee ballots that arrived in time to be counted and 1 ballot from a specially qualified voter. There were 2 absentee ballots that were not returned in time to be counted. There were no provisional ballots. There were 22 voters on the inactive list that completed Affirmation of current and continuous residence. The count of ballots ended at Midnight.

After all ballots were counted the absentee, early voting, UOCAVA, official ballots and spoiled ballots were sealed in two plastic bins using zip strips 0190299, 0190221, 0190202 and 0190279. Early voting envelopes, absentee envelopes were sealed in a box with the unused ballots with two signed seals.

Canvas of votes:

Senator in Congress

Elizabeth A. Warren	599
Geoff Diehl	298
Shiva Ayyadurai	25
Others	0
Blanks	<u>15</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Baker & Polito	562
Gonzalez & Palfrey	324
Jill Stein	1
Blanks	<u>10</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Attorney General	
Maura Healey	640
James R. McMahon, III	242
Others	0
Blanks	<u>15</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Secretary of State	
William Francis Galvin	633
Anthony M. Amore	204
Juan G. Sanchez, Jr.	44
Others	0
Blanks	<u>16</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Treasurer	
Deborah B. Goldberg	596
Keiko M. Orrall	217
Jamie M. Guerin	53
Blanks	<u>31</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Auditor	
Suzanne M. Bump	563
Helen Brady	221
Daniel Fishman	21
Edward J. Stamas	48
Blanks	<u>44</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Representative in Congress	
James P. McGovern	646
Tracy Lyn Lovvorn	227
Blanks	<u>24</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Councillor	
Mary E. Hurley	656
Mike Franco	187
Blanks	<u>54</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Senator in General Court	
Joanne M. Comerford	717
Others	4
Blanks	<u>176</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

Representative in General Court	
Natalie M. Blais	728
Blanks	<u>169</u>
Total Votes Cast	897
District Attorney	
David E. Sullivan	731
Blanks	<u>166</u>
Total Votes Cast	897
Clerk of Courts	
Susan K. Emond	728
Kristjan Viise	3
Blanks	<u>166</u>
Total Votes Cast	897
Register of Deeds	
Scott A. Cote	722
Blanks	<u>175</u>
Total Votes Cast	897
Council of Governments Executive Committee	
Bill Perlman	692
Blanks	<u>205</u>
Total Votes Cast	897

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 on or before May 2, 2018?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health care facilities. The maximum number of patients per registered nurse would vary by type of unit and level of care, as follows:

- In units with step-down/intermediate care patients: 3 patients per nurse;
- In units with post-anesthesia care or operating room patients: 1 patient under anesthesia per nurse; 2 patients post-anesthesia per nurse;
- In the emergency services department: 1 critical or intensive care patient per nurse (or 2 if the nurse has assessed each patient's condition as stable); 2 urgent non-stable patients per nurse; 3 urgent stable patients per nurse; or 5 non-urgent stable patients per nurse;
- In units with maternity patients: (a) active labor patients: 1 patient per nurse; (b) during birth and for up to two hours immediately postpartum: 1 mother per nurse and 1 baby per nurse; (c) when the condition of the mother and baby are determined to be stable: 1 mother and her baby or babies per nurse; (d) postpartum: 6 patients per nurse; (e) intermediate care or continuing care babies: 2 babies per nurse; (f) well-babies: 6 babies per nurse;

- In units with pediatric, medical, surgical, telemetry, or observational/outpatient treatment patients, or any other unit: 4 patients per nurse; and
- In units with psychiatric or rehabilitation patients: 5 patients per nurse.

The proposed law would require a covered facility to comply with the patient assignment limits without reducing its level of nursing, service, maintenance, clerical, professional, and other staff.

The proposed law would also require every covered facility to develop a written patient acuity tool for each unit to evaluate the condition of each patient. This tool would be used by nurses in deciding whether patient limits should be lower than the limits of the proposed law at any given time.

The proposed law would not override any contract in effect on January 1, 2019 that set higher patient limits. The proposed law’s limits would take effect after any such contract expired.

The state Health Policy Commission would be required to promulgate regulations to implement the proposed law. The Commission could conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the law. Any facility receiving written notice from the Commission of a complaint or a violation would be required to submit a written compliance plan to the Commission. The Commission could report violations to the state Attorney General, who could file suit to obtain a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation as well as up to \$25,000 for each day a violation continued after the Commission notified the covered facility of the violation. The Health Policy Commission would be required to establish a toll-free telephone number for complaints and a website where complaints, compliance plans, and violations would appear.

The proposed law would prohibit discipline or retaliation against any employee for complying with the patient assignment limits of the law. The proposed law would require every covered facility to post within each unit, patient room, and waiting area a notice explaining the patient limits and how to report violations. Each day of a facility’s non-compliance with the posting requirement would be punishable by a civil penalty between \$250 and \$2,500.

The proposed law’s requirements would be suspended during a state or nationally declared public health emergency.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would limit the number of patients that could be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals and certain other health care facilities.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to patient-to-nurse limits.

Yes	307
No	571
Blanks	<u>19</u>
Total	897

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 on or before May 2, 2018?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.

Any resident of Massachusetts who is a United States citizen would be able to apply for appointment to the 15-member commission, and members would serve without compensation. The Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the state Attorney General, the Speaker of the state House of Representatives, and the President of the state Senate would each appoint three members of the commission and, in making these appointments, would seek to ensure that the commission reflects a range of geographic, political, and demographic backgrounds.

The commission would be required to research and take testimony, and then issue a report regarding (1) the impact of political spending in Massachusetts; (2) any limitations on the state's ability to regulate corporations and other entities in light of Supreme Court decisions that allow corporations to assert certain constitutional rights; (3) recommendations for constitutional amendments; (4) an analysis of constitutional amendments introduced to Congress; and (5) recommendations for advancing proposed amendments to the United States Constitution.

The commission would be subject to the state Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. The commission's first report would be due December 31, 2019, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth would be required to deliver the commission's report to the state Legislature, the United States Congress, and the President of the United States.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would create a citizens commission to advance an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the influence of money in elections and establish that corporations do not have the same rights as human beings.

A NO VOTE would not create this commission.

Yes	677
No	206
Blanks	<u>14</u>
Total	897

QUESTION 3: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on July 7, 2016?

SUMMARY

This law adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. Such grounds also include race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, disability, and ancestry. A "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement" is defined in existing law as any place that is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public, such as hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, and hospitals. "Gender identity" is defined as a person's sincerely held gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not it is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

This law prohibits discrimination based on gender identity in a person's admission to or treatment in any place of public accommodation. The law requires any such place that has separate areas for males and females (such as restrooms) to allow access to and full use of those areas consistent with a person's gender identity. The law also prohibits the owner or manager of a place of public accommodation from using advertising or signage that discriminates on the basis of gender identity.

This law directs the state Commission Against Discrimination to adopt rules or policies and make recommendations to carry out this law. The law also directs the state Attorney General to issue regulations or guidance on referring for legal action any person who asserts gender identity for an improper purpose.

The provisions of this law governing access to places of public accommodation are effective as of October 1, 2016. The remaining provisions are effective as of July 8, 2016.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation.

A NO VOTE would repeal this provision of the public accommodation law.

Yes	670
No	217
Blanks	<u>10</u>
Total	897

QUESTION 4: SINGLE -PAYER HEALTH CARE

Shall the state representative from this District be instructed to vote for legislation to create a single-payer system of universal health care that would provide all Massachusetts residents with comprehensive health care coverage including the freedom to choose doctors and other health care professionals, facilities, and services, and that would eliminate the role of insurance companies in health care by creating a publicly administered insurance trust fund.

Yes	591
No	228
Blanks	<u>78</u>
Total	897

A true record,

Attest:

Lynn M. Sibley, MMC, CMMC
Town Clerk