

State Election Minutes 11/2/04

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the STATE ELECTION was held at the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street, on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. As a result of the Massachusetts Office on Disability's December 9, 2003, survey indicating that the Town Hall's front entrance did not comply with 950 CMR 51.00 (Polling Place Accessibility for Elderly and Handicapped Voters), the election was held downstairs. Prior to opening the polls, the Ballot Box was publicly opened, examined and found to be empty; the register was set at zero. The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. The results of the votes are as follows:

VOTES

Electors of President & Vice President *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	2
Badnarik and Campagna	9
Bush and Cheney	280
Cobb and LaMarche	3
Kerry and Edwards	538
Write Ins:	
Nader and Camejo	10
All Others	3
TOTAL VOTES	845

Representative in Congress *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	183
John W. Olver	653
All Others	9
TOTAL VOTES	845

Councillor *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	189
Peter Vickery	409
Aaron Bennie Wilson	247
All Others	0
TOTAL VOTES	845

Senator in General Court *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	46
Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr.	576
Dawn Taylor Thompson	223
All Others	0
TOTAL VOTES	845

Representative in General Court *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	90
Denis E. Guyer	521
Richard S. Stockwell	234
All Others	0
TOTAL VOTES	845

District Attorney *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	199
David F. Capeless	644
All Others	2
TOTAL VOTES	845

Sheriff *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	218
Carmen C. Massimiano, Jr.	627
All Others	0
TOTAL VOTES	845

Regional School Committee (Becket) *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	225
James J. Soluri	620
All Others	0
TOTAL VOTES	845

Regional School Committee (Dalton) *(Vote for not more than Three)*

Blanks	1347
John M. Chivers	369
Laurie A. Chivers	381
Richard P. Farley	438
All Others	0
TOTAL VOTES	2535

Regional School Committee (Hinsdale) *(Vote for One)*

Blanks	327
Richard A. French	518
All Others	0
TOTAL VOTES	845

Regional School Committee (Peru) *(Vote for One)*

Blanks 844
Write Ins:
Chris Keller 1
All Others 0
TOTAL VOTES 845

Regional School Committee (Washington) *(Vote for One)*

Blanks 309
Joann M. Shugrue 535
Write Ins:
Laurel Burgwardt 1
All Others 0
TOTAL VOTES 845

Regional School Committee (Windsor) *(Vote for One)*

Blanks 339
John H. Bantjes 505
Write Ins:
Laurel Burgwardt 1
All Others ~
TOTAL VOTES 845

QUESTION 1 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?

Blanks 196
YES 541
NO 108
TOTAL VOTES 845
Town of Becket, Total Registered Voters: 1180
Ballots cast: 845
Percent Voting 72%

A total of 845 votes were cast. There were 80 absentee ballots and 5 provisional ballots. The Election Workers were Dorothy Bellavance, Ann Chagnon, Claire Daigle, Jane Falcone, Beverly Gillette, Gale LaBelle (Warden), Maryellen Lake (Clerk) and Richard Pryor. The Constable was Michael Sawyer. The polls closed promptly at 8:00 p.m. and the unofficial results were printed and posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor
Town Clerk