

State Election Minutes 11/7/06

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the State Election was held downstairs in the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street, on November 7, 2006. The polling hours were 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Prior to the polls opening, the Ballot Box was publicly opened, examined and found to be empty; the register was set at zero. A total of 588 voters participated and cast ballots for the election of candidates/questions. The results of the election are as follows:

	VOTES
Senator in Congress <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Edward M. Kennedy	418
Kenneth G. Chase	155
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	15
TOTAL VOTES	588
Governor and Lieutenant Governor <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Healey and Hillman	143
Patrick and Murray	393
Mihos and Sullivan	32
Ross and Robinson	14
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	6
TOTAL VOTES	588
Attorney General <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Martha Coakley	421
Larry Frisoli	136
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	31
TOTAL VOTES	588
Secretary of State <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
William Francis Galvin	433
Jill E. Stein	101
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	54
TOTAL VOTES	588
Treasurer <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Timothy P. Cahill	426
James O'Keefe	99
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	63
TOTAL VOTES	588
Auditor <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
A. Joseph DeNucci	399
Rand Wilson	117
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	72
TOTAL VOTES	588

Representative in Congress, First District <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
John W. Olver	433
William H. Szych	121
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	34
TOTAL VOTES	588
Councillor, Eighth District <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Michael Franco	108
Thomas T. Merrigan	345
Michael T. Kogut	60
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	75
TOTAL VOTES	588
Senator in General Court, Berkshire, Hampshire & Franklin District <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Benjamin Brackett Downing	369
Matthew W. Kinnaman	168
Dion C. Robbins-Zust	29
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	22
TOTAL VOTES	588

Representative in General Court, Second Berkshire District <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Denis E. Guyer	416
Stefan G. Racz	104
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	68
TOTAL VOTES	588
District Attorney, Berkshire District <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
David F. Capeless	448
Judith Knight*	5
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	135
TOTAL VOTES	588
Clerk of Courts, Berkshire County <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Deborah S. Capeless	448
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	140
TOTAL VOTES	588
Register of Deeds, Berkshire Middle District <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr.	471
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	117
TOTAL VOTES	588
Regional School Committee Becket <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Dana R. Welts	465
All Other Votes	
Blank Votes	123
TOTAL VOTES	588
Regional School Committee Cummington <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Holly Dextraze	397

All Other Votes	1
Blank Votes	190
TOTAL VOTES	588
Regional School Committee Dalton <i>(Vote for not more than FOUR)</i>	
Susan Carroll-Lombardi	340
Bryan P. Lamberton	253
Michael J. Hopper	248
All Other Votes	4
Blank Votes	1507
TOTAL VOTES	2352
Regional School Committee Hinsdale <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Mary Lou Galliher*	1
Billie Henderson*	1
All Other Votes	0
Blank Votes	586
TOTAL VOTES	588
QUESTION 1 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition)	
<i>This proposed law would allow local licensing authorities to issue licenses for food stores to sell wine.</i>	
Yes	261
No	298
Blanks	29
TOTAL VOTES	588
QUESTION 2 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition)	
<i>This proposed law would allow candidates for public office to be nominated by more than one political party or political designation, to have their names appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to have their votes counted separately for each nomination but then added together to determine the winner of the election.</i>	
Yes	198
No	343
Blanks	47
TOTAL VOTES	588

QUESTION 3 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition)	
<i>This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program and its regulations.</i>	
Yes	310
No	221
Blanks	57
TOTAL VOTES	588
QUESTION 4 (This Question is Not Binding)	
<i>Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon the President and Congress of the United States to end the war in Iraq immediately and bring all United States military forces home from Iraq?</i>	
Yes	336
No	181
Blanks	71
TOTAL VOTES	588
Town of Becket, Total Registered Voters:	1190
Ballots cast:	588
Percent Voting	49%
* = Write-in	

There were 47 absentee ballots and 3 Provisional Ballots. Election Officials were Dorothy Bellavance, Eva Bonney, Claire Daigle, Bonnie Falk, Virginia Fishell, Beverly Gillette, Gale LaBelle (Warden), Blanche Lennington, Joan Moylan (Assistant Clerk) and Al Trivers (Clerk). The Constable was Michael Sawyer. The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. and the unofficial results were printed and posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor,
Town Clerk