

STATE ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1976
POLLS OPEN 8:00 A. M. TO 8:00 P. M.

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the inhabitants of the City of Cambridge, qualified as the law directs, are hereby notified and warned to assemble at the voting places designated by the Election Commission in their respective wards and precincts on Tuesday, November 2nd, 1976 then and there to give in their votes for electors for President and Vice President of the United States; a Senator in Congress; for a Congressman for the Eighth Congressional District including all wards of the City of Cambridge; in all Precincts of Wards 7, 9, 10 and 11 for a Councillor for the Third Councillor District; in all Precincts of Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 for a Councillor for the Sixth Councillor District; in all Precincts of Wards 7, 9, 10 and 11 for a Senator in the Middlesex and Suffolk District; in all Precincts of Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 for a Senator in the Suffolk and Middlesex District; in all Precincts of Ward 1, Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Ward 2, Precincts 1 and 2 of Ward 3, and Precincts 1 and 2 of Ward 6 for one Representative in the General Court for the First Middlesex District; in Precinct 3 of Ward 6, in all Precincts of Wards 7 and 8, Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Ward 10 for one Representative in the General Court for the Second Middlesex District; in all Precincts of Wards 9 and 11 and Precinct 5 of Ward 10 for one Representative in the General Court for the Third Middlesex District; in Precinct 5 of Ward 2, Precinct 3, 4 and 5 of Ward 3, in all Precincts of Wards 4 and 5, Precincts 4 and 5 of Ward 6, for one Representative in the Fourth Middlesex District, for a Clerk of Courts for Middlesex County; for a Register of Deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex County; for two County Commissioners for the Middlesex County; and such vacancies as may occur, all of the official ballots as prepared by the Secretary of State.

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Also, to give in their votes "YES" or "NO" in answer to the following questions, to wit:-

QUESTION NUMBER ONE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint session of the House of Representatives and Senate on August 15, 1973, by a vote of 261-0, and on May 14, 1975, by a vote of 217-55? YES _____ NO _____

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would provide that equality under the law may not be denied or abridged on the basis of sex, race, color, creed or national origin. The amendment adds one sentence to Article I of Part the First of the Constitution which now contains a general statement of individual rights, including the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty and the right to acquire and protect property.

QUESTION NUMBER TWO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

So you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint sessions of the House of Representatives and Senate on August 15, 1973, by a vote of 199-66, and on May 7, 1975, by a vote of 228-41? YES _____ NO _____

SUMMARY

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to substitute for the present system of flat or uniform personal income tax rates a system of rates graduated according to the total amount of income received. The Legislature would also be authorized to provide for reasonable exemptions, deductions, credits and abatements and could base Massachusetts income tax provisions on provisions of Federal income tax law.

QUESTION NUMBER THREE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution summarized below, which was approved by the General Court in joint session of the House of Representatives and Senate on August 15, 1973 by a vote of 259-0, and on May 12, 1976 by a vote of 262-1? YES _____ NO _____

SUMMARY

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The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide for absentee voting by persons who hold religious beliefs in conflict with the act of voting on the day on which any election is to be held.

QUESTION NUMBER FOUR LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 5, 1975, by a vote of 179-46, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 7, 1975?

YES _____
NO _____

SUMMARY

Section 1 of the act inserts a new chapter 164B into the General Laws and establishes a Massachusetts Power Authority, a body corporate and politic with seven members appointed by the Governor to staggered six year terms. The Authority is to establish and operate a bulk power supply system to supply wholesale electric power to utilities throughout the Commonwealth. The primary purpose of the Authority is to supply the Commonwealth with power with the minimum adverse impact on the environment. The Authority is also authorized to engage in research and development of new sources of power, new siting techniques, and methods of environmental protection.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Authority is authorized to adopt by laws; adopt an official seal; maintain offices; sue and be sued; construct or acquire facilities either within or without the Commonwealth; issue revenue bonds and borrow money in anticipation of issuance of revenue bonds; acquire real and personal property; employ professional, managerial and other employees deemed necessary and fix their compensation to be paid solely out of revenues of the Authority; appear before other government agencies; apply for and receive federal or other grants of funds; and enter into contracts and agreements.

The Authority will build and operate all new generating and transmission facilities in the Commonwealth and has the option to purchase existing facilities through negotiation, condemnation, or eminent domain. After an initial two year period, no other utility may construct a new facility unless the Authority certifies that it lacks the capability to finance the facility and the facility would further the purposes of the act.

The Authority will finance its activities by issuing revenue bonds. The bonds will be exempt from state taxation, but will not be backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Power will be sold to other utilities by contract but no special discounts or bonuses to promote the increased use of power may be given. Public hearings are required on all major contracts.

The Authority is required to develop a master, 20 year demand study and siting plan within 18 months of its incorporation, to be updated each succeeding year. Sites will be selected in accordance

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with the Electric Power Facilities Siting Council Act of 1973. The Governor and the community in which any facility is to be located must affirmatively approve the facility before it can be constructed.

The Authority will be subject to all applicable federal and state environmental standards and must obtain all necessary federal and state permits and complete all necessary environmental impact statements.

The Authority will be exempt from taxation but will make payments in lieu of taxes to cities and towns in an amount equal to the tax which would be paid if the Authority's real and personal property were owned by a private electric utility company.

The Authority is forbidden from engaging in promotional or image advertising. The Authority has the authority to bargain collectively with its employees and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 150 of the General Laws, which governs the conciliation and arbitration of industrial disputes. Employees of the Authority are not subject to the civil service law and rules. Employees of utilities displaced by the activities of the Authority have first preference in employment by the Authority.

Section 2 of the act amends section 43 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws to provide that if a city or town votes, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164, to establish a municipal utility and acquire the facilities of the utility currently serving the community, and the utility refuses to sell its property to the city or town, that the Department of Public Utilities will establish a fair price for the facilities, and the utility will be required to accept the price determined by the department and tender the deed for the facilities to the city or town.

QUESTION NUMBER FIVE LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 197-35, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976?

YES _____
NO _____

SUMMARY

The proposed legislation would prohibit the possession, ownership or sale of any weapon from which a shot or bullet can be discharged and which has a barrel length of less than sixteen inches. The prohibition would not apply to military personnel, law enforcement officers, federally licensed handgun manufacturers and wholesalers, common carriers in the ordinary course of transport, or to historical societies and museums. The act would not affect the possession of rifles, shotguns, and certain antiques and replicas. The proposal also does not change the existing statutory penalties for unlawful possession, ownership or sale of handguns, including provisions imposing mandatory jail sentences.

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The proposal would permit owners of handguns to surrender their weapons to any law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth within six months of the effective date of the act without incurring criminal liability. Those surrendering handguns within six months will be compensated at a rate to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

QUESTION NUMBER SIX LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 146-85, and on which no vote was taken by the Senate before May 5, 1976?

YES _____
NO _____

SUMMARY

The proposed act would require every beverage container sold or offered for sale in the Commonwealth to have a refund value of at least five (5) cents, and would prohibit the sale of metal beverage containers with flip-tops. It would apply to containers for beer and other malt beverages and to soft drinks. It would not apply to containers for dairy products or natural fruit juices, nor to containers which are biodegradable.

The act would authorize the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to certify containers as reusable or recyclable. It contains both enforcement and penalty provisions and would take effect on February 1, 1977.

QUESTION NUMBER SEVEN LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was disapproved by the House of Representatives on May 3, 1976, by a vote of 182-49, and on which no vote was taken by the senate before May 5, 1976?

YES _____
NO _____

SUMMARY

The proposed act would impose a general requirement that every electric utility company charge a uniform rate per kilowatt hour of electricity. The proposed act would except from this general rule rates charged to other electric utility companies and to residential customers who heat their principle place of residence by electricity. The Act would also permit a different rat to be charged residential customers for the first three hundred (300) kilowatthours they consume each month, and would authorize "peak load" pricing whereby a higher rate than the uniform rate per kilowatt hour may be charged during the periods of the day or seasons of the year when consumption of electricity is the greatest. The act would authorize the

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Department of Public Utilities to issue implementing rules and regulations and provides for enforcement.

QUESTION NUMBER EIGHT THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

The following is a non binding advisory question:
"Shall the General Court enact legislation authorizing the construction of an oil refinery and a deep water port, subject to the approval of those communities directly affected and any reservations that the General Court may prescribe?"

YES _____
NO _____

SUMMARY

The Legislature has placed this question on the ballot in order to determine whether the people favor or oppose the construction of an oil refinery and deep water port in Massachusetts. The vote on this question is not binding on the Legislature. The question deals with the general advisability of such construction and is not a specific proposal for a facility. If a specific proposal is made, it would be subject to approval by the communities directly affected and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Legislature.

QUESTION NUMBER NINE THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

The following is a non-binding advisory question:
"Shall retail stores including package liquor stores, so called, be allowed to open for business on Sunday?"

YES _____
NO _____

SUMMARY

The Legislature has placed this question on the ballot in order to determine whether the people favor or oppose the Sunday opening of certain retail stores, including package liquor stores. As the law now stands, most retail and all package liquor stores must be closed on Sundays. The vote on this question is not binding on the Legislature.

The polls will be opened at 8:00 A. M. and closed at 8:00 P. M.

By order of the City Council,

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

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