

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town of Williamsburg General & State Election November 3, 2020

Election held @ Anne T. Dunphy School, 1 Petticoat Hill Road, Williamsburg
In-Person Early voting took place at Town Office, 141 Main Street, Haydenville from October 17, 2020 until October 30, 2020

Polls opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

Total Registered Voters: 2092 - Total Ballots cast 1835 (88% turnout)

Warrant Signed: October 8, 2020

Warrant Posted: October 19, 2020

Constables: Paul Sanderson, Jason Connell, Robert Lapointe & Joshua Lapointe

Warden: Kathleen Luce

Clerk: Fran Tilley

Total Absentee Ballots Requested: 67 Total Absentee Ballots Returned & Voted: 59

Total Early Voting Ballots: 1337 (during Advance Opening & Processing-nine to be hand-counted)

All Early Voting Ballots Cast: 1358

Total Provisional Ballots: 3

Total Provisional Ballots Cast: 0

Election Day Imagecast Machine Total: 474

Advance Opening & Processing Imagecast Total: 1328

Hand-counted ballots: 23 Absentee, 9 hand-counts from advance opening & processing, 1 (post-election 11/6/20 count)

Electors of President & Vice-President

Blanks.....13
Biden & Harris.....1446
Hawkins & Walker.....13
Jorgensen & Cohen.....21
Trump & Pence.....337
Write-ins all others.....5

Senator in Congress

Blanks.....22
Edward J. Markey.....1429
Kevin J. O'Connor364
Write-ins..... 22
Shiva Ayyadurai.....22

Representative in Congress-1st District

Blanks.....373
Richard E. Neal..... 1413
Write-Ins.....49
 Alex Morse..... 34
 Shiva Ayyadurai.....2
 All Others.....13

Councillor-Eight District

Blanks.....362
Mary E. Hurley.....1465
Write-ins all others.....8

Senator in General Court

Blanks.....344
Adam G. Hinds.....1487
Write-ins all others.....4

Representative in General Court

Blanks.....344
Natalie M. Blais.....1487
Write-ins all others.....4

Register of Probate-Hampshire

Blanks.....519
Michael J. Carey.....1313
Write-ins all others.....3

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 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair.

Starting with model year 2022, the proposed law would require manufacturers of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to equip any such vehicles that use telematics systems -- systems that collect and wirelessly transmit mechanical data to a remote server -- with a standardized open access data platform. Owners of motor vehicles with telematics systems would get access to mechanical data through a mobile device application. With vehicle owner authorization, independent repair facilities (those not affiliated with a manufacturer) and independent dealerships would be able to retrieve mechanical data from, and send commands to, the vehicle for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic testing.

Under the proposed law, manufacturers would not be allowed to require authorization before owners or repair facilities could access mechanical data stored in a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system, except through an authorization process standardized across all makes and models and administered by an entity unaffiliated with the manufacturer.

The proposed law would require the Attorney General to prepare a notice for prospective motor vehicle owners and lessees explaining telematics systems and the proposed law's requirements concerning access to the vehicle's mechanical data. Under the proposed law, dealers would have to provide prospective owners with, and prospective owners would have to acknowledge receipt of, the notice before buying or leasing a vehicle. Failure to comply with these notice requirements would subject motor vehicle dealers to sanctions by the applicable licensing authority.

Motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities could enforce this law through state consumer protection laws and recover civil penalties of the greater of treble damages or \$10,000 per violation.

A YES VOTE would provide motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities with expanded access to wirelessly transmitted mechanical data related to their vehicles' maintenance and repair.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law governing access to vehicles' wirelessly transmitted mechanical data.

Yes: 1455 No: 313 Blanks: 67

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 5, 2020?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would implement a voting system known as “ranked-choice voting,” in which voters rank one or more candidates by order of preference. Ranked-choice voting would be used in primary and general elections for all Massachusetts statewide offices, state legislative offices, federal congressional offices, and certain other offices beginning in 2022. Ranked-choice voting would not be used in elections for president, county commissioner, or regional district school committee member.

Under the proposed law, votes would be counted in a series of rounds. In the first round, if one candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, that candidate would be declared the winner and no other rounds would be necessary. If no candidate received more than 50 percent of the first-place votes, then the candidate or candidates who received the fewest first-place votes would be eliminated and, in the next round, each vote for an eliminated candidate would instead be counted toward the next highest-ranked candidate on that voter’s ballot. Depending on the number of candidates, additional rounds of counting could occur, with the last-place candidate or candidates in each round being eliminated and the votes for an eliminated candidate going to the voter’s next choice out of the remaining candidates. A tie for last place in any round would be broken by comparing the tied candidates’ support in earlier rounds. Ultimately, the candidate who was, out of the remaining candidates, the preference of a majority of voters would be declared the winner.

Ranked-choice voting would be used only in races where a single candidate is to be declared the winner and not in races where more than one person is to be elected.

Under the proposed law, if no candidate received more than 50 percent of first-place votes in the first round, the rounds of ballot-counting necessary for ranked-choice voting would be conducted at a central tabulation facility. At the facility, voters’ rankings would be entered into a computer, which would then be used to calculate the results of each round of the counting process. The proposed law provides that candidates in a statewide or district election would have at least three days to request a recount.

The Secretary of State would be required to issue regulations to implement the proposed law and conduct a voter education campaign about the ranked-choice voting process. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022.

A YES VOTE would create a system of ranked-choice voting in which voters would have the option to rank candidates in order of preference and votes would be counted in rounds, eliminating candidates with the lowest votes until one candidate has received a majority.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing voting and how votes are counted.

Yes: 1130 No: 649 Blanks: 56

QUESTION 3: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would require Massachusetts to achieve 100% renewable energy use within the next two decades, starting immediately and making significant progress within the first five years while protecting impacted workers and business?

Yes: 1378 No: 345 Blanks: 112

QUESTION 4: THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote in favor of changes to the applicable House of Representative rules to make the results of all the votes in that body's Legislative committees publicly available on the Legislature's website?

Yes: 1544 No: 138 Blanks: 153

FILED: November 13, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brenda Lessard".

Brenda Lessard, Williamsburg Town Clerk