

State Election
Cohasset, Massachusetts
Tuesday November 3, 2020

Election officers sworn in by the Town Clerk, Carol St. Pierre at 6:00 AM were as follows:

Elizabeth Anderson	Jody Doyle	Catherine Harvey	Susan Ryan
Abigail Alves	Bernadette Faulkner	John McMahon	Lauren Walsh
Mark Alves	Kelley Grech	Rebekah Matthey	
Joseph Astino	Richard Harries	Virginia Najmi	

Polls opened at 7 AM

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Total Registered Voters	3,035	3,357	6,392
Total Votes Cast	2,731	2,996	5,727
Percent of Ballots Cast	90%	89%	89.6%

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Absentee Voters	11	10	21
Early Voters	1,950	2,126	4,076
Election Day Voters	770	860	1,630
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>Electors of President and Vice President</u> Vote for One	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Biden and Harris	1,849	2,000	3,849
Hawkins and Walker	5	6	11
Jorgensen and Cohen	41	55	96
Trump and Pence	786	879	1,665
Write-in: Charlie Baker	7	2	9
Write-in: Mitt Romney	8	4	12
All Others	17	10	27
Blanks	18	40	58
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>Senator in Congress - Vote for One</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Edward J. Markey	1,607	1,793	3,400
Kevin J. O'Connor	1,057	1,131	2,187
Write in: Dr. Shiva	10	17	27
All Others	1	1	2
Blanks	57	54	111
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>Representative in Congress - Vote for One</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Stephen F. Lynch	1,913	2,127	4,040
Jonathan D. Lott	11	437	848
All Others	17	12	29
Blanks	390	420	810
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>Councillor - Vote for One</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	1,861	2,104	3,965
All Others	15	15	30
Blanks	855	877	1,732
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>Senator in General Court - Vote for One</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Patrick Michael O'Connor	1,194	1,323	2,517
Meg Wheeler	1,399	1,553	2,952
All Others	1	3	4
Blanks	137	117	254
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>Representative in General Court - Vote for One</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Joan Meschino	1,934	2,162	4,096
All Others	23	25	8
Blanks	774	809	1,583
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>Register of Probate - Vote for One</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Colleen Marie Brierly	1,876	2,115	3,991
All Others	16	8	24
Blanks	839	873	1,712
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>County Commissioner - Vote for Two</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Joseph P. Shea	1,465	1,714	3,179
Richard R. Staiti	668	780	1,448
Heather Hamilton	787	778	1,565
All Others	11	6	17
Blanks	2,531	2,714	5,245
Total	5,462	5,992	11,454

<u>County Treasurer - Vote for One</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Michael G. Bellotti	1,893	2,129	4,022
Write-ins	12	10	22
Blanks	826	857	1,683
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

<u>Sheriff (To Fill Vacancy) - Vote for One</u>	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Jerry P. McDermott	1,068	1,146	2,214
Patrick W. McDermott	1,366	1,563	2,929
Write-ins	3	5	8
Blanks	294	282	576
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

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.

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
YES	2,068	2,274	4,342
NO	541	617	1,158
Blanks	122	105	227
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

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.

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
YES	1,103	1,217	2,320
NO	1,457	1,607	3,064
Blanks	171	172	343
Total	2,731	2,996	5,727

Polls closed at 8 PM

Results certified with the Secretary of the Commonwealth on November 18, 2020.

A True Record, ATTEST:

Carol L. St. Pierre, Cohasset Town Clerk