

TOWN CLERK & ELECTIONS

TOWN CLERK

The following annual report of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 2014, is herewith submitted in accordance with Section 3 of Article 3, Title 1 of the Town By-Laws. During 2014, three elections were prepared for and conducted by the Town Clerk's Office:

Annual Town Election	April 5, 2014
State Senate Primary	September 9, 2014
State Election (Governor)	November 4, 2014

The Town has twenty-one Accu-Vote voting machines, one for each precinct, and a main counting system located in the Town Clerk's Office. We also have ten AutoMark Voter Assisted Terminals, one for each polling location, which provide autonomy to voters. This system consists of paper ballots to be marked by the voters and inserted into the Accu-Vote machines, which automatically tally the votes appearing on the paper ballots. When the polls close, the precinct totals are immediately printed at the precinct, posted, announced and then transferred to the Town Clerk's Office on a memory card. The precinct totals are accumulated by entering the memory cards into the main counting system. Finally, the complete official Town results are printed and announced.

Town Meeting Members whose terms were to expire at the Annual Town Election were notified of that fact and of the provision of law which allows them to become candidates for re-election by giving written notice thereof to the Town Clerk. Nomination papers are issued to candidates for Town offices, including Town Meeting Members, and, after being certified by the Registrars of Voters Office, were filed with the Town Clerk. A meeting was held by the Registrars of Voters, as required by law, to draw names for position on the official ballot for the Annual Town Election.

Town Meeting voted to purchase electronic voting machines for use at the 2015 Town Meeting. With the exception of Town Meeting Members, candidates for major Town Offices were notified of the law regarding the filing of periodic statements of campaign receipts and expenditures with the Town Clerk's Office. Incumbents and candidates for election during the previous year, who had campaign finance activity, a balance and/or liability were also notified of the requirements of filing annual reports. Upon application, absentee ballots were issued for the aforementioned Elections. Applications for absentee ballots were automatically sent to all persons who had filed physicians' certificates of permanent physical disability, as required by law. Many residents took advantage of the provision of law allowing them to vote in person in the Town Clerk's Office prior to the elections if they were to be out of town or otherwise unavailable to vote in person at the polls on the day of

the elections. A total of 2,445 absentee ballots were issued in 2014.

Absentee ballots by election:

Annual Town Election	584
State Primary-Regular	490
Specially Qualified (Out of Country)	20
State Election-Regular	1,322
Specially Qualified (Out of County)	29

Specially qualified voters are voters who are either, United States Citizens living overseas permanently, temporarily or are members of the United States Armed Forces and their families. With the exception of the Annual Town Election, ballots can be transmitted by email. The majority of the overseas ballots were received and returned by this method.

The Annual Town Meeting began on April 28, 2014, and continued for six sessions, dissolving on May 14, 2014. A total of fifty-six warrant articles were acted upon. The first article of the Annual Town Meeting is the Annual Town Election. Meetings were held prior to the Annual Town Meeting to fill vacancies in the Town Meeting membership (caused by resignation, removal from town, or death) until the next Annual Town Election. The only Special Town Meeting began and dissolved on April 30, 2014. A total of seven warrant articles were acted upon. The attendance for Town Meeting was as low as 76% and as high as 88%. Certificates of all appropriations voted at all Town Meetings and the provisions for meeting them were sent to the Board of Assessors and the Comptroller, as required by law. Certified copies of all votes authorizing indebtedness were sent to the Director of Accounts. The Secretary of the Commonwealth was notified of the acceptance by the Town Meeting of any provisions of the General Laws. In addition, certified copies of all votes passed at all Town Meetings were sent to the departments affected.

All the amendments to the Town By-Laws and Zoning By-Laws, as voted at the Annual Town Meeting, were submitted to the Attorney General and were approved within the statutory period provided. Following advertisement for two weeks in the local newspaper, as required by law, the amendments took effect. A summary of the Annual Town Meeting appears in the Legislative section of this Annual Report. A complete record of the actions taken is contained in the Records of Elections and Town Meetings in the Town Clerk's Office as well as online at arlingtonma.gov/elections.

Births, deaths and marriages were recorded and copies forwarded to the Secretary of the Commonwealth monthly. Certified copies of these vital statistics and all other documents recorded in the Town Clerk's Office were made available upon request. A total of 2,273 dog licenses were issued by the Town Clerk's Office. Certain licenses granted by the Board of Selectmen were

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Fees Collected	2012	2013	2014
Marriage Intentions	\$6,874	\$7,492	\$6,120
Miscellaneous Certificates	\$36,492	\$35,552	\$36,342
Renewal of Gasoline Permits	\$290	\$806	\$326
Miscellaneous Books/CD's	\$850	\$746	\$600
Miscellaneous Violations/Licenses	\$5,882	\$6,687	\$4,785
Duplicate Dog Tags	\$30	\$32	\$30
Filing Fees/Special Permits	\$14,215	\$190	\$45
Dog Licenses	\$26,235	\$28,515	\$35,895
TOTAL	\$90,868	\$80,020	\$84,043

issued. Raffle and bazaar permits and gasoline permit renewals were issued. Financing statements, utility pole locations, cemetery deeds, and business certificates were recorded. Decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals, decisions on request for Special Permits from the Redevelopment Board and Amendments to the Traffic Rules and Orders were also placed on file in this office.

The Department of Revenue was notified of all licenses and permits issued and business certificates filed. Street permit, drain layer, blasting, and other surety bonds covering contractors were also placed on file in this office. Oaths of office were administered to all elected or appointed Town Officials and each was given copies of excerpts from the Open Meeting Law and the Conflict of Interest Law. Notices of meetings of all boards, committees or commissions were publicly posted upon receipt, as required by the Open Meeting Law. Town officials and departments were notified of all Legislative Acts affecting them. Fines were collected for citations issued under Section 21D, Chapter 40, General Laws, for violations of the Town By-Laws. Citations for persons who did not pay the penalties within the required time (twenty-one days) were referred to the Clerk of the District Court of Middlesex for further action.

Your attention is directed to the following vital statistics of the Town, which are recorded at this time. It should be noted, however, that the summaries of births and deaths are incomplete, inasmuch as records thereof pertaining to Arlington residents are still being received by our office from the cities and towns where these events occurred.

Vital Statistics	2012	2013	2014
Births	576	600	564
Deaths	319	313	350
Marriages	218	227	196

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

As mandated by law, a combined Annual Town and School Census was conducted during the months of January and February, 2014. The census was conducted entirely by mail, with computer preprinted forms sent to each household in Arlington requesting that information contained therein be confirmed or corrected. The census forms contained the names of all persons residing in Arlington. Once returned to the Registrars' Office, all census and voter information was entered and continually updated in the Town's computer base by the Registrars' Office. A list of children eligible for Kindergarten for the following year was transmitted to the School Department upon request.

The Jury commissioner obtained juror information directly from the Massachusetts Voter Registration Information system from data entered into the system by this office. The Annual True List of Person, seventeen years of age and older, was published as required by law. In accordance with the True List information that had been presented, notices were sent by first class mail, as required by law, to persons whose names were to be removed from the voting list because they had not been reported as residing in Arlington on January 1, 2014. Those who proved residence were reinstated. The total number of registered voters upon completion of the annual revision of the voting list for the last election of the year was 30,846. The following number of voters in the three political parties are as follows:

Democrats	14,164
Republicans	2,040
Unenrolled (formerly called Independent)	14,523

Voters who enroll in a political designation may not vote in any State or Presidential Primary. Cards were mailed to voters acknowledging receipt of change or cancellation of political party enrollments received during the year by this office.

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Registered Voters	2012	2013	2014
Total Registered	30,636	30,541	30,846
Democrats	14,182	14,087	14,164
Republicans	2,169	2,077	2,040
Unenrolled	14,160	14,261	14,523

Throughout the year, daily sessions for registration of voters were held during regular business hours in the Office of the Town Clerk. Special sessions were also held until 8:00 P.M. on the last day to register for each of the three elections.

Mail-in voter registrations have eliminated the requirement that special evening and Saturday sessions for the registration of voters to be held except for the final day prior to the deadline for registration for primaries and elections. Special forms for mail-in voter registration were made available at various locations throughout Arlington and all other cities and towns in the State.

In addition, persons were allowed to fill out voter registration affidavits at public offices throughout

Massachusetts, such as the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Social Security, Welfare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Military Recruitment Offices and other State and Federal departmental offices. These affidavits were forwarded through the computer or by mail to the Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of the voters' places of residence. As required by law, acknowledgment forms were sent to persons who registered to vote at special locations, or mailed in registration affidavits, notifying them of their precincts and voting places.

The Board certified voter signatures appearing on nomination papers filed by, or on behalf of, candidates seeking offices at the Annual Town Election. Also, petitions for articles to be inserted in the warrant for the

2014, Annual and any Special Town Meetings, also applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Town Election. After nomination papers for the Annual Town Election had been certified by the Registrars of Voters and filed with the Town Clerk, the Registrars of Voters held a meeting to draw names for the order of position on the official ballot for the election, as required by law.

During the year, the information contained on approximately 20,000 census forms of residents of the Town on January 1, was transferred to their individual master cards. These cards provide a complete official record of residence for all persons seventeen years of age or older from the time they first become residents of the Town. From such information, certificates of residence are issued daily to establish eligibility for attendance at state and regional schools, colleges and universities, receipt of old age assistance, veterans' services, social security, employment in state or federal civil service, and for many other purposes. In addition, Registered Voters' Certificates were issued throughout the year from the Board's records for identification purposes and for proof of citizenship.

During all elections, the Registrars of Voters were in session throughout the entire time the polls were open to assist voters who had questions relating to registration, name and/or address changes, precincts, polling places, and other problems arising during that time. After the polls closed, the Registrars assisted in the tabulation of the ballots until the final results were announced. In 2014, the Clerk's Office began receiving death certificates electronically through the Vitals Information Partnership, (VIP). Our births have been on this system for a few years with great success. In the future, dog licenses may be available online.



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ARLINGTON ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, APRIL 5, 2014

Total of Ballots Cast – 6106

% of total number of registered voters – 20.08%

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Total Ballots Cast	167	292	189	189	221	175	214	438	295	386	372	490	368	283	431	330	143	329	332	257	205	6106

Town Clerk for Three Years (3)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Stephanie Lucarelli	126	219	124	147	161	126	156	288	235	275	277	362	282	203	332	248	116	237	253	197	158	4522
Write-in Votes	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	3	5	1	0	28

Treasurer for Three Years (3)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Stephen Gilligan	95	164	69	65	131	94	115	142	165	174	188	211	245	119	235	139	76	169	186	116	100	2998
Julie Brown	63	112	112	113	82	76	92	282	116	205	169	264	110	155	176	181	62	142	132	119	97	2860
Write-in Votes	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5

Selectmen for Three Years (3)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Diane M. Mahon	105	156	103	103	119	88	115	189	166	187	160	265	170	150	222	179	77	164	199	108	96	3121
Daniel J. Dunn	79	121	124	115	108	85	105	295	134	247	207	321	159	155	222	191	62	121	151	111	113	3226
Robert L. Tosi Jr.	75	167	66	79	114	91	101	151	140	178	198	202	219	145	239	170	91	207	172	170	113	3088
Write-in Votes	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	4	2	0	0	17

Assessor for Three Years (3)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Mary Winstanley	11	192	104	131	142	110	139	261	215	254	260	334	244	185	294	210	102	210	227	162	134	3993
Write-in Votes	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	6	2	2	3	0	3	3	2	0	0	1	3	0	1	31

School Committee for Three Years (3)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Jennifer R. Susse	102	169	140	141	138	105	135	317	159	268	204	297	183	166	244	205	65	173	184	136	115	3646
Michael G. Buckley	65	116	52	56	85	56	67	100	114	126	125	159	151	103	185	144	59	180	147	100	78	2268
Paul Schlichtman	92	142	112	92	104	83	115	244	141	213	190	277	152	151	202	186	81	128	165	124	108	3102
Bill Hayner	83	180	80	76	117	96	110	183	144	188	187	275	212	116	254	167	84	171	191	111	106	3131
Write-in Votes	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	1	17

Housing Authority (5)

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Dan Brosnan	116	200	112	136	149	114	149	253	228	258	271	332	261	195	324	220	111	213	233	178	136	4189
Write-in Votes	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	4	0	0	22

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PRECINCT 1 Three Years

King, Marian E.	122 Decatur Street, Apt. 4	111
McGaffigan, Paul J.	34 Silk Street	110
VACANCY		

PRECINCT 2 Three Years

Hayner, Bill	19 Putnam Road	194
Hayner, Bonnie M.	19 Putnam Road	182
Fiore, Peter J.	58 Mott Street	181
Logan, William	5 Mary Street	165

PRECINCT 2 Two Years

Watson, Jennifer	66 Mott Street	195
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PRECINCT 3 Three Years

Tosti, Allan	38 Teel Street	113
Stamps, Susan D.	39 Grafton Street	110
Summers, Richard S.	79 Marathon Street	85
Griffin, Jean M.	42 Oxford Street	76

PRECINCT 4 Three Years

Kerins, Katelyn M.	27 Fairmont Street	135
Flueckiger, Molly E.	55 Fairmont Street	126
Davidoff, Douglass T.	45 Fairmont Street	125
Beal, Wesley L.	68 Melrose Street	123

PRECINCT 5 Three Years

Watson, David M.	170 Franklin Street, #1	108
DuBois, Abigail	83 Park Street	96
Messina, Peter J.	18 University Road	92
Goodfader, Emily	25 Bowdoin Street, #2	81

PRECINCT 6 Three Years

Batzell, Stephen W.	374 Mass. Avenue, #3	87
Cronin, John Stephen	29 Wyman Terrace, #A	104
Snyder, Jill A.	276 Mass. Avenue, #305	100
VACANCY		

PRECINCT 7 Three Years

Baron, Sheri A.	10 Raleigh Street	127
Bengtson, Andrew P.	15 Allen Street, #1	120
Sharpe, Theodore W.	51 Palmer Street	114
Hughes, Timothy M.	20 Webster Street	109

PRECINCT 8 Three Years

Band, Carol L.	57 Bartlett Avenue	266
Berkowitz, William R.	12 Pelham Terrace	244
Leone, John D.	51 Irving Street	253
Bean, David	50 Jason Street	188

PRECINCT 9 Three Years

Allen, Harold J., Jr.	7 Bacon Street	171
Makowka, Stephen D.	17 Russell Street	162
Liggett, Steven M.	25 Hayes Street	161
Ruderman, A. Michael	9 Alton Street	157

PRECINCT 10 Three Years

Howard, Jane L.	12 Woodland Street	279
Howard Peter B.	12 Woodland Street	269
Moyer, William David	49 Hillsdale Road	238
Martin, John A.	60 Arlmont Street	231

PRECINCT 11 Three Years

Radochia, Robert J.	45 Columbia Road	190
Heigham, Leba	82 Richfield Road	178
Greeley, Kevin F.	363 Mystic Street	176
Radochia, Joyce H.	45 Columbia Road	172

PRECINCT 12 Three Years

Helmuth, Eric D.	33 Grand View Road	301
Brazile, Juliana H.	56 Coolidge Road	276
Baker, Michael P.	31 Chester Street	232
Cayer, Michael J.	191 Newport Street	224

PRECINCT 13 Three Years

Deyst, John J., Jr.	26 Upland Rd. West	218
Deyst, Mary A.	26 Upland Rd. West	223
Fowles, Heather J.	51 Windmill Lane	203
Good, David F.	37 Tomahawk Road	219

PRECINCT 13 Two Years

Houser, Paul C.	37 Oldham Road	256
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PRECINCT 13 One Year

Gilligan, Nancy M.	77 Falmouth Road	197
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PRECINCT 14 Three Years

Mahon, Diane M.	23 Howard Street, #2	193
Hooper, Gwenyth R.A.	1 School Street, #102	183
Maher, John F.	990 Mass. Ave., #44	167
Hillis, Robert G.	17 Mt. Vernon St.	162

PRECINCT 15 Three Years

Ciano, Frank J.	65 Woodside Lane	234
Harrington, Virginia	10 Woodside Lane	208
Kerble, Joseph W.	92 Morningside Drive	245
Sweet, Peter A.	167 Woodside Lane	191

PRECINCT 16 Three Years

Koch, Kevin P.	100 Florence Avenue	215
Garrity, Robert K.	275 Park Avenue	212
O'Brien, Andrew E.	109 Hillside Avenue	212
Phelps, Richard S.	77 Oakland Avenue	211

PRECINCT 17 Three Years

Olszewski, Angela M.	1 Watermill Place	95
Leonard, John R.	26 Grove Street, #10	91
Finochetti, John V.	55 Dudley Street	89
Spencer, Matthew J.	34 Clark Street, #6	88

PRECINCT 18 Three Years

Hadley, David E.	202 Sylvia Street	201
Hurd, John V.	242 Hillside Avenue	185
Meagher, Robert F., Jr.	14 Golden Avenue	192
Tarantino, Michael F.	219 Wollaston Avenue	222

PRECINCT 19 Three Years

Hutchinson, Robert	28 Thesda Street	212
Dunn, John J., Jr.	36 Aerial Street	208
Gray, Christopher K.	6 Peter Tufts Road	198
Doherty, Leo F., Jr.	8 Gay Street	196

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PRECINCT 19 Two Years

Derosby, John A. 519 Summer Street 218

PRECINCT 20 Three Years

Gormley, Maureen E. 1250 Massachusetts Ave 167
 Larkin, Maureen O'Connell 31 Inverness Road 161
 Loosian, Katherine Norian 39 Inverness Road 167

PRECINCT 20 Two Years

Byrne, Steven M. 77 Appleton Street 106

PRECINCT 21 Three Years

Fitzgerald, Leanne 64 Westminster Avenue 111
 Phillips, Walter C. 2 Crescent Hill Avenue 107
 Trembly, Micah B. 41 Park Ave. Ext., Apt. #2 100
 Memon, Zarina G. 15 Sunset Road 94

PRECINCT 21 One Year

Boudreau, Jeffrey K. 99 Bow Street 68

ELECTION RESULTS FOR STATE PRIMARY 9/9/2014

Registered Voters 30,356
 Cards Cast 8,215
% Voter Turnout 27.06%

DEMOCRAT SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward J. Markey 6007
 Write-in Votes 96

GOVERNOR

Donald M. Berwick 2379
 Martha Coakley 2930
 Steven Grossman 2029
 Write-in Votes 5

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Leland Cheung 2862
 Stephen J. Kerrigan 2212
 Michael E. Lake 791
 Write-in Votes 11

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Maura Healy 4619
 Warren E. Tolman 2481
 Write-in Votes 6

SECRETARY OF STATE

William F. Galvin 5613
 Write-in Votes 38

TREASURER

Thomas P. Conroy 1860
 Barry R. Finegold 1669
 Deborah B. Goldberg 2642
 Write-in Votes 11

AUDITOR

Suzanne M. Bump 4943
 Write-in Votes 39

REP IN CONGRESS

Katherine M. Clark 5611
 Sheldon Schwartz 1030
 Write-in Votes 12

COUNCILLOR

M.M. Pettitto Devaney 3380
 Charles N. Shapiro 2071
 Write-in Votes 17

SEN IN GENERAL COURT

Kenneth J. Donnelly 5423
 Write-in Votes 31

REP IN GEN CT 23RD MIDDLE

Sean Garballey 4130
 Write-in Votes 23

REP IN GEN CT 24th MIDDLE

David M. Rogers 1516
 Write-in Votes 6

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Marian T. Ryan 3934
 Michael A. Sullivan 2320
 Write-in Votes 14

REGISTER of PROBATE

Tara E. DeCristofaro 4754
 Write-in Votes 25

REPUBLICAN

SENATOR in CONGRESS

Brian J. Herr 588
 Write-in Votes 5

GOVERNOR

Charles D. Baker 558
 Mark R. Fisher 236
 Write-in Votes 0

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Karyn E. Polito 637
 Write-in Votes 8

ATTORNEY GENERAL

John B. Miller 624
 Write-in Votes 6

SECRETARY of STATE

David D'Arcangelo 605
 Write-in Votes 2

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TREASURER

Michael J. Heffernan 596
Write-in Votes 2

AUDITOR

Patricia Saint Aubin 558
Write-in Votes 3

REP IN GEN CT 23RD MIDDLE

Joseph J. Monju 465
Write-in Votes 3

REGISTER of PROBATE

John W. Lambert, SR 572
Write-in Votes 4

ELECTION RESULTS FOR STATE ELECTION 11/4/2014

Registered Voters 30,846
Cards Cast 19,691
% Voter Turnout 63.84%

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward J. Markey 14845
Brian J. Herr 4206
Write-in Votes 36

GOVERNOR - LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Baker / Polito 6233
Coakley / Kerrigan 12405
Falchuk / Jennings 619
Lively / Saunders 103
McCormick / Post 102
Write-in Votes 26

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Maura Healy 14289
John B. Miller 4606
Write-in Votes 22

SECRETARY OF STATE

William F. Galvin 14631
David D'Arcangelo 3113
Daniel L. Factor 1028
Write-in Votes 9

TREASURER

Deborah B. Goldberg 12025
Michael J. Heffernan 4654
Ian T. Jackson 1747
Write-in Votes 14

AUDITOR

Suzanne M. Bump 12455
Patricia Saint Aubin 4364
MK Merelice 1190
Write-in Votes 14

REP IN CONGRESS

Katherine M. Clark 15122
Write-in Votes 268

COUNCILLOR

M.M. Petitto Devaney 12647
Thomas Sheff 3849
Write-in Votes 53

SEN IN GENERAL COURT

Kenneth J. Donnelly 14993
Write-in Votes 195

REP IN GEN CT 23RD MIDDLE

Sean Garballey 10793
Joseph J. Monju 2919
Write-in Votes 13

REP IN GEN CT 24th MIDDLE

David M. Rogers 3818
Write-in Votes 35

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Marian T. Ryan 14501
Write-in Votes 203

REGISTER of PROBATE

Tara E. DeCristofaro 13294
John W. Lambert, SR 3922
Write-in Votes 31

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate of the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY: The law would eliminate the requirement that the state's gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of September 2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price index over the preceding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.

YES 7,433
NO 11,434

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QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate of the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY: This proposed law would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches.

The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.

The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2 ¼ cents as of September 2013, to 3 ½ cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013 to 3 ½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposal law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance of both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection.

The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

A YES VOTE would expand that state's beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

YES 8,588
NO 10,729

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate of the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY: This proposal law would (1) prohibit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission from issuing any license for a casino or other gaming establishment with table games and slot machines, or any license for a gaming establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission might have issued before the proposed law took effect; and (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races.

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The proposed law would change the definition of “legal gaming” under Massachusetts law to include wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commission-licensed gaming establishments. This would make those types of gaming subject to existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit casinos, any gaming establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding gaming.

YES 10,586
NO 8,547

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate of the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY: This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions. Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.

An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee’s child, spouse, parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee’s child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee’s dependent child.

Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.

Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee.

Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on a employees’ exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee’s support of another employee’s exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers’ obligations under any contract or benefit with more generous

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provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

YES 13,577
NO 5,542

QUESTION 5: Shall the Town of Arlington accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the "Community Preservation Act" (hereinafter "CPA"), establishes a dedicated funding source to enable the Town to: (1) acquire or preserve open space, and rehabilitate or create local parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; (2) preserve or restore historic resources and artifacts; and (3) help meet local families' housing needs. In the Town of Arlington, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property, subject to the exemptions below, beginning in fiscal year 2016 and by annual distributions from a trust fund provided by the state under the CPA. The Commonwealth provides distributions from the fund only to communities adopting the CPA.

If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; (2) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; and (3) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of said Chapter 59. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rate reduction in the surcharge.

Upon acceptance of the CPA by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee must be established by by-law study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting for approval on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space, such as parks and playgrounds (2) historic resources and (3) community housing in the Town of Arlington.

YES 10,034
NO 8,487

QUESTION 6: This question is not binding

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow the state to regulate and tax marijuana in the same manner as alcohol?

YES 3,487
NO 1,157