# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## STATE ELECTION

**OFFICIAL SPECIMEN BALLOT**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

1460/1460

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### ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

CLINTON and Kaine

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Stein and Baraka

Trump and Pence

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Joseph P. Kennedy, III

David A. Ross

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Brad Williams

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Richard J. Ross

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### SHERIFF

Joseph B. Bellotti

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Francis W. O’Brien

Joseph P. Shea

### QUESTION 1

**LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law proposed below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

#### SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines. The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least two acres in size, (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track's additional facilities, such as the track, grandstands, parking lots, bleachers, and stands, and (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held, (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been held, and (v) where a thoroughbred horse racetrack is located.

A **YES** vote would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot machine gambling establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law. A **NO** vote would make no change in current laws regarding gaming.

#### VOTE BOTH SIDES

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### QUESTION 2

**LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

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#### SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 charter schools or expansion of existing charter schools each year. The law could expand state-charter schools for students scoring up to 1% of the statewide public school enrollment in each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of local school districts' spending allocated to them.

#### CONTINUE ON BACK
If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same academic standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multicultural outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

A YES VOTE would allow up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools.

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**QUESTION 3**

**LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve or disapprove of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised forveal, or egg-laying hens in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, holdsides, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law would limit livestock products not subject to approval by the Department of Public Health, including fresh chicken, fresh egg yolks, fresh egg whites, and fresh egg shells. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator to insist on the use of unlabeled or mislabeled meat products.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to $1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely on good faith upon written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. 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 any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**QUESTION 4**

**LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

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**SUMMARY**

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older, and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products, but for the taxation of proceeds from sales of those items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to ten ounces of marijuana outside of their residences, possess up to ten ounces of marijuana stashed in their residences, grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences, give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state treasurer who would regularly administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments.

The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing, advertising and display, required inspections, and other measures; and submit reports to the Governor.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 5.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax not to exceed 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for the administration of this proposed law.

Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or on or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.

The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2015.

A YES VOTE would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and marijuana products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

YES ☐ NO ☐

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**QUESTION 5**

Shall the Town of Needham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to provide architectural design, engineering, construction, site work and site acquisition for the Hillside School on Central Avenue?

YES ☐ NO ☐
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JOHNSON and WELD .................. Libertarian

STERN and BARAKA .................. Green-Union

TRUMP and PENCE .................. Republican

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The proposed law's confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation, shows and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; sales in compliance with applicable state and federal regulations; veterinary exams; testing, treatment, and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a preganant pigs expected date of giving birth; any day that a pig is nursing pigs; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four-hour period.

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