

TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
STATE ELECTION

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the  
Inhabitants of said Town of Templeton who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at:

Narragansett Regional Middle School  
Back Entrance to Gymnasium  
460 Baldwinville Road  
Baldwinville, MA 01436

On TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00  
p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.....STATE WIDE  
SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....FOR THE COMMONWEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....1<sup>ST</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR.....7<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....OR WORCESTER,  
HAMPDEN HAMPSHIRE & FRANKLIN DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT..... 5<sup>TH</sup> WORCESTER DISTRICT  
REGISTER OF PROBATE.....FOR WORCESTER COUNTY

**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 before May 6, 2008?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of  
taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all  
tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married  
couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are  
partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income  
as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect  
the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

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

*A YES VOTE* would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.  
*A NO VOTE* would make no change in state income tax laws.

### **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 before May 6, 2008?

#### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

*A YES VOTE* would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

*A NO VOTE* would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

### **QUESTION 3: 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 before May 6, 2008?

#### **SUMMARY**

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. 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 dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

*A NO VOTE* would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each Precinct; namely, at the Post Offices in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, at Cote's Market in Otter River, and at the Town Office Buildings located at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and 690 Patriots Road, Templeton and by delivering an attested copy thereof to each of the Precinct Clerks seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said County, in the City of Gardner.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October in the year 2008.

SELECTMEN OF TEMPLETON

John Henshaw, Chairman

Patrick Dunlavey, Vice Chairman

Julie Farrell, Clerk

Gerald Skelton, Member

Dennis O'Brien, Member

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Randy Brown

Constable of Templeton

#### OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, ss.

October 23, 2008

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each Precinct; namely, at the Post Offices in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, at Cote's Market in Otter River, and at the Town Office Buildings located at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and 690 Patriots Road, Templeton seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said County, in the City of Gardner, and by delivering an attested copy thereof to each of the Precinct Clerks seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Brown

Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris  
Templeton Town Clerk

TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
STATE ELECTION  
AGGREGATE RETURNS  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT</u>			
Baldwin/Castle	5	5	10
Barr/Root	9	10	19
McCain/Palin	943	758	1701
McKinney/Clemente	6	5	11
Nadar/Gonzalez	38	15	53
Obama/Biden	1055	854	1909
Blanks	16	10	26
Write-Ins			
Hillary Clinton	6	9	15
Ron Paul	8	0	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>
<u>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</u>			
John F. Kerry	1135	954	2089
Jeffrey K. Beatty	831	598	1429
Robert J. Underwood	73	68	141
Blanks	47	46	93
Write-Ins	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>
<u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u>			
John W. Olver	1336	1114	2450
Nathan A. Bech	659	466	1125
Blanks	91	86	177
Write-Ins	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>
<u>COUNCILLOR</u>			
Thomas J. Foley	1535	1234	2769
Blanks	551	432	983
Write-Ins	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Stephen M. Brewer	1696	1374	3070
Blanks	385	289	674
Write-Ins			
Isaac Matson	5	3	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Anne M. Gobi	1284	1066	2350
Stephen Comtois, II	642	464	1106
Blanks	160	136	296
Write-Ins	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Stephen G. Abraham	1487	1175	2662
Blanks	599	491	1090
Write-Ins	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>

QUESTION # 1

Yes	613	455	1068
No	1450	1177	2627
Blanks	23	34	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>

QUESTION #2

Yes	1293	976	2269
No	773	660	1433
Blanks	20	30	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>

QUESTION #3

Yes	1065	834	1899
No	993	796	1759
Blanks	28	36	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>3752</b>

Date of this Certification:

November 10, 2008

A True Copy, ATTEST:

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Carol A. Harris, Templeton Town Clerk

