

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts STATE ELECTION

OFFICIAL SPECIMEN BALLOT

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

FALL RIVER
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SECRETARY OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Vote for ONE

AYYADURAI and ELLIS ++++++ Independent

DE LA CRUZ and GARCIA + Socialism and Liberation

HARRIS and WALZ ++++++ Democratic

OLIVER and TER MAAT ++++++ Libertarian

STEIN and CABALLERO-ROCA + Green-Rainbow Party

TRUMP and VANCE ++++++ Republican

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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Vote for ONE

ELIZABETH ANN WARREN ++++++ Democratic
24 Linnaean St., Cambridge Candidate for Re-election

JOHN DEATON ++++++ Republican
8 Mohill Ave., Swansea

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

FOURTH DISTRICT Vote for ONE

JAKE AUCHINCLOSS ++++++ Democratic
34 Winchester Rd., Newton Candidate for Re-election

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COUNCILLOR

FIRST DISTRICT Vote for ONE

JOSEPH C. FERREIRA ++++++ Democratic
258 Seaview Ave., Swansea Candidate for Re-election

KRYSTEN CONDON ++++++ Independent
1 Lincoln Hill Ter., Wareham

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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

FIRST BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH DISTRICT Vote for ONE

MICHAEL J. RODRIGUES ++++++ Democratic
428 Sanford Rd., Westport Candidate for Re-election

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

SIXTH BRISTOL DISTRICT Vote for ONE

CAROLE A. FIOLA ++++++ Democratic
307 Archer St., Fall River Candidate for Re-election

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CLERK OF COURTS

BRISTOL COUNTY Vote for ONE

JENNIFER A. SULLIVAN ++++++ Democratic
5 Abner Potter Way, Dartmouth Candidate for Re-election

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REGISTER OF DEEDS

FALL RIVER DISTRICT Vote for ONE

BERNARD J. McDONALD, III ++++++ Democratic
524 Mount Pleasant St., Fall River Candidate for Re-election

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

BRISTOL COUNTY Vote for not more than TWO

JOHN R. MITCHELL ++++++ Democratic
312 Florence St., Fall River Candidate for Re-election

JULIE KATHERINE RUGGIERO ++++++ Democratic
7 Thomas Dr., Somerset

GREGORY C. DeMELO ++++++ Unenrolled
8 Fruit St., Taunton

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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 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature.

A YES VOTE would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the State Auditor's authority.

YES

NO

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 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that a student pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests (or other statewide or district-wide assessments) in mathematics, science and technology, and English in order to receive a high school diploma. Instead, in order for a student to receive a high school diploma, the proposed law would require the student to complete coursework certified by the student's district as demonstrating mastery of the competencies contained in the state academic standards in mathematics, science and technology, and English, as well as any additional areas determined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A YES VOTE would eliminate the requirement that students pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to graduate high school but still require students to complete coursework that meets state standards.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the requirement that a student pass the MCAS in order to graduate high school.

YES

NO

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 1, 2024?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would provide Transportation Network Drivers ("Drivers") with the right to form unions ("Driver Organizations") to collectively bargain with Transportation Network Companies ("Companies")-which are companies that use a digital network to connect riders to drivers for pre-arranged transportation-to create negotiated recommendations concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Drivers would not be required to engage in any union activities. Companies would be allowed to form multi-Company associations to represent them when negotiating with Driver Organizations. The state would supervise the labor activities permitted by the proposed law and would have responsibility for approving or disapproving the negotiated recommendations.

The proposed law would define certain activities by a Company or a Driver Organization to be unfair work practices. The proposed law would establish a hearing process for the state Employment Relations Board ("Board") to follow when a Company or Driver Organization is charged with an unfair work practice. The proposed law would permit the Board to take action, including awarding compensation to adversely affected Drivers, if it found that an unfair work practice had been committed. The proposed law would provide for an appeal of a Board decision to the state Appeals Court.

This proposed law also would establish a procedure for determining which Drivers are Active Drivers, meaning that they completed more than the median number of rides in the previous six months. The proposed law would establish procedures for the Board to determine that a Driver Organization has signed authorizations from at least five percent of Active Drivers, entitling the Driver Organization to a list of Active Drivers; to designate a Driver Organization as the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers based on signed authorizations from at least twenty-five percent of Active Drivers; to resolve disputes over exclusive bargaining status, including through elections; and to decertify a Driver Organization from exclusive bargaining status. A Driver Organization that has been designated the exclusive bargaining representative would have the exclusive right to represent the Drivers and to receive voluntary membership dues deductions.

Once the Board determined that a Driver Organization was the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers, the Companies would be required to bargain with that Driver Organization concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Once the Driver Organization and Companies reached agreement on wages, benefits, and the terms and conditions of work, that agreement would be voted upon by all Drivers who has completed at least 100 trips the previous quarter. If approved by a majority of votes cast, the recommendations would be submitted to the state Secretary of Labor for approval and if approved, would be effective for three years. The proposed law would establish procedures for the mediation and arbitration if the Driver Organization and Companies failed to reach agreement within a certain period of time. An arbitrator would consider factors set forth in the proposed law, including whether the wages of Drivers would be enough so that Drivers would not need to rely upon any public benefits. The proposed law also sets out procedures for the Secretary of Labor's review and approval of recommendations negotiated by a Driver Organization and the Companies and for judicial review of the Secretary's decision.

The proposed law states that neither its provisions, an agreement nor a determination by the Secretary would be able to lessen labor standards established by other laws. If there were any conflict between the proposed law and existing Massachusetts labor relations law, the proposed law would prevail.

The Board would make rules and regulations as appropriate to effectuate the proposed law.

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

A YES VOTE would provide transportation network drivers the option to form unions to collectively bargain with transportation network companies regarding wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of work.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the ability of transportation network drivers to form unions.

YES

NO

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VOTE BOTH SIDES