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GENERAL ELECTION ROCKINGHAM COUNTY November 2, 1976	Register of Deeds			Register of Probate		
	Holland, r	Legare, d	Kay, l	Howard, r	Ford, d	Herman, l
Atkinson	785	474	13	725	506	14
Auburn	567	305	8	516	338	11
Brentwood	522	90	3	467	113	6
Candia	735	240	8	686	254	13
Chester	568	140	8	515	171	13
Danville	328	106	2	299	114	6
Deerfield	480	138	5	430	169	5
Derry	2882	1698	36	2657	1764	49
East Kingston	322	86	5	301	91	4
Epping	736	266	13	702	284	24
Exeter	3319	757	39	2907	843	62
Fremont	394	81	1	364	86	5
Greenland	648	218	17	594	252	11
Hampstead	892	402	23	828	439	21
Hampton	2865	1144	44	2645	1266	42
Hampton Falls ...	552	109	—	501	126	—
Kensington	419	119	4	370	136	8
Kingston	1046	315	24	952	365	18
Londonderry	1757	1131	—	1637	1176	—
New Castle	349	125	6	319	144	4
Newfields	269	77	4	248	83	7
Newington	216	86	7	197	95	8
Newmarket	750	698	46	695	669	115
Newton	653	292	11	612	322	43
North Hampton ..	1064	343	11	996	368	17
Northwood	578	167	10	511	195	14
Nottingham	430	127	11	402	142	16
Plaistow	1030	609	20	944	641	14
Portsmouth						
Ward 1	718	558	43	620	599	21
Ward 2	856	545	36	742	590	19
Ward 3	517	370	27	482	382	13
Ward 4	890	608	88	835	658	45
Ward 5	611	523	50	538	569	28
Ward 6	342	340	28	303	361	17
Raymond	1034	423	27	990	446	40

GENERAL ELECTION ROCKINGHAM COUNTY November 2, 1976	Register of Deeds			Register of Probate		
	Holland, r	Legare, d	Kay, l	Howard, r	Ford, d	Herman, l
Rye	1498	483	56	1411	547	30
Salem	2916	4922	61	2546	5180	61
Sandown	341	165	6	317	171	5
Seabrook	1079	608	34	1036	652	25
South Hampton ..	233	89	1	196	110	3
Stratham	754	121	3	691	154	6
Windham	874	796	19	772	874	14
Totals	37619	20894	858	34499	22445	877

Scattered:

Register of Deeds — Candia — 1, Portsmouth Ward 4 — 1.

Register of Probate — Candia — 1, Portsmouth Ward 1 — 1, Portsmouth Ward 4 — 1.

GENERAL ELECTION ROCKINGHAM COUNTY November 2, 1976	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS					
	1st District		2nd District		3rd District	
	Clay, r	Driscoll, d	Prentiss, r	McGonagle, d	Barka, r	Beaulieu, d
Atkinson	—	—	—	—	662	583
Auburn	—	—	515	331	—	—
Brentwood	—	—	466	138	—	—
Candia	—	—	665	267	—	—
Chester	—	—	—	—	526	189
Danville	—	—	314	100	—	—
Deerfield	—	—	436	152	—	—
Derry	—	—	—	—	2796	2106
East Kingston	—	—	286	113	—	—
Epping	—	—	617	370	—	—
Exeter	—	—	2841	1105	—	—
Fremont	—	—	348	108	—	—
Greenland	328	576	—	—	—	—
Hampstead	—	—	—	—	790	527
Hampton	1719	2273	—	—	—	—
Hampton Falls ...	365	243	—	—	—	—
Kensington	—	—	361	154	—	—
Kingston	—	—	929	333	—	—
Londonderry	—	—	—	—	1735	1184
New Castle	184	313	—	—	—	—
Newfields	—	—	209	126	—	—
Newington	130	185	—	—	—	—
Newmarket	—	—	643	823	—	—
Newton	—	—	631	305	—	—
North Hampton ..	630	783	—	—	—	—
Northwood	—	—	513	197	—	—
Nottingham	—	—	372	172	—	—
Plaistow	—	—	1027	600	—	—
Portsmouth						
Ward 1	301	1190	—	—	—	—
Ward 2	412	1162	—	—	—	—
Ward 3	376	990	—	—	—	—
Ward 4	485	1254	—	—	—	—
Ward 5	392	901	—	—	—	—
Ward 6	203	594	—	—	—	—
Raymond	—	—	946	477	—	—

GENERAL ELECTION ROCKINGHAM COUNTY November 2, 1976	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS					
	1st District		2nd District		3rd District	
	Clay, r	Driscoll, d	Prentiss, r	McGonagle, d	Barka, r	Beaulieu, d
Rye	930	1166	—	—	—	—
Salem	—	—	—	—	3297	4269
Sandown	—	—	326	152	—	—
Seabrook	—	—	957	692	—	—
South Hampton ..	—	—	191	109	—	—
Stratham	—	—	573	314	—	—
Windham	—	—	—	—	911	757
Totals	6455	11630	14166	7138	10717	9615

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1st District — Portsmouth Ward 1 — 2, Portsmouth Ward 4 — 1.

GENERAL ELECTION STRAFFORD COUNTY November 2, 1976	Sheriff		Attorney			Treasurer		
	Knight, r	Flanagan, d	Krans, Jr. r	Krans, Jr. d	Scattered	Cormier, r	Cormier, d	Erickson, l
Barrington	790	515	651	529	—	638	519	39
Dover—Ward 1 ..	672	886	—	1409	—	—	1351	2
Dover—Ward 2 ..	415	894	—	1169	—	1127	—	2
Dover—Ward 3 ..	504	991	523	861	—	514	818	—
Dover—Ward 4 ..	672	911	654	801	2	625	768	33
Dover—Ward 5 ..	731	900	734	763	—	702	727	41
Dover—Ward 6 ..	482	661	962	—	—	1023	—	26
Durham	1629	1075	—	2376	3	—	2258	138
Farmington	794	528	755	497	—	754	496	10
Lee	516	289	692	—	—	670	—	28
Madbury	228	131	182	148	—	180	141	12
Middleton	78	90	72	91	—	69	91	—
Milton	483	307	437	303	—	433	310	5
New Durham	278	115	264	96	—	264	86	—
Rochester								
Ward 1	740	601	641	630	1	658	653	9
Ward 2	860	716	733	684	1	883	634	13
Ward 3	685	675	515	747	—	553	760	5
Ward 4	688	1014	589	973	—	738	1063	9
Ward 5	839	602	709	630	—	755	665	7
Rollinsford	391	475	289	511	—	275	498	16
Somersworth								
Ward 1	320	470	745	—	—	769	—	9
Ward 2	256	440	645	—	—	646	—	9
Ward 3	195	448	—	598	—	—	595	5
Ward 4	307	576	217	611	—	209	607	11
Ward 5	196	422	539	—	—	536	—	5
Strafford	395	143	376	124	—	376	135	4
Totals	14144	14875	11924	14551	7	13397	13175	438

GENERAL ELECTION STRAFFORD COUNTY November 2, 1976	Register of Deeds		Register of Probate		
	Young, r	Carey, d	Ogden, r	Ogden, d	Scattered
Barrington	656	559	635	535	—
Dover—Ward 1 ..	658	816	—	1393	—
Dover—Ward 2 ..	418	821	—	1157	—
Dover—Ward 3 ..	552	860	528	834	—
Dover—Ward 4 ..	657	860	666	804	—
Dover—Ward 5 ..	707	853	742	755	—
Dover—Ward 6 ..	557	555	1062	—	—
Durham	1078	1279	—	2360	2
Farmington	730	541	750	515	—
Lee	389	316	688	—	—
Madbury	169	169	181	149	—
Middleton	69	89	72	92	—
Milton	432	315	424	313	—
New Durham	264	104	264	95	—
Rochester					
Ward 1	634	633	661	596	1
Ward 2	815	707	664	806	—
Ward 3	560	754	753	526	—
Ward 4	597	993	685	979	—
Ward 5	736	649	715	635	—
Rollinsford	315	513	281	513	—
Somersworth					
Ward 1	305	446	644	—	—
Ward 2	223	424	652	—	—
Ward 3	211	399	—	601	—
Ward 4	292	545	219	599	—
Ward 5	159	425	575	—	—
Strafford	371	141	373	132	—
Totals	12554	14766	12234	14389	3

GENERAL ELECTION STRAFFORD COUNTY November 2, 1976	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS						
	Sherwood, r	Young, r	Flanagan, r	Courteau, d	Dumont, d	Flanagan, d	O'Brien, l
Barrington	564	690	596	532	620	465	55
Dover—Ward 1 ..	720	645	—	885	719	1215	—
Dover—Ward 2 ..	534	382	1058	850	723	—	38
Dover—Ward 3 ..	638	508	482	909	762	788	—
Dover—Ward 4 ..	799	625	598	843	697	706	55
Dover—Ward 5 ..	890	688	601	830	699	620	65
Dover—Ward 6 ..	598	481	918	644	508	—	42
Durham	1108	1078	—	1125	1199	2158	158
Farmington	674	809	718	462	576	435	18
Lee	359	381	654	314	323	—	32
Madbury	183	183	168	151	135	126	16
Middleton	67	74	67	84	90	82	—
Milton	370	483	393	291	383	260	12
New Durham	235	264	250	84	125	87	—
Rochester							
Ward 1	481	815	565	583	734	464	—
Ward 2	572	1029	712	657	1008	480	12
Ward 3	379	768	454	762	992	532	6
Ward 4	439	762	366	958	1038	787	2
Ward 5	583	949	641	657	839	481	8
Rollinsford	315	292	272	550	468	453	21
Somersworth							
Ward 1	242	351	619	451	485	1	10
Ward 2	176	268	570	471	471	—	14
Ward 3	155	218	—	423	428	538	8
Ward 4	217	342	236	556	618	497	19
Ward 5	115	173	485	440	456	—	9
Strafford	331	398	341	131	156	111	6
Totals	11744	13656	11764	14643	15272	11286	606

GENERAL ELECTION SULLIVAN COUNTY November 2, 1976	Sheriff		Attorney		Treasurer	
	McCusker, r	Johnson, Jr. d	Tenney, II, r	Elliott, Jr. d	Lovely, r	Garneau, d
Acworth	160	75	173	53	153	61
Charlestown	822	695	962	434	694	684
Claremont						
Ward 1	599	611	685	462	340	754
Ward 2	1340	1170	1604	714	820	1445
Ward 3	578	874	788	601	321	1024
Cornish	306	245	355	184	281	238
Croydon	116	65	110	70	139	35
Goshen	135	103	104	131	169	68
Grantham	134	89	129	92	158	57
Langdon	101	62	110	46	101	48
Lempster	168	91	175	83	192	58
Newport	1387	976	1155	1192	1802	526
Plainfield	319	297	331	255	315	260
Springfield	141	65	140	60	156	45
Sunapee	751	377	738	351	932	169
Unity	1399	108	142	99	121	109
Washington	134	64	139	49	153	41
Totals	7330	5967	7840	4876	6847	5622

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Sheriff — Plainfield — 2

GENERAL ELECTION SULLIVAN COUNTY November 2, 1976	Register of Deeds		Register of Probate		
	LaForge, r	LaForge, d	MacWilliams, r	MacWilliams, d	Scatterd
Acworth	193	40	193	40	—
Charlestown	757	666	746	671	—
Claremont					
Ward 1	460	636	457	651	—
Ward 2	1175	1089	1171	1102	—
Ward 3	1325	—	1345	—	—
Cornish	318	212	322	211	—
Croydon	119	64	118	60	—
Goshen	121	111	121	109	4
Grantham	150	69	150	70	—
Langdon	113	46	113	46	—
Lempster	155	86	165	83	—
Newport	1282	1026	1252	1034	—
Plainfield	333	269	330	270	—
Springfield	203	—	203	—	—
Sunapee	806	279	827	277	—
Unity	116	113	114	118	—
Washington	155	43	150	43	—
Totals	7781	4749	7777	4785	4

GENERAL ELECTION SULLIVAN COUNTY November 2, 1976	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS					
	1st District		2nd District		3rd District	
	Nahil, r	Palmer, d	Woodhull, r	Woodhull, d	Olden, r	Sears, d
Acworth	144	62	189	32	167	53
Charlestown	715	699	724	650	1031	370
Claremont						
Ward 1	454	640	447	619	400	641
Ward 2	885	762	819	729	757	808
Ward 3	499	913	2303	—	407	884
Cornish	303	228	306	215	290	224
Croydon	89	78	109	69	86	78
Goshen	107	111	117	110	95	120
Grantham	129	85	145	74	127	78
Langdon	96	57	108	44	110	42
Lempster	149	96	125	93	119	100
Newport	1031	1132	1208	1069	996	1130
Plainfield	295	285	303	270	305	269
Springfield	131	57	190	—	132	53
Sunapee	587	349	775	292	683	340
Unity	107	118	108	114	114	130
Washington	138	50	149	38	119	55
Totals	5959	5722	7125	4418	5938	5375

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Questions submitted to the qualified voters of New Hampshire, November 2, 1976, together with the votes on each question:

**(Question Relating to Constitutional Amendment
Proposed by the 1975 General Court)**

1. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to remove the requirements that pensions be granted for not more than one year at a time?

Yes 180,944

No 103,444

(Questions proposed by the 1974 Constitutional Convention)

2. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide that the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted?

Yes 207,722

No 50,155

3. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide for annual sessions of the legislature and to allow mileage payments for actual attendance for a maximum of ninety legislative days per biennium?

Yes 188,567

No 95,632

4. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide that the minimum amount in controversy for the right to a jury trial in a civil case be increased from over five hundred dollars to over three thousand dollars?

Yes 152,541

No 124,879

5. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide that a town, ward, or unincorporated place may be divided into two or more representative districts if requested by a referendum in such town, ward, or place?

Yes 179,515

No 93,219

6. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide that should a senator cease to be an inhabitant of the district for which he was chosen, he shall be disqualified to hold such position and a vacancy shall be declared?

Yes 231,239

No 52,634

7. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution by removing certain obsolete words and phrases as follows:

(a) Striking out the provisions of Articles 48, 53, 54 and 55 of Part 2 regarding the organization of the state militia and the appointment and removal of its officers which do not conform to actual practice or federal laws governing the National Guard;

(b) Striking out in Article 28 of Part 2 the restriction against voting by paupers and the prohibition against voting by persons excused from paying taxes at their own request to conform to a previous amendment to Article 11 of Part 1 of the Constitution; and further amending the Constitution by:

(c) Striking out in Article 46 of Part 2 the reference to the appointment of coroners by the governor and council?

Yes 192,189

No 64,339

8. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to make the following changes relating to elections:

(a) to reduce the minimum age of voters to eighteen;

(b) to make domicile rather than being an inhabitant a prerequisite for the voting privilege;

(c) to repeal certain provisions relative to voting in unincorporated places;

(d) to specify that the receipt and counting of ballots and notification of winners in biennial election contests will be handled by the secretary of state; and

(e) to provide the right to vote by absentee ballot in biennial or state elections, or in the primary elections therefor, or in city elections or town elections by official ballot?

Yes 187,127

No 89,226

GENERAL ELECTION SUMMARY BY COUNTIES November 2, 1976	CONSTITUTIONAL					
	Question No. 1		Question No. 2		Question No. 3	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Belknap	9394	4963	12246	2263	10059	4304
Carroll	6749	4046	8662	1665	7071	3291
Cheshire	13457	6950	17555	3366	15037	5464
Coos	7143	4547	9146	2243	7315	4118
Grafton	12949	7157	17821	3140	14435	6193
Hillsborough	50991	28534	33907	16662	49632	29068
Merrimack	22350	10814	28332	5046	23023	10652
Rockingham	34276	23389	49417	9471	36655	20996
Strafford	16058	9232	20830	4326	17166	8098
Sullivan	7577	3812	9806	1973	8174	3478
Totals	180944	103444	207722	50155	188567	95632

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Question No. 4		Question No. 5		Question No. 6		Question No. 7		Question No. 8	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
7989	5968	9316	4383	11909	2430	10131	2820	9790	4249
6033	4251	6577	3728	8726	1675	7503	2034	7075	3387
11167	9019	13708	5888	17598	3018	14937	3801	14528	5608
5291	5722	6551	4181	8987	2193	7313	2882	7428	3821
10786	9072	12886	6375	17147	3413	14491	3927	14192	5911
44356	32963	50206	25738	62579	16727	49204	21499	47858	26910
18590	13766	21371	10244	27137	5520	23838	6505	22938	9462
29220	27180	35532	20921	47007	10855	39063	12991	37970	18989
13056	11663	15977	8101	20362	4912	17559	5488	17255	7589
6053	5275	7391	3660	9787	1891	8150	2392	8093	3300
152541	124879	179515	93219	231239	52634	192189	64339	187127	89226

GENERAL ELECTION BELKNAP COUNTY November 2, 1976	CONSTITUTIONAL					
	Question No. 1		Question No. 2		Question No. 3	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alton	631	417	887	184	665	392
Barnstead	390	304	561	155	391	308
Belmont	603	402	836	184	664	351
Center Harbor	193	65	244	25	191	63
Gilford	1310	654	1715	291	1458	531
Gilmanton	395	230	532	115	395	246
Laconia—Ward 1	518	247	686	104	587	194
Laconia—Ward 2	545	280	679	136	593	213
Laconia—Ward 3	736	293	868	153	774	253
Laconia—Ward 4	451	269	592	118	497	211
Laconia—Ward 5	440	282	581	134	494	229
Laconia—Ward 6	753	378	959	169	778	331
Meredith	1144	517	1413	227	1176	433
New Hampton	308	125	393	54	306	132
Sanbornton	385	178	502	84	435	148
Tilton	592	322	798	130	655	269
Totals	9394	4963	12246	2263	10059	4304

GENERAL ELECTION CARROLL COUNTY November 2, 1976	CONSTITUTIONAL					
	Question No. 1		Question No. 2		Question No. 3	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Albany	75	44	108	16	78	41
Bartlett	384	214	547	86	401	230
Brookfield	136	70	173	35	136	72
Chatham	35	14	48	2	37	14
Conway	1297	826	1853	327	1412	710
Eaton	89	39	113	17	92	34
Effingham	121	82	178	33	141	63
Freedom	170	111	238	49	183	97
Hart's Location	8	3	10	3	10	3
Hale's Location	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jackson	164	92	233	34	187	69
Madison	243	145	225	93	194	114
Moultonborough	651	418	920	166	720	295
Ossipee	445	284	596	155	463	266
Sandwich	373	120	448	64	369	123
Tamworth	373	511	207	91	397	197
Tuftonboro	497	186	610	86	494	186
Wakefield	462	365	638	169	448	359
Wolfeboro	1226	522	1517	239	1309	418
Totals	6749	4046	8662	1665	7071	3291

AMENDMENTS

Question No. 4		Question No. 5		Question No. 6		Question No. 7		Question No. 8	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
569	464	627	393	849	205	694	250	677	356
317	369	390	279	564	144	431	194	415	282
474	517	587	362	811	193	647	241	643	331
179	75	187	71	228	38	205	35	194	64
1179	747	1297	585	1675	319	1416	339	1376	550
320	308	392	230	522	126	418	164	395	231
457	306	538	199	664	114	593	127	550	202
455	322	535	223	675	130	558	161	592	204
637	360	731	248	862	148	797	142	759	243
350	317	463	248	574	133	501	141	469	229
364	326	445	222	587	130	471	152	485	221
617	485	765	303	925	190	795	238	763	336
957	604	1080	448	1353	239	1189	269	1134	445
251	168	275	146	364	74	315	80	304	116
354	220	402	149	512	76	449	82	410	157
509	380	602	277	744	171	652	185	624	282
7989	5968	9316	4383	11909	2430	10131	2820	9790	4249

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Question No. 4		Question No. 5		Question No. 6		Question No. 7		Question No. 8	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
63	55	75	37	106	14	73	32	80	41
333	272	375	232	518	104	447	108	385	222
103	94	108	84	168	38	145	38	121	113
27	20	24	16	50	3	40	3	37	14
1191	903	1326	720	1805	368	1495	474	1417	706
76	47	84	40	105	21	94	20	87	33
98	99	114	79	176	27	128	51	129	72
144	144	170	106	250	36	206	58	189	88
12	1	10	3	13	—	8	3	10	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
168	88	175	74	223	38	210	28	182	79
226	151	247	122	322	70	271	85	252	132
564	495	661	374	917	179	755	225	699	357
395	313	436	260	581	140	502	145	478	251
328	159	347	129	451	59	385	77	378	126
357	209	387	378	286	100	422	114	419	185
448	223	499	160	600	85	506	117	471	198
393	387	373	416	649	153	516	185	472	324
1107	591	1166	498	1506	240	1300	271	1269	442
6033	4251	6577	3728	8726	1675	7503	2034	7075	3387

GENERAL ELECTION CHESHIRE COUNTY November 2, 1976	CONSTITUTIONAL					
	Question No. 1		Question No. 2		Question No. 3	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Alstead	311	147	412	68	356	105
Chesterfield	590	303	744	132	630	220
Dublin	357	152	495	58	405	116
Fitzwilliam	348	225	484	99	408	171
Gilsum	135	75	173	35	163	44
Harrisville	185	103	261	40	225	70
Hinsdale	537	465	807	198	650	349
Jaffrey	877	675	1273	311	981	577
Keene—Ward 1	848	328	1016	170	909	253
Keene—Ward 2	856	341	1023	191	915	260
Keene—Ward 3	766	465	987	175	933	266
Keene—Ward 4	1654	622	1955	334	1736	532
Keene—Ward 5	1072	446	1363	196	1200	342
Marlborough	498	180	569	109	534	147
Marlow	108	61	148	26	128	44
Nelson	133	56	167	30	150	53
Richmond	121	55	154	35	139	46
Rindge	456	322	670	141	506	293
Roxbury	47	21	50	17	53	15
Stoddard	145	74	183	41	155	67
Sullivan	116	69	158	36	126	66
Surry	150	70	175	54	169	66
Swanzy	1142	558	1553	281	1293	431
Troy	359	208	528	118	475	161
Walpole	840	415	1088	215	854	353
Westmoreland	310	157	416	58	358	109
Winchester	556	357	703	198	586	308
Totals	13457	6950	17555	3366	15037	5464