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| GENERAL ELECTION | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Register } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Deeds } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Register of Probate |  |  |
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| ROCKINGHAM COUNTY <br> November 2, 1976 |  |  | シ | \% | $\square$ -0.0 0 | E |
| 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 | , | 196 | 110 | 3 |
| Stratham ......... | 754 | 121 | 3 | 691 | 154 | 6 |
| Windham ........ | 874 | 796 | 19 | 772 | 874 | 14 |
| Totals | 37619 | 20894 | 858 | 34499 | 22445 | 877 |

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Register of Deeds - Candia - 1, Portsmouth Ward 4-1.
Register of Probate - Candia - 1, Portsmouth Ward 1-1, Portsmouth Ward 4-1.


| GENERAL <br> ELECTION | COUNTY COMMISSIONERS |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 1st District |  | 2nd District |  | 3rd District |  |
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| ROCKINGHAM COUNTY <br> November 2, 1976 | - | ' | \% |  | ~ | - |
| 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 |

[^0]|  | Sheriff |  | Attorney |  |  | Treasurer |  |  |
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| GENERAL <br> ELECTION <br> STRAFFORD COUNTY <br> November 2, 1976 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M } \\ & \text { シ } \\ & \text { ni } \\ & \text { Nu } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{\Xi} \\ & \dot{H} \\ & \dot{\omega} \\ & \tilde{N} \end{aligned}$ |  | - |  | F |
| Barrington | 790 | 515 | 651 | 529 | - | 638 | 519 | 39 |
| Dover-Ward I | 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 | - | , |
| Strafford | 395 | 143 | 376 | 124 | - | 376 | 135 | 4 |
| Totals | 14144 | 14875 | 11924 | 14551 | 7 | 13397 | 13175 | 438 |


| GENERAL <br> ELECTION | Register of Deeds |  | Register of Probate |  |  |
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| STRAFFORD COUNTY <br> November 2, 1976 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ј } \\ & \text { ब్ర } \\ & \text { సु } \end{aligned}$ | M | ت | Wِّ |
| 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 |


|  | COUNTY COMMISSIONERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| GENERAL <br> ELECTION <br> STRAFFORI) COUNTY <br> November 2, 1976 |  |  |  |  | $\square$ 0 0 0 0 0 |  | E. |
| Barrington | 564 | 690 | 596 | 532 | 620 | 465 | 55 |
| Dover-Ward 1 | 720 | 645 | - | 885 | 719 | 1215 | 5 |
| lover-Ward 2 | 534 | 382 | 1058 | 850 | 723 | 1215 | 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 | 31.5 | 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 |



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Sheriff - Plainfield - 2



## 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 <br> 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?

$$
\text { Yes } 180,944 \quad \text { No } 103,444
$$

## (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?

$$
\text { Yes 207,722 No } 50,155
$$

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?

$$
\text { Yes } 188,567 \quad \text { No } 95,632
$$

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?

$$
\text { Yes } 152,541 \quad \text { No } 124,879
$$

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?

$$
\text { Yes } 179,515 \quad \text { No } 93,219
$$

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?

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\text { Yes } 231,239 & \text { No } 52,634
\end{array}
$$

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?

$$
\text { Yes } 187,127 \text { No } 89,226
$$

| GENERAL | CONSTITUTIONAL |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Question No. 1 |  | Question No. 2 |  | Question No. 3 |  |
| SUMMARY BY COUNTIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Beiknap | 9394 | 4963 | 12246 | 2263 | 10059 | 4304 |
| Carroll | 6749 | 4046 | 8662 | 1665 | 7071 | 3291 |
| 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 | 34:8 |
| Totals | 180944 | 103444 | 207722 | 50155 | 188567 | 95632 |



| GENERAL ELECTION <br> BELKNAP COUNTY <br> 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 |



## AMENDMENTS

| Question No. 4 |  | Question No. 5 |  | Question No. 6 |  | Question No. 7 |  | Question No. 8 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 | 359 | 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 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |




| 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 |
| 260 | 188 | 313 | 135 | 415 | 50 | 337 | 90 | 347 | 116 |
| 486 | 342 | 574 | 238 | 757 | 105 | 609 | 155 | 599 | 237 |
| 310 | 198 | 353 | 144 | 451 | 69 | 409 | 64 | 374 | 135 |
| 300 | 260 | 356 | 180 | 504 | 82 | 390 | 131 | 377 | 197 |
| 90 | 107 | 129 | 66 | 172 | 32 | 135 | 42 | 139 | 58 |
| 158 | 129 | 202 | 79 | 247 | 46 | 217 | 60 | 220 | 23 |
| 452 | 529 | 581 | 379 | 786 | 206 | 634 | 267 | 671 | 334 |
| 784 | 756 | 904 | 565 | 1241 | 323 | 1015 | 386 | 984 | 551 |
| 715 | 429 | 837 | 295 | 1020 | 140 | 912 | 174 | 870 | 269 |
| 661 | 500 | 846 | 278 | 1013 | 156 | 921 | 174 | 877 | 289 |
| 706 | 614 | 887 | 318 | 1115 | 149 | 959 | 198 | 907 | 306 |
| 1313 | 895 | 1653 | 504 | 2014 | 277 | 1746 | 345 | 1693 | 522 |
| 889 | 605 | 1082 | 370 | 1356 | 194 | 1195 | 208 | 1161 | 348 |
| 386 | 276 | 463 | 171 | 599 | 91 | 496 | 107 | 486 | 158 |
| 82 | 82 | 108 | 51 | 145 | 27 | 117 | 35 | 121 | 45 |
| 101 | 86 | 127 | 60 | 177 | 25 | 148 | 32 | 138 | 51 |
| 74 | 122 | 122 | 57 | 163 | 18 | 144 | 31 | 123 | 52 |
| 377 | 400 | 468 | 295 | 622 | 175 | 526 | 197 | 519 | 262 |
| 37 | 32 | 39 | 28 | 53 | 12 | 43 | 17 | 50 | 15 |
| 117 | 99 | 124 | 88 | 192 | 30 | 145 | 54 | 139 | 85 |
| 84 | 101 | 116 | 69 | 154 | 39 | 123 | 52 | 125 | 64 |
| 126 | 90 | 145 | 66 | 188 | 32 | 156 | 42 | 162 | 62 |
| 949 | 712 | 1165 | 448 | 1476 | 234 | 1265 | 283 | 1197 | 473 |
| 332 | 278 | 401 | 204 | 526 | 75 | 437 | 134 | 440 | 169 |
| 704 | 531 | 877 | 346 | 1106 | 185 | 935 | 234 | 918 | 348 |
| 253 | 195 | 324 | 125 | 410 | 59 | 356 | 67 | 337 | 125 |
| 421 | 463 | 512 | 329 | 696 | 187 | 567 | 222 | 554 | 314 |
| 11167 | 9019 | 13708 | 5888 | 17598 | 3018 | 14937 | 3801 | 14528 | 5608 |


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

