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GENERAL ELECTION MERRIMACK COUNTY November 2, 1976	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS					
	1st District		2nd District		3rd District	
	McKenna, r	Holbrook, d	Ayotte, r	Gladu, Jr. d	Spaulding, r	Cartier, d
Allenstown	—	—	—	—	448	934
Andover	—	—	405	165	—	—
Boscawen	—	—	557	369	—	—
Bow	—	—	—	—	1167	386
Bradford	—	—	—	—	424	72
Canterbury	—	—	246	251	—	—
Chichester	—	—	313	166	—	—
Concord						
Ward 1	902	608	—	—	—	—
Ward 2	1249	559	—	—	—	—
Ward 3	746	334	—	—	—	—
Ward 4	732	592	—	—	—	—
Ward 5	579	384	—	—	—	—
Ward 6	593	516	—	—	—	—
Ward 7	1290	664	—	—	—	—
Ward 8	1220	648	—	—	—	—
Danbury	—	—	155	47	—	—
Dunbarton	—	—	—	—	310	126
Epsom	—	—	—	—	460	376
Franklin						
Ward 1	—	—	545	356	—	—
Ward 2	—	—	566	367	—	—
Ward 3	—	—	638	334	—	—
Henniker	—	—	—	—	697	269
Hill	—	—	162	60	—	—
Hooksett	—	—	—	—	1326	1030
Hopkinton	—	—	—	—	1310	379
Loudon	—	—	366	354	—	—
Newbury	—	—	—	—	326	68
New London	—	—	1088	222	—	—
Northfield	—	—	486	308	—	—
Pembroke	—	—	—	—	1036	873
Pittsfield	—	—	—	—	529	335
Salisbury	—	—	186	102	—	—
Sutton	—	—	—	—	337	107
Warner	—	—	—	—	567	172
Webster	—	—	212	106	—	—
Wilmot	—	—	170	76	—	—
Totals	7311	4305	6095	3283	8937	5127

Scatter:

2nd District — New London — 2

GENERAL ELECTION ROCKINGHAM COUNTY November 2, 1976	Sheriff		Attorney			Treasurer		
	Sampson, r	Pichowicz, d	Eldredge, r	Gillis, d	Scattered	Lothrop, r	Gonyer, d	Greider, l
Atkinson	612	820	770	502	—	747	462	13
Auburn	519	422	514	351	—	459	390	1
Brentwood	463	202	393	224	—	460	116	6
Candia	735	287	692	262	—	658	295	10
Chester	485	273	537	168	—	505	179	7
Danville	230	242	258	181	—	285	124	3
Deerfield	422	252	430	178	—	423	161	4
Derry	2703	2346	2916	1785	—	2855	1746	43
East Kingston	240	198	263	152	—	294	85	3
Epping	729	412	642	408	—	588	294	13
Exeter	2106	1976	2395	1484	—	2766	823	40
Fremont	385	127	340	81	—	351	94	1
Greenland	488	431	580	233	—	609	238	12
Hampstead	773	695	869	450	—	806	543	23
Hampton	2223	2132	1781	2561	—	2628	1196	52
Hampton Falls ...	455	231	405	260	—	485	122	—
Kensington	274	273	289	239	—	364	133	2
Kingston	839	692	911	459	—	941	354	12
Londonderry	1697	1412	1777	1097	—	1511	1333	—
New Castle	265	233	296	192	—	314	149	7
Newfields	204	150	224	121	—	240	80	5
Newington	184	153	200	120	—	189	95	10
Newmarket	553	898	710	799	—	668	744	40
Newton	583	489	577	378	1	619	276	14
North Hampton ..	797	692	800	654	—	981	342	22
Northwood	527	257	535	191	—	520	178	7
Nottingham	411	187	395	171	—	373	149	12
Plaistow	985	1005	1001	656	—	972	572	10
Portsmouth								
Ward 1	609	843	678	676	1	594	614	28
Ward 2	704	857	786	694	—	692	597	31
Ward 3	457	548	525	418	—	460	379	21
Ward 4	755	974	871	763	1	739	686	72
Ward 5	505	780	594	632	—	508	559	45
Ward 6	306	470	327	401	—	282	374	16
Raymond	992	650	973	505	—	924	472	24

GENERAL ELECTION ROCKINGHAM COUNTY November 2, 1976	Sheriff		Attorney			Treasurer		
	Sampson, r	Pichowicz, d	Eldredge, r	Gillis, d	Scattered	Lothrop, r	Gonyer, d	Greider, l
Rye	1207	925	1269	790	1	1318	530	103
Salem	3670	4772	3474	4200	—	3054	4247	73
Sandown	332	246	327	183	—	275	199	4
Seabrook	1030	898	866	939	—	1011	611	32
South Hampton ..	188	163	201	129	—	198	100	4
Stratham	555	365	632	308	—	676	139	10
Windham	983	809	965	697	—	837	781	16
Totals	33180	30787	33988	25692	4	34179	21561	851

Scattered:

Sheriff — Candia — 3, Danville — 1.

Treasurer — Candia — 1, Plaistow — 1.

GENERAL ELECTION	Register of Deeds			Register of Probate		
	Holland, r	Legare, d	Kay, l	Howard, r	Ford, d	Herman, l
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY						
November 2, 1976						
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

Scattered:

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

Scattered:

Sheriff — Plainfield — 2

GENERAL ELECTION	Register of Deeds		Register of Probate		
	LaForge, r	LaForge, d	MacWilliams, r	MacWilliams, d	Scattered
SULLIVAN COUNTY					
November 2, 1976					
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	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS					
	1st District		2nd District		3rd District	
	Nahil, r	Palmer, d	Woodhull, r	Woodhull, d	Olden, r	Sears, d
SULLIVAN COUNTY November 2, 1976						
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

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
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
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