

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

ELECTIONS - 1977
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SPECIAL ELECTION

DECEMBER 5, 1977

UNIFORM STATE PROPERTY TAX QUESTION

Do you wish to repeal the Uniform State Property Tax?

	YES	NO
Androscoggin	7,486	15,747
Aroostook	5,511	7,877
Cumberland	22,050	20,967
Franklin	2,636	2,729
Hancock	10,842	1,087
Kennebec	9,614	13,221
Knox	6,243	972
Lincoln	7,313	1,088
Oxford	5,940	3,540
Penobscot	16,287	7,940
Piscataquis	3,115	849
Sagadahoc	2,836	1,847
Somerset	4,951	3,080
Waldo	4,275	1,240
Washington	4,683	1,168
York	10,540	12,061
	<u>124,322</u>	<u>95,413</u>

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$30,000,000 for the Planning, Construction and Equipment of Pollution Abatement Facilities,' passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 2

"Shall 'An Act to authorize a bond issue in the amount of \$300,000 for use in conjunction with approximately \$600,000 to be raised by the Maine Maritime Academy for the renovation of Leavitt Hall at the academy,' as approved by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

	YES	NO	YES	NO
Androscoggin	12,659	9,853	9,030	13,310
Aroostook	6,900	6,233	5,459	7,601
Cumberland	28,215	13,510	22,435	19,512
Franklin	2,986	2,187	2,392	2,789
Hancock	6,194	5,069	5,583	5,793
Kennebec	13,393	8,482	10,141	11,622
Knox	3,821	2,917	3,490	3,302
Lincoln	4,389	3,501	3,810	4,091
Oxford	5,335	3,954	4,305	4,961
Penobscot	15,033	7,945	12,195	11,316
Piscataquis	2,043	1,765	1,652	2,204
Sagadahoc	2,864	1,699	2,160	2,388
Somerset	4,124	3,716	3,417	4,438
Waldo	3,085	2,255	2,419	2,955
Washington	2,627	2,913	2,345	3,186
York	12,092	10,040	9,679	12,607
	<u>125,760</u>	<u>86,039</u>	<u>100,512</u>	<u>112,075</u>

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO.3

"Shall 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,965,000 for the Construction and Renovations of Higher Education Facilities at the University of Maine,' as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be accepted?"

	YES	NO
Androscoggin	10,720	11,861
Aroostook	6,561	6,608
Cumberland	24,440	18,132
Franklin	2,628	2,639
Hancock	4,956	6,423
Kennebec	11,179	10,806
Knox	3,238	3,611
Lincoln	3,766	4,218
Oxford	4,452	4,884
Penobscot	12,160	11,656
Piscataquis	1,570	2,285
Sagadahoc	2,203	2,405
Somerset	3,247	4,690
Waldo	2,385	2,991
Washington	2,197	3,303
York	11,094	11,320
	<u>106,796</u>	<u>107,832</u>

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO.4

"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$3,748,000 for construction of an educational wing at Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a mechanicals building at Eastern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, a multipurpose instructional building at Northern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute and a building construction facility at Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute, as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

	YES	NO
	14,093	8,529
	8,286	4,912
	29,920	12,646
	3,191	2,068
	6,287	5,051
	13,722	8,238
	4,084	2,739
	4,832	3,126
	5,819	3,527
	15,429	8,241
	2,031	1,614
	2,844	1,726
	4,385	3,513
	3,111	2,274
	2,684	2,869
	<u>13,383</u>	<u>8,961</u>
	134,101	80,034

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO.5

"Shall, 'AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Energy Conservation Improvements for State-owned Buildings and Public School Buildings,' as passed by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature, be approved?"

	YES	NO
Androscoggin	13,172	9,038
Aroostook	7,914	5,155
Cumberland	28,994	12,985
Franklin	3,280	1,930
Hancock	6,527	4,759
Kennebec	13,612	8,197
Knox	4,157	2,571
Lincoln	4,659	3,217
Oxford	5,534	3,707
Penobscot	15,230	8,171
Piscataquis	2,118	1,537
Sagadahoc	2,771	1,721
Somerset	4,590	3,248
Waldo	2,922	2,426
Washington	2,885	2,623
York	13,149	8,893
	<u>131,514</u>	<u>80,178</u>

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO.6

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purposes set forth in 'AN ACT to Appropriate Money for Improvements to Airports and to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues in the Amount of \$1,800,000,' as passed by the 108th Legislature?"

	YES	NO
	12,807	9,563
	7,045	6,060
	27,352	14,902
	2,514	2,680
	5,497	5,715
	12,043	9,799
	3,916	2,900
	4,303	3,622
	4,449	4,804
	12,651	10,650
	1,632	1,998
	2,450	2,138
	3,592	4,229
	2,539	2,783
	2,580	2,955
	<u>11,375</u>	<u>10,793</u>
	116,745	95,591

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO.7

"Shall a bond issue be ratified for the purpose set forth in 'An Act to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$11,500,000 for the Highway and Bridge Improvement Program,' passed by the first regular session of the 108th Legislature?"

	YES	NO
Androscoggin	14,800	7,586
Aroostook	9,559	3,677
Cumberland	29,576	12,744
Franklin	3,526	1,742
Hancock	7,531	3,905
Kennebec	15,171	6,826
Knox	4,836	2,046
Lincoln	5,355	2,689
Oxford	6,480	2,891
Penobscot	18,079	5,648
Piscataquis	2,634	1,099
Sagadahoc	2,876	1,690
Somerset	5,473	2,462
Waldo	3,832	1,582
Washington	3,627	1,979
York	14,214	8,156
	<u>147,569</u>	<u>66,722</u>

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO.8

"Shall the State authorize bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to Establish a Maine Veterans Home, as enacted by the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature?"

	YES	NO
	13,875	8,670
	7,543	5,687
	25,330	16,951
	3,118	2,094
	5,453	5,898
	12,119	10,059
	3,559	3,277
	4,684	3,272
	6,146	3,222
	12,126	11,450
	1,879	1,787
	2,753	1,814
	4,445	3,472
	2,892	2,499
	3,109	2,524
	<u>12,805</u>	<u>9,477</u>
	121,836	92,153

(INITIATED BILL) (I.B. 1)

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 270

I. B. 1

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Taxation. Sent down for concurrence and 2,000 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 3742, 1st and 2nd paragraphs, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 2, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

It is the intent of the Legislature to provide at least 50% of the cost of operation of the public schools from General Fund revenue sources.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 3747, sub-§ 8, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 754, § 3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA § 451, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 5, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA § 452, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 660, § 5, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA § 453, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 754, § 6, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 36 MRSA § 453-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 754, § 7, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals the uniform state property tax and returns to the municipalities the authority to set the property tax rate for public school purposes.

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To the 108th Legislature of the State of Maine:

In accordance with Section 18 of Article IV, Part Third of the Constitution of the State of Maine, the undersigned electors of the State of Maine, qualified to vote for Governor, residing in said State, whose names have been certified, hereby respectfully propose to the Legislature for its consideration the following entitled bill: "AN ACT to Repeal the State Property Tax." The full text of said Act is printed on page 1 of this Petition.

The undersigned electors further request that should the Legislature not enact said measure without change, that said measure be referred to the People at a Special Election, ordered by proclamation of the Governor, to be held not less than four nor more than six months after such proclamation.

STATE OF MAINE

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AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STATE PROPERTY TAX

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 20 M.R.S.A. §3742, first and second paragraphs, as enacted by P.L. 1975, C. 660, §2 are repealed and the following enacted one in place thereof:

It is the intent of the Legislature to provide at least 50% of the cost of operation of the public schools from general fund revenue sources.

Sec. 2. 20 M.R.S.A. §3747[8] as enacted by P.L. 1975 C. 660, §2 and amended by P.L. 1975 C. 754, §3 is repealed.

Sec. 3. 36 M.R.S.A. §451[2] as enacted by P.L. 1975 C. 660, §5 is repealed.

Sec. 4. 36 M.R.S.A. §452 second paragraph as enacted by P.L. 1975, C. 660, §5 is repealed.

Sec. 5. 36 M.R.S.A. §453 as enacted by P.L. 1975, C. 660, §5 and P.L. 1975, C. 754, §6 is repealed.

Sec. 6. 36 M.R.S.A. §453-A, as enacted by P.L. 1975, C. 754, §7 is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill repeals the Uniform State Property Tax and returns to the municipalities the authority to set the property tax rate for public school purposes.