

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

Office of the Secretary of State

November 28, 2016 (amended December 1, 2016)

I, **Matthew Dunlap**, Secretary of State, in accordance with Title 21-A MRSA, Section 722, having tabulated the returns of the votes cast at the Referendum Election held on November 8, 2016, on the following Citizen Initiatives and Bond Issue,

REPORT AS FOLLOWS: In accordance with Title 21-A MRSA, Section 711, having tabulated the total number of state ballots cast, the number of voters participating in this election is 771,708:

Question 1: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?

Number of Votes in Favor	381,647
Number of Votes Opposed	377,574*

* These are election night totals. A recount requested for this ballot measure is scheduled to begin December 15, 2016. At this time, the election remains in dispute.

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to add a 3% tax on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?

Number of Votes in Favor	383,428
Number of Votes Opposed	373,848**

** These are election night totals are now the final results. A recount requested for this ballot measure is scheduled to begin December 1, 2016. At this time, the election remains in dispute. Although a recount was requested for this ballot measure, the request was withdrawn on November 29, 2016, prior to the start of the recount.

Question 3: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?

Number of Votes in Favor	366,770
Number of Votes Opposed	394,157

Question 4: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of \$7.50 to \$9 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases up to \$12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to \$5 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?

Number of Votes in Favor	420,892
Number of Votes Opposed	337,486

Question 5: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?

Number of Votes in Favor 388,273
Number of Votes Opposed 356,621

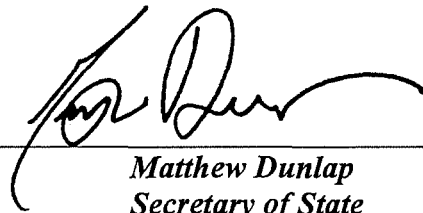
Question 6: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds?

Number of Votes in Favor 457,864
Number of Votes Opposed 290,062


I, **Matthew Dunlap**, Secretary of State, hereby certify that the foregoing report is a true tabulation of the votes cast at the Referendum Election, as reported to me on the returns from the cities, towns and plantations of the State.





Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

Received by the Governor



Paul R. LePage
Governor