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## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Questions submitted to the qualified voters of New Hampshire, February 24, 1976, together with the votes on each question:

**(Questions proposed by the 1974 Constitutional Convention)**

1. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide that the governor shall have ten days, instead of five, to act on legislation submitted to him, and 'o provide that the governor shall recall the legislature for the sole purpose of reconsidering any bills he has vetoed after it had adjourned and to allow pay and mileage to the legislature at the same rate payable at special sessions?

Yes 75,534 No 104,594

2. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to allow the legislature to call itself into special session with customary pay and mileage by a majority vote of each house instead of a two-thirds of each house?

Yes 63,973 No 115,800

3. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to eliminate the authority of the governor to prorogue (that is, to extend) the recess of the legislature for up to ninety days?

Yes 77,899 No 99,714

4. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide that all legislators, for actual daily attendance on legislative days in regular or special session, shall be compensated at the computed daily rate of the salary established for the lowest grade classified state employee and that the presiding officers shall also be compensated when attending to legislative business on non-legislative days; and that all legislators shall receive mileage payments at the same rate as paid to state employees?

Yes 78,511 No 97,941

5. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide that when the office of governor is vacant, when the governor determines that he is unwilling or unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, or when the supreme court upon motion of a majority of the executive council and after hearing determines that the governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the senior member of the council shall function as governor?

Yes 92,373 No 84,401

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**(Question proposed by the 1975 General Court)**

6. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to allow district courts to try persons for crimes committed in a county other than the county where the court sits, with the result that the legislature could create district courts containing towns and cities located in more than one county?

Yes 98,498 No 74,708

SUMMARY BY COUNTIES Feb. 24, 1976	CONSTITUTIONAL			
	Question No. 1		Question No. 2	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Belknap .....	3602	5505	3234	6044
Carroll .....	2891	3957	2343	4415
Cheshire .....	6473	6013	6067	6574
Coos .....	3976	5140	3231	5833
Grafton .....	6103	7367	5527	7904
Hillsborough .....	17111	31307	13215	35369
Merrimack .....	9018	12648	8324	13429
Rockingham .....	16154	19549	12876	22466
Strafford .....	6696	9256	6008	9614
Sullivan .....	3510	3852	3148	4152
Totals .....	75534	104594	63973	115800

## AMENDMENTS

Question No. 3		Question No. 4		Question No. 5		Question No. 6	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
3841	5081	3975	4970	4879	4108	4795	3989
2713	3970	3015	3579	3604	3023	3488	3039
6600	5798	7093	5247	7910	4286	7715	4407
3770	5107	3989	4854	4981	3902	4748	3934
6303	6841	7005	6114	7269	5837	7791	5107
19308	29090	17369	30462	20921	26996	24624	22007
10432	10989	9936	11485	11370	10039	12142	8675
14225	20649	15967	19480	18550	16187	20085	14113
7142	8581	7326	8453	8488	7217	8564	6790
3565	3608	3836	3297	4401	2806	4546	2647
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DIRECT  
PRIMARY

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September 14, 1976

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# DIRECT PRIMARY, 1976

Persons voted for at a primary, who received a plurality of all the votes cast by a party, shall be candidates of that party for the office designated in the ballot. — RSA 56:53.

The direct primary election was held September 14, 1976, with candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties participating.

In the summary immediately following are the full names and residences of the candidates, also their total votes. Then follow tables carrying the vote in detail and giving only the last names of the candidates.

The first tables give by counties the vote for Governor. The next tables give by districts the votes for Representatives in Congress, the votes for Councilors, and the votes for State Senators. Then follow the tables showing the votes for county offices, and recounts after the Primary.

## SUMMARY

### DIRECT PRIMARY VOTE

Republican Ballots Cast .....	80,721
Republican Absentee Ballots Cast .....	3,529
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Total Republican Ballots Cast .....	84,250
Democratic Ballots Cast .....	54,954
Democratic Absentee Ballots Cast .....	2,595
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Total Democratic Ballots Cast .....	57,549
For Governor:	
Ralph Brewster, Pittsfield, r .....	2,257
Meldrim Thomson, Jr., Orford, r .....	52,968
Gerard J. Zeiller, Hanover, r .....	26,728
Carmen C. Chimento, Brookline, r .....	2
James A. Connor, Manchester, r .....	108
Hugh J. Gallen, Littleton, r .....	161
Harry V. Spanos, Newport, r .....	160
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Total vote, r .....	82,384
Carmen C. Chimento, Brookline, d .....	1,242
James A. Connor, Manchester, d .....	15,758
Hugh J. Gallen, Littleton, d .....	13,629
Harry V. Spanos, Newport, d .....	21,589
Ralph Brewster, Pittsfield, d .....	1
Meldrim Thomson, Jr., Orford, d .....	1,285
Gerard J. Zeiller, Hanover, d .....	90
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Total vote, d .....	53,594

## For Representative in Congress:

## First District:

John Adams, Exeter, r .....	12,195
Richard I. Ellis, Greenland, r .....	5,202
Edward E. Hewson, Windham, r .....	7,944
Calvin Warburton, Raymond, r .....	5,670
Norman E. D'Amours, Manchester, r .....	78

Total vote, r .....	31,089
Norman E. D'Amours, Manchester, d .....	25,381
John Adams, Exeter, d .....	1
Richard I. Ellis, Greenland, d .....	1
Edward E. Hewson, Windham, d .....	15
Calvin Warburton, Raymond, d .....	5

Total vote, d .....	25,403
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## Second District:

James C. Cleveland, New London, r .....	38,182
Richard H. Diotte, Concord, r .....	8
J. Joseph Grandmaison, Nashua, r .....	108

Total vote, r .....	38,298
Richard H. Diotte, Concord, d .....	4,692
J. Joseph Grandmaison, Nashua, d .....	17,570
James C. Cleveland, New London, d .....	151

Total vote, d .....	22,413
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## For Councilor:

## First District:

Raymond S. Burton, Bath, r .....	8,490
Richard J. Coney, Sr., Bethlehem, r .....	4,910
John Dominic, Belmont, r .....	2,334
Albert E. Paquette, Conway, r .....	3,779
Robert J. Crowley, Plymouth, r .....	3

Total vote, r .....	19,516
Robert J. Crowley, Plymouth, d .....	6,383
Raymond S. Burton, Bath, d .....	51
Richard J. Coney, Sr., Bethlehem, d .....	17
John Dominic, Belmont, d .....	18
Albert E. Paquette, Conway, d .....	3

Total vote, d .....	6,472
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## Second District:

Michael G. Little, Concord, r .....	2,247
Malcolm McLane, Concord, r .....	7,590
Roger A. Smith, Concord, r .....	3,456
D. Weldon Thompson, Northfield, r .....	3,612



Robert Nichols, Hopkinton, r .....	1
Total vote, r .....	16,906
Robert Nichols, Hopkinton, d .....	6,478
Michael G. Little, Concord, d .....	27
Malcolm McLane, Concord, d .....	32
Roger A. Smith, Concord, d .....	16
D. Weldon Thompson, Northfield, d .....	7
Total vote, d .....	6,560
Third District:	
M. Edna Lamontagne, Salem, r .....	337
Richard S. Lockhart, New Castle, r .....	3,225
Vesta M. Roy, Salem, r .....	3,729
Geraldine F. Sylvester, Dover, r .....	3,055
Arthur Tufts, Exeter, r .....	2,962
Dudley W. Dudley, Durham, r .....	2
Austin F. Quinney, Exeter, r .....	3
Total vote, r .....	13,313
Dudley W. Dudley, Durham, d .....	5,140
Austin F. Quinney, Exeter, d .....	3,521
Richard S. Lockhart, New Castle, d .....	7
Vesta M. Roy, Salem, d .....	7
Geraldine F. Sylvester, Dover, r .....	29
Arthur Tufts, Exeter, r .....	4
Total vote, d .....	8,708
Fourth District:	
Louis D'Allesandro, Manchester, r .....	9,765
Paul E. Landry, Manchester, r .....	2
John L. MacDonald, Manchester, r .....	6
Robert M. Sowa, Manchester, r .....	42
Andre A. Verville, Manchester, r .....	12
Total vote, r .....	9,827
Paul E. Landry, Manchester, d .....	2,225
John L. MacDonald, Manchester, d .....	3,296
Robert M. Sowa, Manchester, d .....	3,440
Andre A. Verville, Manchester, d .....	5,355
Louis D'Allesandro, Manchester, d .....	23
Total vote, d .....	14,339
Fifth District:	
William C. English, Milford, r .....	4,876
Bernard A. Streeter, Jr., Nashua, r .....	7,801
Gerry Morin, Sr., Keene, r .....	18
Total vote, r .....	12,695

Gerry Morin, Sr., Keene, d .....	4,742
Stuart V. Nims, Keene, d .....	2,463
William C. English, Milford, d .....	4
Bernard A. Streeter, Jr., Nashua, d .....	24
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Total vote, d .....	7,233
For State Senator:	
First District:	
Oneil J. Croteau, Dummer, r .....	222
Laurier Lamontagne, Berlin, r .....	401
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Total vote, r .....	623
Oneil J. Croteau, Dummer, d .....	1,394
Laurier Lamontagne, Berlin, d .....	1,707
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Total vote, d .....	3,101
Second District:	
Robert Keating, Woodstock, r .....	1,737
Andrew W. Poulsen, Littleton, r .....	3,746
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Total vote, r .....	5,483
Richard L. Bouley, Littleton, d .....	1,116
Robert Keating, Woodstock, d .....	24
Andrew W. Poulsen, Littleton, d .....	28
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Total vote, d .....	1,168
Third District:	
Stephen W. Smith, Plymouth, r .....	5,395
Stephen W. Smith, Plymouth, d .....	70
Fourth District:	
Edith B. Gardner, Gilford, r .....	2,771
James H. Parshley, New Durham, r .....	1,299
George Bourgoine, Laconia, r .....	1
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Total vote, r .....	4,071
George Bourgoine, Laconia, d .....	1,093
Edith B. Gardner, Gilford, d .....	14
James H. Parshley, New Durham, d .....	2
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Total vote, d .....	1,109
Fifth District:	
David Hammond Bradley, Hanover, r .....	2,881
Willard G. Gowen, Wentworth, r .....	1,445
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Total vote, r .....	4,326
David J. Bradley, Hanover, d .....	1,676
David Hammond Bradley, Hanover, d .....	12
Willard G. Gowen, Wentworth, d .....	7
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Total vote, d .....	1,695

## Sixth District:

Julie M. Brown, Rochester, r	1,198
Louis E. Bergeron, Rochester, r	18

Total vote, r	1,216
Louis E. Bergeron, Rochester, d	1,714
Julie M. Brown, Rochester, d	2

Total vote, d	1,716
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## Seventh District:

Alf E. Jacobson, New London, r	3,936
Richard E. Howard, Antrim, d	1,218
Alf E. Jacobson, New London, d	4

Total vote, d	1,222
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## Eighth District:

James A. Saggiotes, Newport, r	2,490
Elbert I. Bicknell, Claremont, d	2,014
James A. Saggiotes, Newport, d	32

Total vote, d	2,046
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## Ninth District:

Robert B. Monier, Goffstown, r	3,397
Edward J. Silva, Merrimack, d	1,839
Robert B. Monier, Goffstown, d	17

Total vote, d	1,856
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## Tenth District:

Clesson J. Blaisdell, Keene, r	163
Clesson J. Blaisdell, Keene, d	1,779

## Eleventh District:

C. R. Trowbridge, Dublin, r	3,471
C. R. Trowbridge, Dublin, d	39

## Twelfth District:

D. Alan Rock, Nashua, r	2,815
Stanwood J. Newson, Amherst, d	1,232
D. Alan Rock, Nashua, d	5

Total vote, d	1,237
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## Thirteenth District:

Donald C. Davidson, Nashua, r	700
John H. McLaughlin, Nashua, r	4

Total vote, r	704
Francis X. Donovan, Nashua, d	890
John H. McLaughlin, Nashua, d	1,234
Donald C. Davidson, Nashua, d	5

Total vote, d	2,129
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## Fourteenth District:

Phyllis M. Keeney, Hudson, r .....	900
Vance R. Kelly, Londonderry, r .....	602
Marian D. Woodruff, Nashua, r .....	13

Total vote, r .....	1,515
Edmund J. Boutin, Londonderry, d .....	474
Roland F. LaRose, Nashua, d .....	784
Marian D. Woodruff, Nashua, d .....	763
Phyllis M. Keeney, Hudson, d .....	6
Vance R. Kelly, Londonderry, d .....	1

Total vote, d .....	2,028
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## Fifteenth District:

Albert A. Foy, Jr., Concord, r .....	490
Elizabeth S. Hager, Concord, r .....	1,164
Barbara J. Underwood, Concord, r .....	1,312
Robert H. Whitaker, Concord, r .....	1,756

Total vote, r .....	4,722
Mary Louise Hancock, Concord, d .....	1,124
Arthur E. Lassonde, Concord, d .....	468
Albert A. Foy, Jr., Concord, d .....	4
Elizabeth S. Hager, Concord, d .....	16
Barbara J. Underwood, Concord, d .....	31
Robert H. Whitaker, Concord, d .....	6

Total vote, d .....	1,649
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## Sixteenth District:

Norman A. Packard, Manchester, r .....	3,003
Robert A. Gonyer, Sr., Hooksett, d .....	971
Walter F. Healy, Manchester, d .....	1,677
Norman A. Packard, Manchester, d .....	1

Total vote, d .....	2,649
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## Seventeenth District:

Mary Louise Fernald, Nottingham, r .....	1,069
William E. Sanborn, Deerfield, r .....	2,083

Total vote, r .....	3,152
Barbara F. Shea, Manchester, d .....	2,341
William E. Sanborn, Deerfield, d .....	15

Total vote, d .....	2,356
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## Eighteenth District:

William D. Ravgiala, Jr., Manchester, r .....	794
C. Edward Bourassa, Manchester, d .....	1,723
Paul E. Provost, Manchester, d .....	1,963

Total vote, d .....	3,686
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## Nineteenth District:

Ward B. Brown, Hampstead, r	3,370
Ellen M. Cressy, South Hampton, d	1,228
Ward B. Brown, Hampstead, d	6

Total vote, d	1,234
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## Twentieth District:

Robert F. Bossie, Manchester, r	17
Robert F. Bossie, Manchester, d	3,192

## Twenty-first District:

Laurence P. Keenan, Dover, r	2,185
Robert Fennelly, Dover, d	2,140
Laurence P. Keenan, Dover, d	10

Total votes, d	2,150
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## Twenty-second District:

Elmer E. Bussey, Salem, r	574
John H. Sununu, Salem, r	1,685

Total votes, r	2,259
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Delbert F. Downing, Salem, d	1,730
John H. Sununu, Salem, d	9

Total vote, d	1,739
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## Twenty-third District:

John C. Munroe, Exeter, r	3,230
Robert F. Preston, Hampton, d	1,748
John C. Munroe, Exeter, d	1

Total vote, d	1,749
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## Twenty-fourth District:

John F. Hodgdon, New Castle, r	1,491
Eileen Foley, Portsmouth, d	1,499

## BELKNAP COUNTY

## For Sheriff:

Donald C. Alden, Alton, r	4,608
Donald C. Alden, Alton, d	127

## For Attorney:

Peter Makris, Laconia, r	4,243
Peter Makris, Laconia, d	35

## For Treasurer:

H. Max Wakeman, Jr., Laconia, r	4,368
H. Max Wakeman, Jr., Laconia, d	10

## For Register of Deeds:

Everett D. Wheeler, Laconia, r	4,208
Everett D. Wheeler, Laconia, d	31

## For Register of Probate:

Dorothea R. Conly, Laconia, r	4,246
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Dorothea R. Conly, Laconia, d .....	29
For Commissioners:	
First District:	
Norman R. Brough, Laconia, r .....	1,178
Dean Dexter, Laconia, r .....	2,532
Arlene T. Dodge, Laconia, r .....	988
Medora M. Hamilton, Laconia, r .....	3
Total vote, r .....	4,701
Medora M. Hamilton, Laconia, d .....	889
Norman R. Brough, Laconia, d .....	26
Dean Dexter, Laconia, d .....	116
Arlene T. Dodge, Laconia, d .....	3
Total vote, d .....	1,034
Second District:	
John E. Grant, Sanbornton, r .....	1,463
Bradbury E. Sprague, Meredith, r .....	2,702
Total vote, r .....	4,165
Alfred C. Warthen, New Hampton, d .....	878
John E. Grant, Sanbornton, d .....	1
Bradbury E. Sprague, Meredith, d .....	1
Total vote, d .....	880
Third District:	
Henry T. Spear, Gilford, r .....	3,988
Henry T. Spear, Gilford, d .....	5

## CARROLL COUNTY

For Sheriff:	
Grant A. Floyd, Sandwich, r .....	2,948
Earl R. Fullerton, Ossipee, r .....	2,205
Robert E. Glassford, Jr., Tamworth, r .....	109
E. J. Martikke, Jr., Brookfield, r .....	148
Total vote, r .....	5,410
Grant A. Floyd, Sandwich, d .....	178
Earl R. Fullerton, Ossipee, d .....	208
Robert E. Glassford, Jr., Tamworth, d .....	3
E. J. Martikke, Jr., Brookfield, d .....	2
Total vote, d .....	391
For Attorney:	
Frederic L. Cox, Ossipee, r .....	2,521
Robert B. Dickson, Conway, r .....	960
O. Lee Gregory, Conway, r .....	523
William P. Shea, Wakefield, r .....	1,314
Total vote, r .....	5,318

Frederic L. Cox, Ossipee, d .....	122
Robert B. Dickson, Conway, d .....	64
O. Lee Gregory, Conway, d .....	18
William P. Shea, Wakefield, d .....	137
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Total vote, d .....	341
For Treasurer:	
G. Colby Weeks, Freedom, r .....	4,624
G. Colby Weeks, Freedom, d .....	11
For Register of Deeds:	
Percy A. Blake, Madison, r .....	4,811
Percy A. Blake, Madison, d .....	7
For Register of Probate:	
Ruth C. Eckhoff, Ossipee, r .....	4,645
Ruth C. Eckhoff, Ossipee, d .....	9
Virginia White, Sandwich, d .....	22
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Total vote, d .....	31
For Commissioners:	
E. Morton Leavitt, Ossipee, r .....	3,705
Milburn F. Roberts, Conway, r .....	3,693
Gordon O. Thayer, Tuftonboro, r .....	3,718
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Total vote, r .....	11,116
Donald M. Ekberg, Conway, d .....	455

### CHESHIRE COUNTY

For Sheriff:	
Kenneth N. Lysitt, Keene, r .....	4,329
George W. Schnyer, Keene, r .....	1,675
Warren W. Dearth, Keene, r .....	23
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Total vote, r .....	6,027
Warren W. Dearth, Keene, d .....	1,356
Kenneth N. Lysitt, Keene, d .....	1,167
George W. Schnyer, Keene, d .....	130
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Total vote, d .....	2,653
For Attorney:	
Edward J. O'Brien, Keene, r .....	5,345
R. J. Shortlidge, Jr., Keene, r .....	33
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Total vote, r .....	5,378
R. J. Shortlidge, Jr., Keene, d .....	2,643
Edward J. O'Brien, Keene, d .....	38
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Total vote, d .....	2,681
For Treasurer:	
Warren G. Allen, Chesterfield, r .....	5,098

Anna Bemis, Swanzey, d .....	2,494
Warren G. Allen, Chesterfield, d .....	3
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Total vote, d .....	2,497
For Register of Deeds:	
Evelyn S. Hubal, Keene, r .....	5,160
Calvin J. Anderson, Dublin, d .....	2,532
Evelyn S. Hubal, Keene, d .....	21
Total vote, d .....	2,553
For Register of Probate:	
Phyllis J. Parker, Keene, r .....	5,327
Beatrice L. Davey, Walpole, d .....	2,376
Phyllis J. Parker, Keene, d .....	14
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Total vote, d .....	2,390
For Commissioners:	
First District:	
David G. Adams, Westmoreland, r .....	845
Richard W. Louis, Chesterfield, r .....	488
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Total vote, r .....	1,333
Brian E. Bishopric, Westmoreland, d .....	479
David G. Adams, Westmoreland, d .....	10
Richard W. Louis, Chesterfield, d .....	1
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Total vote, d .....	490
Third District:	
Harold E. Savage, Rindge, r .....	2,070
Francis C. Gutoski, Winchester, d .....	818
Harold E. Savage, Rindge, d .....	1
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Total vote, d .....	819

## COOS COUNTY

For Sheriff:	
Emile A. Martineau, Stark, r .....	2,510
Emile A. Martineau, Stark, d .....	492
For Attorney:	
Pierre J. Morin, Berlin, r .....	2,509
Raymond K. Clement, Northumberland, r .....	9
Thomas J. Cote, Gorham, r .....	19
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Total vote, r .....	2,537
Raymond K. Clement, Northumberland, d .....	650
Thomas J. Cote, Gorham, d .....	2,087
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Total vote, d .....	2,737
For Treasurer:	
John D. Morton, Sr., Berlin, r .....	2,516



John D. Morton, Sr., Berlin, d .....	25
For Register of Deeds:	
Warren A. Bartlett, Lancaster, r .....	2,640
Warren A. Bartlett, Lancaster, d .....	154
For Register of Probate:	
A. Gladys MacLean, Lancaster, r .....	2,644
A. Gladys MacLean, Lancaster, d .....	191
For Commissioners:	
First District:	
Rene R. Bergeron, Berlin, r .....	80
Marie C. Hawkinson, Berlin, r .....	203
Total vote, r .....	283
Rene R. Bergeron, Berlin, d .....	1,001
Marie C. Hawkinson, Berlin, d .....	1,363
Total vote, d .....	2,364
Second District:	
Thomas R. Corrigan, Lancaster, r .....	924
Thomas R. Corrigan, Lancaster, d .....	19
Third District:	
Norman S. Brungot, Colebrook, r .....	519
Norman S. Brungot, Colebrook, d .....	15

### GRAFTON COUNTY

For Sheriff:	
Herbert W. Ash, Campton, r .....	7,533
Herbert W. Ash, Campton, d .....	275
For Attorney:	
John M. A. Rolli, Bethlehem, r .....	6,724
Joseph F. Daschbach, Hanover, r .....	5
Total vote, r .....	6,729
Joseph F. Daschbach, Hanover, d .....	1,842
John M. A. Rolli, Bethlehem, d .....	17
Total vote, d .....	1,859
For Treasurer:	
Willard G. Bromage, Jr., Lisbon, r .....	6,748
Willard G. Bromage, Jr., Lisbon, d .....	14
For Register of Deeds:	
Constance E. Johnson, Wentworth, r .....	2,055
Charles A. Wood, Haverhill, r .....	5,412
Total vote, r .....	7,467
Constance E. Johnson, Wentworth, d .....	5
Charles A. Wood, Haverhill, d .....	47
Total vote, d .....	52