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**Officers Elected by Joint Assembly After Failure to Achieve Majority**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Governor</b>	<b>Lt. Governor</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Sec. of State</b>	<b>Auditor</b>	<b>AG</b>
1778*		X	X			
1781*		X				
1782*		X				
1784*			X			
1785*			X			
1786*		X	X			
<a href="#">1789</a>	X					
1790*		X				
1796*		X				
1797*	X					
<a href="#">1800</a>			X			
<a href="#">1813</a>	X	X				
<a href="#">1814</a>	X	X				
<a href="#">1830</a>	X	X				
<a href="#">1831</a>	X	X				
<a href="#">1832</a>	X	X				
<a href="#">1834</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1835</a>	X					
<a href="#">1837</a>			X			
<a href="#">1841</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1843</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1845</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1846</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1847</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1848</a>	X	X	X			

<a href="#">1849</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1852</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1853</a>	X	X	X			
<a href="#">1902</a>	X	X				
<a href="#">1912</a>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">1974</a>		X	X		X	X
<a href="#">1976</a>		X				
<a href="#">1986</a>	X					
<a href="#">1998</a>		X				
<a href="#">2002</a>	X	X				

**\*Official votes of these elections have not been preserved. The 1797 Assembly Journal mentions that the governor was chosen by a joint committee of the council and general assembly.**

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**1789: Governor**

**Moses Robinson was elected in "Grand Committee" after no candidate received a majority. The incumbent, Thomas Chittenden, had received 1,263 votes out of 2,865 (44.1%), with Moses Robinson 746 (26%), among others.**

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**1800: Treasurer**

**Comments: No candidate received a majority of votes for Treasurer in the 1800 election. On October 11th, 1800 the Governor and Council met with the House of Representatives and elected Benjamin Swan to be Treasurer for the ensuing year.**

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**1813: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>33,965</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>16,983</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Martin Chittenden had:</b>	<b>16,532</b>	<b>48.7%</b>
<b>Jonas Galusha had:</b>	<b>16,828</b>	<b>49.5%</b>

**Comments: Jonas Galusha fell 155 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1813. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Chittenden was elected on the first ballot, receiving 112 of 223 ballots cast (50.2%). Galusha received 111 (49.7%). There was a controversy over one disputed ballot for Galusha (See Assembly Journal, pp. 15-16).**

**1813: Lieutenant Governor**

**No evidence was found, except that William Chamberlin was chosen by the General Assembly to fill the office.**

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**1814: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast</b>	<b>35,328</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>17,665</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Martin Chittenden had:</b>	<b>17,466</b>	<b>49.4%</b>
<b>Jonas Galusha had:</b>	<b>17,411</b>	<b>49.3%</b>

**Comments:** Martin Chittenden fell 199 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1814. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Chittenden was elected on the first ballot, receiving 124 of 218 ballots cast (56.4%). Galusha received 96 (44.0%), with one scattered vote.

**1814: Lieutenant Governor**

**Comments:** No records on the popular vote. We do know that the joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. William Chamberlin was elected to the office with 118 of 209 (56.5%), his opponent Brigham receiving 91 (43.5%).

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**1830: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>30,721</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>15,361</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Samuel Crafts had:</b>	<b>13,476</b>	<b>43.8%</b>
<b>William Palmer had:</b>	<b>10,923</b>	<b>35.6%</b>
<b>Ezra Meech had:</b>	<b>6,285</b>	<b>20.5%</b>

**Comments: Samuel Crafts fell 1,885 votes short of a majority in the General Elections of 1830. The joint assembly convened on October 18 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Crafts was elected on the 32nd ballot, receiving 115 of 225 ballots cast (51.1%). Palmer received 80 (35.5%), and Bradley 38 (16.9%), with 5 scattering votes.**

**1830: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>29,778</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>14,890</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Mark Richards had:</b>	<b>12,779</b>	<b>42.8%</b>
<b>Lebbeus Egerton had:</b>	<b>10,594</b>	<b>35.5%</b>
<b>John Roberts had:</b>	<b>6,405</b>	<b>21.5%</b>

**Comments: Mark Richards fell 2,111 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1830. The joint assembly convened on October 18 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Richards was elected on the third ballot, receiving 117 of 211 ballots cast (55.5%). Egerton received 57 (27.0%) , and Roberts 37 (17.5%).**

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**1831: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>34,676</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>17,339</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>William Palmer had:</b>	<b>15,258</b>	<b>44.0%</b>
<b>Heman Allen had:</b>	<b>12,990</b>	<b>37.5%</b>
<b>Ezra Meech had:</b>	<b>6,158</b>	<b>17.8%</b>

**Comments:** William Palmer fell 2,081 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1831. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Palmer was elected on the 9th ballot, receiving 114 of 227 ballots cast (50.2%). Allen received 36 (15.9%), Crafts 35 (15.4%), and Meech 42 (18.5%).

Note that Samuel Crafts received 35 legislative votes although he was not one of the top three finishers in the General Election.

**1831: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>34,099</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>17,050</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Lebbeus Egerton had:</b>	<b>15,190</b>	<b>44.5%</b>
<b>Jedediah Harris had:</b>	<b>12,736</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
<b>John Roberts had:</b>	<b>6,127</b>	<b>18.0%</b>

**Comments:** Lebbeus Egerton fell 1,860 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1831. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Egerton was elected on the first ballot, an election which was decided before that of Governor, receiving 110 of 219 ballots cast (50.2%). Harris received 60 (27.4%), and Roberts 40 (18.3%).

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**1832: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>41,074</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>20,537</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>William Palmer had:</b>	<b>17,318</b>	<b>42.2%</b>
<b>Samuel Crafts had:</b>	<b>15,499</b>	<b>37.8%</b>
<b>Ezra Meech had:</b>	<b>8,210</b>	<b>20.0%</b>

**Comments:** William Palmer fell 3,220 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1832. The joint assembly convened on October 12 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Palmer was elected on the 43rd ballot, receiving 111 of 221 ballots cast (50.2%). Crafts received 72 (32.6%), and Meech 37 (16.7%).

There is a valuable discussion by members of the Supreme Court in Governor and Council VIII, 278 on the tenure of the executive office, an early query from the assembly on whether they couldn't just elect a Lieutenant Governor.

**1832: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>40,935</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>20,468</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Lebbeus Egerton had:</b>	<b>17,181</b>	<b>41.9</b>
<b>Jedediah Harris had:</b>	<b>15,304</b>	<b>37.4</b>
<b>John Roberts had:</b>	<b>8,439</b>	<b>20.6</b>

**Comments:** Lebbeus Egerton fell 3,287 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1832. The joint assembly convened on October 12 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Egerton was elected on the 14th ballot, an election which was decided before that of Governor, receiving 111 of 219 ballots cast (50.7%). Harris received 66 (30.3%), and Meech 40 (18.3%).

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**1834: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>37,759</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>18,880</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>William Palmer had:</b>	<b>17,131</b>	<b>45.3</b>
<b>William Bradley had:</b>	<b>10,385</b>	<b>27.5</b>
<b>Horatio Seymour had:</b>	<b>10,159</b>	<b>26.9</b>

**Comments:** William Palmer fell 1,749 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1834. The joint assembly convened on October 10 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Palmer was elected on the first ballot, receiving 126 of 168 ballots cast (74.5%). Seymour withdrew his name prior to balloting.

**1834: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>37,579</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Lebbeus Egerton had:</b>	<b>17,069</b>	<b>45.4%</b>
<b>Truman Chittenden had:</b>	<b>10,408</b>	<b>27.7%</b>
<b>Samuel Clark had:</b>	<b>9,978</b>	<b>26.6%</b>

**Comments:** Lebbeus Egerton fell 1,631 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1834. The joint assembly convened on October 10 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Egerton was elected on the first ballot, receiving 1124 of 214 ballots cast (53.3%). Chittenden received 28 (13%) and Clark 69 (32.2%).

**1834: Treasurer**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>37,458</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>18,730</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Augustine Clark had:</b>	<b>17,063</b>	<b>45.6%</b>
<b>Charles Cleaves had:</b>	<b>10,337</b>	<b>27.6%</b>
<b>John Spaulding had:</b>	<b>9,903</b>	<b>26.4%</b>

**Comments: Augustine Clark fell 1,667 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1834. The joint assembly convened on October 10 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. Clark was elected on the first ballot, receiving 111 of 207 ballots cast (53.6%). Cleaves received 19 (9.2%), and Spaulding 76 (36.7%).**

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**1835: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>34,953</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>17,477</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>William Palmer had:</b>	<b>16,210</b>	<b>46.4</b>
<b>William Bradley had:</b>	<b>13,254</b>	<b>37.9</b>
<b>Charles Paine had:</b>	<b>5,435</b>	<b>15.5</b>

**Comments: William Palmer fell 1,167 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1835. The joint assembly convened on October 9 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. The joint assembly was deadlocked after 63 ballots, and dissolved on November 2, leaving the Lieutenant Governor, Silas Jenison, to serve in the absence of a Governor that year.**

**The same failure was shared that year with the office of House clerk. The Assembly gave up on November 9, and a clerk pro tem was elected.**

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**1837: Treasurer**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>39,006</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>19,504</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Augustine Clark had:</b>	<b>18,458</b>	<b>47.3%</b>
<b>Charles Cleaves had:</b>	<b>17,476</b>	<b>44.8%</b>
<b>Norman Williams had:</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

**Comments: Augustine Clark fell 1,046 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1837. The joint assembly convened on October 12 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. The joint assembly was deadlocked, no Treasurer was elected and the Governor ultimately appointed Allen Wardner to "supply the vacancy in that office, until the same can be filled in the manner directed by law or the constitution of the state."**

**\*\*There were six declared candidates for this race for Treasurer. Clark was the incumbent, but a national depression and his association with the Anti-Masons undermined his popularity. Norman Williams had in fact been elected by the joint assembly on October 18, but declined to serve. The Senate and House disagreed on whether they were empowered to fill the vacancy once Williams declined, leaving the door ajar for the Governor to fill the vacancy on October 26, 1837. The House kept trying to call for a joint assembly after that date, finally abandoning the effort on November 1.**

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**1841: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>47,942</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>23,972</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Charles Paine had:</b>	<b>23,353</b>	<b>48.7</b>
<b>Nathan Smilie had:</b>	<b>21,302</b>	<b>44.4</b>
<b>Titus Hutchinson had:</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>6.3</b>

**Comments:** Charles Paine fell 619 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1841. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Charles Paine was elected.

**1841: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>47,974</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>23,988</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Waitsill Ranney had:</b>	<b>23,776</b>	<b>49.6</b>
<b>Edward Barber had:</b>	<b>21,331</b>	<b>44.5</b>
<b>Alvah Sabin had:</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>5.8</b>

**Comments:** Waitsill Ranney fell 212 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1841. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Waitsill Ranney was elected.

**1841: Treasurer**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,027</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,014</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>John Spaulding had:</b>	<b>23,942</b>	<b>49.9</b>
<b>Daniel Baldwin had:</b>	<b>21,345</b>	<b>44.4</b>
<b>Harry Hale had:</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>5.6</b>

**Comments: John Spaulding fell 72 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1841. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of the State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, John Spaulding was elected.**

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**1843: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>50,234</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>25,118</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>John Mattocks had:</b>	<b>24,465</b>	<b>48.7%</b>
<b>Daniel Kellogg had:</b>	<b>21,982</b>	<b>43.8%</b>
<b>Charles K. Williams had:</b>	<b>3,766</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

**Comments:** John Mattocks fell 2,583 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1843. The joint assembly convened on October 12 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, John Mattocks was elected.

**1843: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>49,874</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,938</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Horace Eaton had:</b>	<b>24,385</b>	<b>48.9</b>
<b>Wyllys Lyman had:</b>	<b>21,902</b>	<b>44.0</b>
<b>Aaron Angier had:</b>	<b>3,581</b>	<b>7.1</b>

**Comments:** Horace Eaton fell 553 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1843. The joint assembly convened on October 12 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Horace Eaton was elected.

**1843: Treasurer**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>49,480</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,741</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>John Spaulding had:</b>	<b>24,225</b>	<b>49.2</b>
<b>Daniel Baldwin had:</b>	<b>21,621</b>	<b>43.7</b>

**Harry Hale had:**

**3,507**

**7.1**

Comments: John Spaulding fell 406 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1843. The joint assembly convened on October 12 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, John Spaulding was elected.

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**1845: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,260</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,131</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>William Slade had:</b>	<b>22,770</b>	<b>47.2</b>
<b>Daniel Kellogg had:</b>	<b>18,594</b>	<b>38.5</b>
<b>William Shafter had:</b>	<b>6,531</b>	<b>13.5</b>

**Comments:** William Slade fell 1,361 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1845. The joint assembly convened on October 11 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, William Slade was elected. Slade received 132 (59.7%), Kellogg 75 (33.9%), and Shafter 11 (4.9%), according to the Journal.

**1845: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,208</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,105</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Horace Eaton had:</b>	<b>23,204</b>	<b>48.1</b>
<b>Wyllys Lyman had:</b>	<b>18,402</b>	<b>38.2</b>
<b>Horatio Needham had:</b>	<b>6,503</b>	<b>13.5</b>

**Comments:** Horace Eaton fell 902 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1845. The joint assembly convened on October 11 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Horace Eaton was elected. Slade received 136 (61.5%), Lyman 73 (33.0%), and Needham 12 (5.4%), according to the Journal.

**1845: Treasurer**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,026</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,014</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>John Spaulding had:</b>	<b>23,088</b>	<b>48.1</b>

<b>Daniel Baldwin had:</b>	<b>18,494</b>	<b>38.5</b>
<b>Zenas Wood had:</b>	<b>6,434</b>	<b>13.4</b>

**Comments: John Spaulding fell 26 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1845. The joint assembly convened on October 11 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, John Spaulding was elected. Spaulding received 136 (62.3%), Baldwin 75 (33.8%), and Wood 12 (5.4%), according to the Journal.**

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**1846: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,703</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,352</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Horace Eaton had:</b>	<b>23,644</b>	<b>48.5%</b>
<b>John Smith had:</b>	<b>17,877</b>	<b>36.7%</b>
<b>Lawrence Brainerd had:</b>	<b>7,118</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

**Comments:** Horace Eaton fell 708 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1846. The joint assembly convened on October 8 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Horace Eaton was elected. Eaton received 136 (61.3%), Smith 75 (33.7%), and Brainerd 11 (4.9%), according to the Journal.

**1846: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,701</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,384</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Leonard Sargeant had:</b>	<b>23,635</b>	<b>48.5%</b>
<b>Truman Ransom had:</b>	<b>17,985</b>	<b>36.9%</b>
<b>Jacob Scott had:</b>	<b>7,081</b>	<b>14.5%</b>

**Comments:** Leonard Sargeant fell 749 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1846. The joint assembly convened on October 8 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Leonard Sargeant was elected. Sargeant received 138 (61.9%), Ransom 73 (32.7%), and Scott 12 (5.6%), according to the Journal.

**1846: Treasurer**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,331</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,166</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Elisha Jewett had:</b>	<b>23,324</b>	<b>48.2%</b>

<b>Daniel Baldwin had:</b>	<b>17,847</b>	<b>36.9 %</b>
<b>Zenas Wood had:</b>	<b>6,978</b>	<b>14.4%</b>

**Comments: Elisha Jewett fell 842 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1846. The joint assembly convened on October 8 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Elisha Jewett was elected. Jewett received 138 (61.6%), Baldwin 74 (32.0%), and Wood 12 (5.4%), according to the Journal.**

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**1847: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,080</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,041</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Horace Eaton had:</b>	<b>22,455</b>	<b>46.7%</b>
<b>Paul Dillingham had:</b>	<b>18,601</b>	<b>38.7%</b>
<b>Lawrence Brainerd had:</b>	<b>6,926</b>	<b>14.4%</b>

**Comments:** Horace Eaton fell 1,586 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1847. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Horace Eaton was elected. Crockett (III, 365) says the vote was Eaton 125 (54.6%), Dillingham 85 (37.1%), and Brainerd 19 (8.3%).

**1847: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,311</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,156</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Leonard Sargeant had:</b>	<b>22,441</b>	<b>46.5%</b>
<b>Charles K. Field had:</b>	<b>18,852</b>	<b>39.0%</b>
<b>Jacob Scott had:</b>	<b>6,920</b>	<b>14.3%</b>

**Comments:** Leonard Sargeant fell 1,715 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1847. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Leonard Sargeant was elected.

**1847: Treasurer**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,394</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,198</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>George Howes had:</b>	<b>22,441</b>	<b>46.4%</b>
<b>Jeremiah Marston had:</b>	<b>18,942</b>	<b>39.1%</b>
<b>Zenas Wood had:</b>	<b>6,908</b>	<b>14.3%</b>

Comments: George Howes fell 1,757 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1847. The joint assembly convened on October 14 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, George Howes was elected.

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**1848: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>50,405</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>25,203</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Carlos Coolidge had:</b>	<b>22,007</b>	<b>43.7%</b>
<b>Paul Dillingham had:</b>	<b>13,420</b>	<b>26.6%</b>
<b>Oscar Shafter had:</b>	<b>14,931</b>	<b>29.6%</b>

Comments: Carlos Coolidge fell 3,196 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1848. The joint assembly convened on October 17 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Carlos Coolidge was elected. Crockett (III, 370) lists legislative votes as Coolidge 122 (50.2%), Shafter 65 (26.7%), and Dillingham 54 (22.2%). Crockett also lists 2 scattering votes, which apparently were counted.

1848: Lieutenant Governor

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>50,650</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>25,326</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Robert Pierpont had:</b>	<b>22,163</b>	<b>43.8%</b>
<b>John S. Robinson had:</b>	<b>13,519</b>	<b>26.7%</b>
<b>Luke P. Poland had:</b>	<b>14,931</b>	<b>29.5%</b>

Comments: Robert Pierpont fell 3,163 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1848. The joint assembly convened on October 17 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Robert Pierpont was elected.

1848: Treasurer

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>50,630</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>25,316</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>George Howes had:</b>	<b>22,184</b>	<b>43.8%</b>
<b>Jeremiah Marston had:</b>	<b>13,440</b>	<b>26.5%</b>

**Edward Stansbury had:**

**14,981**

**29.6%**

Comments: George Howes fell 3,132 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1848. The joint assembly convened on October 17 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, George Howes was elected.

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**1849: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>52,871</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>26,436</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Carlos Coolidge had:</b>	<b>26,238</b>	<b>49.6%</b>
<b>Horatio Needham had:</b>	<b>23,250</b>	<b>43.9%</b>
<b>Jonas Clark had:</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

Comments: Carlos Coolidge fell 198 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1849. The joint assembly convened on October 11 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Carlos Coolidge was elected. Crockett (III, 379) lists legislative vote as Coolidge 149 (60.3%), Needham 90 (36.4%), and Clark 8 (3.2%).

**1849: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>52,533</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>26,267</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Robert Pierpont had:</b>	<b>26,166</b>	<b>49.8%</b>
<b>Daniel Roberts had:</b>	<b>23,051</b>	<b>43.9%</b>
<b>Philip Tucker had:</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

Comments: Robert Pierpont fell 101 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1849. The joint assembly convened on October 11 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Robert Pierpont was elected.

**1849: Treasurer**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>52,650</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>26,326</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>George Howes had:</b>	<b>26,184</b>	<b>49.7%</b>
<b>Joseph Poland had:</b>	<b>23,120</b>	<b>43.9%</b>

**Wm. H.H. Bingham  
had:**

**3,326**

**6.3%**

Comments: George Howes fell 142 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1849. The joint assembly convened on October 11 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, George Howes was elected.

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**1852: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>42,199</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,100</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Erastus Fairbanks had:</b>	<b>23,795</b>	<b>49.3%</b>
<b>John S. Robinson had:</b>	<b>14,938</b>	<b>30.9%</b>
<b>Lawrence Brainerd had:</b>	<b>9,446</b>	<b>20.0%</b>

Comments: Erastus Fairbanks fell 305 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1852. The joint assembly convened on October 15 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what seems to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Erastus Fairbanks was elected Governor of the State of Vermont. According to Walter Crockett (III, pp. 400-401), Fairbanks received 117 votes, Robinson 61 and Brainerd 40. Out of 218 possible votes, this means Fairbanks received 53.7%, Robinson 27.9%, and Brainerd 18.3% of the legislative vote.

1852: Lieutenant Governor

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>48,179</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>24,070</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>William Kittredge had:</b>	<b>23,845</b>	<b>49.5%</b>
<b>Jefferson Kidder had:</b>	<b>14,888</b>	<b>30.9%</b>
<b>William Pingrey had:</b>	<b>9,430</b>	<b>19.6%</b>

Comments: William Kittredge fell 225 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1852. The joint assembly convened on October 15 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what seems to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, William Kittredge was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Vermont.

1852: Treasurer

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>47,949</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>23,845</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>George Howes had:</b>	<b>23,749</b>	<b>49.5%</b>

<b>John A. Page had:</b>	<b>14,881</b>	<b>31.0%</b>
<b>Daniel Thompson had:</b>	<b>9,312</b>	<b>19.5%</b>

Comments: George Howes fell 196 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1852. The joint assembly convened on October 15 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On what appears to be the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, George Howes was elected. Details of how the joint assembly voted are not available.

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**1853: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>47,415</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>23,708</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Erastus Fairbanks had:</b>	<b>20,849</b>	<b>43.9%</b>
<b>John S. Robinson had:</b>	<b>18,142</b>	<b>38.3%</b>
<b>Lawrence Brainerd had:</b>	<b>8,291</b>	<b>17.5%</b>

**Comments:** Erastus Fairbanks fell 2,859 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1853. The joint assembly convened on October 19 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On October 28, on the twenty-sixth ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Erastus Fairbanks had:</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>43.5%</b>
<b>John S. Robinson had:</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>50.2%</b>
<b>Lawrence Brainerd had:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

**John S. Robinson was declared to be the Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.**

**Note:** The figures for the election in the joint assembly are from Walter Crockett's *Vermont: The Green Mountain State*, Volume IV, pp. 412-413. Crockett says the election was made on the 20th ballot. The *Journal* of the joint assembly is the source for 26.

**Fairbanks had strongly supported the temperance bill which had passed the House 91-90 during Fairbanks' first term. That may be the reason his opponent, Mr. Robinson, with the lesser popular vote, prevailed in the joint assembly.**

**1853: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>47,401</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>23,701</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>

<b>William Kittredge had:</b>	<b>20,750</b>	<b>43.8%</b>
<b>Jefferson Kidder had:</b>	<b>18,090</b>	<b>38.1%</b>
<b>William Pingrey had:</b>	<b>8,334</b>	<b>17.6%</b>

Comments: William Kittredge fell 2,951 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1853. The joint assembly convened on October 19 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On October 28, on the fourth ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, Jefferson Kidder was elected. Details of how the joint assembly voted are not available.

During the vote for Lieutenant Governor, however, the issue arose as to whether the assembly might vote for candidates other than those three receiving the greatest number of votes. After two "ineffectual ballotings", ruled so by the Hon. Carlos Coolidge, President pro tempore of the Senate and Chair of the joint assembly, a resolution was adopted, "That all votes cast for Constitutional Candidates shall be counted, and those only."

#### 1853: Treasurer

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>47,241</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>23,621</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>George Howes had:</b>	<b>20,965</b>	<b>44.4%</b>
<b>John A Page had:</b>	<b>18,285</b>	<b>38.7%</b>
<b>Daniel Thompson had:</b>	<b>7,955</b>	<b>16.8%</b>

Comments: George Howes fell 2,656 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1853. The joint assembly convened on October 19 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On October 28, on the second ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, John A. Page was elected. Details of how the joint assembly voted are not available.

\*\*Final note on 1853: All three candidates finally elected failed to receive the plurality this year, but these were contentious times. To elect a Speaker took 31 ballots. What distinguishes 1853 is that an organized third party (Free Soil Democrats) was able to deal its votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Treasurer presumably, in exchange for a Free Soil Speaker. The Free Soil leadership under Brainerd, however, repudiated the deal, causing the party to rupture and a new party, the Republican, to be created in 1854.

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**1902: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>69,935</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>34,968</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>John McCullough had:</b>	<b>31,864</b>	<b>45.6%</b>
<b>Percival Clement had:</b>	<b>28,201</b>	<b>40.3%</b>
<b>Felix McGettrick had:</b>	<b>7,364</b>	<b>10.5%</b>

**Comment: John McCullough fell 3,104 vote short of a majority in the General Election of 1902. The joint assembly convened on October 1 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>John McCullough had:</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>61.2%</b>
<b>Percival Clement had:</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>22.0%</b>
<b>Felix McGettrick had:</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>16.8%</b>

John McCullough was declared to be the Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

\*\*Note that legislators did not seem to be bound to the popular vote. McGettrick, the Democrat, finished a distant third in the General Election, 30 percent behind Clement, yet McGettrick finished only 6 percent behind Clement in the legislative vote.

**1902: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>67,318</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>33,660</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Zed Stanton had:</b>	<b>31,763</b>	<b>47.2%</b>
<b>Frank W. Agan had:</b>	<b>25,624</b>	<b>38.1%</b>
<b>Elisha May had:</b>	<b>7,698</b>	<b>11.4%</b>

**Comments: Zed Stanton fell 1,897 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1902. The joint assembly convened on October 1 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for**

the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Zed Stanton had:</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>71.5%</b>
<b>Frank W. Agan had:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
<b>Elisha May had:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

Zed Stanton was declared to be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

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**1912: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>64,839</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>32,420</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Allen M. Fletcher had:</b>	<b>26,237</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
<b>Harlan B. Howe had:</b>	<b>20,001</b>	<b>30.8%</b>
<b>Frazer Metzger had:</b>	<b>15,629</b>	<b>24.1%</b>

Comments: Allen M Fletcher fell 6,183 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1912. The joint assembly convened on October 2 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Allen Fletcher had:</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>60.1%</b>
<b>Harlan Howe had:</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>28.0%</b>
<b>Frazer Metzger had:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

Allen Fletcher was declared to be the Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

**1912: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>62,894</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>31,448</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Frank E. Howe had:</b>	<b>27,232</b>	<b>43.3%</b>
<b>Herbert Commings had:</b>	<b>18,395</b>	<b>29.2%</b>
<b>M.L. Aseltine had:</b>	<b>14,609</b>	<b>23.2%</b>

Comments: Frank E. Howe fell 4,216 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1912. The joint assembly convened on October 2 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Frank E. Howe had:</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>73.7%</b>
<b>Herbert Commings had:</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
<b>M.L. Aseltine had:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

Frank E. Howe was declared to be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

#### 1912: Treasurer

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>62,025</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>31,013</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Edward Deavitt had:</b>	<b>27,763</b>	<b>44.8%</b>
<b>Martin Brown had:</b>	<b>17,464</b>	<b>28.2%</b>
<b>Harry Howard had:</b>	<b>14,318</b>	<b>23.1%</b>

Comments: Edward Deavitt fell 3,250 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1912. The joint assembly convened on October 2 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Edward Deavitt had:</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>74.5%</b>
<b>Martin Brown had:</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
<b>Harry Howard had:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

Edward Deavitt was declared to be the State Treasurer of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

#### 1912: Secretary of State

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>62,024</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>31,013</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Guy W. Bailey had:</b>	<b>28,115</b>	<b>45.3%</b>
<b>Jeremiah Durick had:</b>	<b>17,285</b>	<b>27.9%</b>
<b>John M. Blake had:</b>	<b>14,132</b>	<b>22.8%</b>

Comments: Guy W. Bailey fell 2,898 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1912. The joint assembly convened on October 2 to hear the report of the canvassing

committee and, in the case of the office of Secretary of State, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Guy W. Bailey had:</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>83.2%</b>
<b>Jeremiah Durick had:</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
<b>John M. Blake had:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

Guy W. Bailey was declared to be the Secretary of State of the State of Vermont for the two years ensuing.

#### 1912: Auditor of Accounts

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>61,708</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>30,855</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Horace Graham had:</b>	<b>27,780</b>	<b>45.0%</b>
<b>Lewis Johnson had:</b>	<b>17,388</b>	<b>28.2%</b>
<b>Ernest W. Gibson had:</b>	<b>14,087</b>	<b>22.8%</b>

Comments: Horace Graham fell 3,075 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1912. The joint assembly convened on October 2 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Auditor of Accounts, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Horace Graham had:</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>78.5%</b>
<b>Lewis Johnson had:</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
<b>Ernest W. Gibson had:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

Horace Graham was declared to be the Auditor of Accounts of the State of Vermont for the two years ensuing.

#### 1912: Attorney General

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>61,629</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>30,815</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Rufus E. Brown had:</b>	<b>27,488</b>	<b>44.6%</b>
<b>Burton Bailey had:</b>	<b>17,391</b>	<b>28.2%</b>

**Richard A. Hoar had: 14,214 23.1%**

Comments: Rufus E. Brown fell 3,327 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1912. The joint assembly convened on October 2 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Attorney General, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Rufus E. Brown had:</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>71.9%</b>
<b>Burton Bailey had:</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20.2%</b>
<b>Richard A. Hoar had:</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8.0%</b>

Rufus E. Brown was declared to be the Attorney General of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

\*\*Final note on 1912: The practice of 1912, unlike 1974, was to hear the report of the canvassing committee for each office in turn, and then elect to fill that office before going on the another office.

The fact that the number of members present for these votes fluctuates from office to office and that the number necessary for election changes accordingly reveals the belief that what is required to win is a majority of those present and voting.

In 1912, there were 32 Progressives in the House. It may be no coincidence that Frazer Metzger received 32 votes for Governor in the joint assembly. Because the votes were taken by secret ballot, however, we cannot tell how any particular member voted.

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**1974: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>134,395</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>67,198</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Brian Burns had:</b>	<b>66,942</b>	<b>49.9%</b>
<b>T. Garry Buckley had:</b>	<b>60,962</b>	<b>45.4%</b>
<b>Arthur DeLoy had:</b>	<b>6,484</b>	<b>4.7%</b>

Comments: Brian Burns fell 256 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1974. The joint assembly convened on January 9 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Brian Burns had:</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>89.4%</b>
<b>T. Garry Buckley had:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
<b>Arthur DeLoy had:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Brian Burns was declared to be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

1974: Treasurer

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>133,966</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>66,984</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Stella Hackel had:</b>	<b>66,553</b>	<b>49.7%</b>
<b>Frank Davis had:</b>	<b>61,181</b>	<b>45.7%</b>
<b>Ron MacNeil had:</b>	<b>6,229</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

Comments: Stella Hackel fell 431 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1974. The joint assembly convened on January 6 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of State Treasurer, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Stella Hackel had:</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>91.1%</b>
<b>Frank Davis had:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
<b>Ron MacNeil had:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Stella Hackel was declared to be the State Treasurer of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

#### 1974: Auditor of Accounts

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>128,991</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>64,496</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Alex. Acebo had:</b>	<b>62,401</b>	<b>48.4%</b>
<b>Fred Randlet had:</b>	<b>58,865</b>	<b>45.6%</b>
<b>James Roach had:</b>	<b>7,720</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

Comments: Alexander V. Acebo fell 2,095 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1974. The joint assembly convened on January 10 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Auditor of Accounts, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Alexander Acebo had:</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>91.1%</b>
<b>Fred Randlet had:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
<b>James Roach had:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Alexander V. Acebo was declared to be the Auditor of Accounts of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

#### 1974: Attorney General

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>135,864</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>67,933</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>M. Jerome Diamond had:</b>	<b>64,085</b>	<b>47.2%</b>
<b>Kimberly Cheney had:</b>	<b>63,447</b>	<b>46.7%</b>
<b>Nancy Kaufman had:</b>	<b>8,297</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

Comments: M. Jerome Diamond fell 3,848 votes short of a majority in the General

Election of 1974. The joint assembly convened on January 10 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Attorney General, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Jerome Diamond had:</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>78.3%</b>
<b>Kimberly Cheney had:</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
<b>Nancy Kaufman had:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

M. Jerome Diamond was declared to be the Attorney General of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.

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**1976: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>170,971</b>	<b>Percent: 100%</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>85,486</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>John T. Alden had:</b>	<b>82,632</b>	<b>48.4%</b>
<b>T. Garry Buckley had:</b>	<b>81,471</b>	<b>47.6%</b>
<b>John L. Franco had:</b>	<b>6,778</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

**Comments: John T. Alden fell 2,854 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1976. The joint assembly convened on January 6 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>T. Garry Buckley had:</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>50.6%</b>
<b>John T. Alden had:</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>48.9%</b>
<b>John Franco had:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.56%</b>

**T. Garry Buckley was declared to be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.**

**Prior to the joint assembly, the Senate had debated the question of whether or not the President of the Senate, presiding in Joint Assembly, had a casting vote to break a tie involving the election of a new Lieutenant Governor. The temporary Rules Committee of the Senate had opined to the contrary. The Chair overruled that opinion, stating that he, as presiding officer, did have the right to a casting vote in**

**such election. This ruling was appealed by Senator Bloomer, and on vote of the Senate the appeal was overruled, the Chair's ruling sustained.**

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**1986: Governor**

<b>Total votes</b>		<b>Percent:</b>
<b>cast:</b>	<b>196,716</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>98,359</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Madeleine M. Kunin had:</b>	<b>92,485</b>	<b>47.01</b>
<b>Peter Smith had:</b>	<b>75,239</b>	<b>38.24</b>
<b>Bernard Sanders had:</b>	<b>28,418</b>	<b>14.44</b>

**Comments: Madeleine Kunin fell 5,874 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1986. The joint assembly convened on January 8, 1987 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to Vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Percent:</b>
		<b>100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Madeleine M. Kunin had:</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>77.7 %</b>
<b>Peter Smith had:</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21.8%</b>
<b>Bernard Sanders had:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.5%</b>

**Madeleine Kunin was declared to be the Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.**

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**1998: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>216,930</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>108,466</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Douglas A. Racine had:</b>	<b>105,480</b>	<b>48.6%</b>
<b>Barbara W. Snelling had:</b>	<b>104,351</b>	<b>48.1%</b>
<b>Jane Newton had</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>.7%</b>
<b>Faetterri Silver had:</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>.6%</b>
<b>Bill Coleman had:</b>	<b>3,913</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>Scattering</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Comments: Douglas Racine fell 2,986 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1998. The joint assembly convened on January 7, 1999 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Bill Coleman had:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Douglas A. Racine had:</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Barbara W. Snelling had:</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23%</b>

**Douglas A. Racine was declared to be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.**

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**2002: Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>230,161</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>115,081</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Michael J. Badamo had:</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Marilynn "Mom" Christian had:</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Peter Diamondstone had</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>James H. Douglas had:</b>	<b>103,436</b>	<b>44.9%</b>
<b>Cris Ericson had:</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Patricia Hejny had:</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Cornelius "Con" Hogan had:</b>	<b>22,353</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
<b>Brian Pearl had:</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Douglas A. Racine had:</b>	<b>97,565</b>	<b>42.4%</b>
<b>Joel W. Williams had:</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Scattering</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

**Comments: James H. Douglas fell 11,645 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 2002. The joint assembly convened on January 9, 2003 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>James H. Douglas had:</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>90.5%</b>
<b>Cornelius "Con" Hogan had:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Douglas A. Racine had:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
<b>Blank votes:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

**James H. Douglas was declared to be the Governor of the State of Vermont for the**

**two years next ensuing.**

### **2002: Lieutenant Governor**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>228,535</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>114,268</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Brian Dubie had:</b>	<b>94,044</b>	<b>41.2%</b>
<b>Sally Ann Jones had:</b>	<b>4,310</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Anthony Pollina had</b>	<b>56,564</b>	<b>24.8%</b>
<b>Peter E. Shumlin had:</b>	<b>73,501</b>	<b>32.2%</b>
<b>Scattering</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>0.1%</b>

**Comments: Brian Dubie fell 20,224 votes short of a majority in the General Election of 1998. The joint assembly convened on January 9, 2003 to hear the report of the canvassing committee and, in the case of the office of Lieutenant Governor, to vote by joint ballot for the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes. On the first ballot, when the ballots were taken and counted, the result was as follows:**

<b>Total votes cast:</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>Percent: 100</b>
<b>Necessary for election:</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>50 plus 1 vote</b>
<b>Brian Dubie had:</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>75.7%</b>
<b>Anthony Pollina had:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Peter E. Shumlin had:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
<b>Blank votes:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

**Brian Dubie was declared to be the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Vermont for the two years next ensuing.**