

1998 ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFIED BY STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

ALBANY, NY --(12/16/98)--The Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections, constituting the State Board of Canvassers, convened in Sloatsburg, New York yesterday and officially certified the results of the November 3, 1998 general election.

As required by statute, the certification was completed by the December 15 deadline and makes official the votes recorded for the following offices: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, Member of Assembly and Justice of the Supreme Court.

A total of 4,985,932 New Yorkers, or 46% of the state's registered voters, cast ballots in the statewide election. According to estimated voting age population statistics, 36% of New York's residents of voting age participated in this year's election.

The vote totals for Governor and Lieutenant Governor are as follows:

Pataki-Donohue

Republican 2,223,264
Conservative 348,727
Total 2,571,991

Vallone-Frankel

Democratic 1,518,992
Working Families 51,325
Total 1,570,317

Golisano-Oliver

Independence 364,056

McCaughey Ross-Reiter

Liberal 77,915

Reynolds-Prior

Right To Life 56,683

Lewis-Green

Green 52,533

The Marijuana Reform Ticket of Thomas Leighton and Jeffrey Wright received 24,788 votes, and the Unity candidate for governor received 9,692 votes. The Libertarian ticket of Christopher Garvey and Donald Silberger received 4,722 votes while the Socialist Workers Party ticket of Alfred Duncan and Sarah Robinett received 2,539 votes.

Vote totals from the gubernatorial race are used to determine party order on the ballot and major party status. Both the Green and Working Families parties exceeded the statutory requirement of 50,000 votes to obtain party status. The Freedom Party, which did not have a candidate for governor, lost its status as a recognized party. As a result of the election, parties will appear on the ballot in the following order until 2002: Republican, Democratic, Independence, Conservative, Liberal, Right To Life, Green, and Working Families.

In the race for U.S. Senate, Charles Schumer (D,I,L) was elected with 2,551,065 votes. Incumbent Al D'Amato (R,C,RTL) received 2,058,988 votes.

H. Carl McCall(D,I,L,WF) was re-elected with 2,862,903 votes. Bruce Blakeman(R,C) finished with 1,432,086 votes.

In the race for Attorney General, one of the closest statewide contests ever, Eliot Spitzer (D,L) was elected with 2,084,948 votes. Incumbent Dennis Vacco (R,C) Received 2,059,762 votes.

Copies of the official vote may be obtained by calling the New York State Board of Elections Public Information Office at 518-474-1953. Internet users may view or down-load the results from our web site @ www.elections.state.ny.us.