

## VOTING FACTS

(As told in the Voter Education Handbook)



In 1986, the City Council race in Williamsburg, Virginia between Former Mayor Robert Walker and Mary Lee Darling ended in a tie vote. Mary Lee Darling was declared the winner after a drawing from a hat according to Virginia State Board of Elections Code.

In 1997, the 86th House of Delegates race between Donald Williams and Beverly Graber in Norfolk, Virginia was one of the closest in the Commonwealth of Virginia in recent years. After a recount, there was an 11 vote difference making Donald Williams the winner.

John Kennedy was elected President in 1960 by carrying one state by less than one vote per precinct.

Marcus Monton was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1839 by one vote out of 102,066 cast.

In 1962, the Governor's race in Minnesota was so close it took four months to find out who won. The State Canvassing Board gave Anderson 619,722 votes and Rolvaag 619,842 votes. After a District Court recount, Anderson had 619,751 votes and Rolvaag had 619,842. The Margin of Victory was 91 votes.

In 1845, one vote made Texas part of the United States.

One vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment conviction in 1868.

One vote elected Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency and the man in the Electoral College who cast the vote was an Indiana Congressman elected by one vote.

In 1950, a state senator from Garrett County, Maryland was elected by one vote. The winner had 3,080 votes; the loser, 3,079.

One vote kept Aaron Burr from becoming President. That one vote elected Thomas Jefferson, the President in 1800.

In 1974, New Hampshire had one of the closest and most contested elections in the country. In the Senatorial Race, Republican Louis Wyman appeared to be the winner by 542 votes. But after a recount, Democrat John Durkin was certified the winner by 10 votes. Still later, the decision was reversed and Wyman was declared the winner by two votes.

**After a year of court battles and controversy in Congress, a special election was held in which Durkin won with 140,273 votes to Wyman's 113,004 votes.**

**In 1923, one vote could have prevented Adolph Hitler from becoming head of the Nazi Party.**

**Woodrow Wilson was elected President in 1916 by carrying one state by less than one vote per district.**

**In 1978, a tie vote in a race for the Pennsylvania Legislature resulted in neither party having a majority. A recount broke the tie and gave control of the House to the Democrats.**

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