

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS - 1960

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

In accordance with Section 34 of the Election Law, we herewith submit the following report for the year 1960:

The 1959 registration in the City of Watertown and the 1959 vote in the 22 towns resulted in a total enrollment of 27,707 voters for the year 1960, divided as follows:

	<u>1960 Enrollment</u>				
	Rep.	Dem.	Lib.	Not Enrolled	Total
City of Watertown	6,240	3,162	39	257	9,698
Towns	12,318	5,327	64	300	18,009
Totals	18,558	8,489	103	557	27,707

Ten certified copies of the entire enrollment were prepared in compliance with the Election Law, others in pamphlet form by districts with 80 sets of the enrollment for the City of Watertown and 50 sets of town enrollments collated and bound into books.

The biggest change in the Election Law was the Uncontested Primary Law implementing a Constitutional Amendment approved in 1959. Candidates for public office or party positions filed petitions, but if no contest evolved or a petition requesting a write-in vote was not received in due time, it was not necessary to hold a Primary Election for such offices or party positions. The only Primary Elections, both to nominate candidates to fill vacancies, were in the City of Watertown for Councilman at which voting machines were used for the first time at a Primary Election and in the town of Henderson for Councilman. No other paper ballots had to be printed resulting in considerable saving.

Because of the great interest in the Presidential Election, the year 1960 was a very active one in regard to central registration and requests for absentee and military ballots.

Below is a comparison with the years 1956 and 1959.

	<u>1956</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Central Registration	1634	936	2040
Absentee Registration	103	19	129
Military Ballots	490	137	525
Absentee Ballots	977	337	1244

The final 1960 Registration for 94 Districts was:

		Males	Females
City of Watertown	14,948	6,853	8,095
Towns	31,245	15,455	15,790
Totals	<u>46,193</u>	<u>22,308</u>	<u>23,885</u>

The 1960 General Election vote was:

		Per cent of registered voters
City of Watertown	14,660	.980
Towns	25,857	.827
Total Vote	<u>40,517</u>	.877

Respectfully submitted,

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