

January 14, 1983

TO: JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County Office Building
175 Arsenal Street
Watertown, NY 13601

SUBJECT: Jefferson County Board of Elections - Annual
Report for year 1982

This annual report of the Board of Elections of Jefferson County for year ending December 31, 1982, is hereby submitted.

The first day of central registration for year 1982 commenced December 5, 1981, and continued through September 14, 1982. During this period 278 persons registered centrally.

This office processed and approved 3,040 applications for registration and enrollment by mail forms during the year 1982. 1,441 applications for registration and enrollment forms were forwarded to schools in Jefferson County for registration of high school students who would be 18 years of age on election day or day after. Additional forms were forwarded to town and village clerk's, public libraries, political parties and civic organizations.

The preparation of the primary enrollment books starts in mid-November of each year and requires at least 6 weeks to complete. A careful review of each voter's record is made by checking registration serial number, name, address and party enrollment with a master list and recording any necessary changes. Primary enrollment books were printed in February 1982 by Jefferson County Printing Dept., containing 38,292 registered voters.

Enrollment tables are prepared after the publication of primary books, showing prior year registration by election district, total votes cast by election district for the November election and current enrollment by party and district.

Primary election was held on Thursday, September 23, 1982, with voting hours from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM. A Democratic primary was held for offices of Governor, Lt. Governor, Comptroller and United States Senator. A Republican primary was held for office of Governor and United States Senator. The Conservative party primary was held within the City of Watertown for the office of City Judge.

Elected uncontested at the primary were members of the Jefferson County Democratic Committee and Democratic State Committee members.

Republican delegates and alternate delegates were elected uncontested to represent Jefferson County at the Fifth Judicial District Convention.

The Right to Life and Liberal party primary was uncontested in Jefferson County. All candidates designated were elected at this primary and appeared on the general election ballot in November, 1982.

The following is a compilation of absentee ballots mailed from this office for the primary election.

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	70	24	94
Towns	<u>136</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>250</u>
Total	206	138	344

<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	40	13	53
Towns	<u>74</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>129</u>
Total	114	68	182

12,095 registered Democrats were eligible to vote in the 1982 Democratic Primary, of this total 2,976 voted, or 24.60% voter participation.

20,579 registered Republicans were eligible to vote in the 1982 Republican Primary, of this total 4,764 voted, or 23.14% voter participation.

The re-canvass of the voting machines used in the primary election was completed on September 27, 1982.

Ballots and supplies for the primary election were printed by United Printing Company at a cost of \$2582.00, of which \$918.32 was a county charge.

Local Registration Day was held on October 16, 1982. 193 persons registered to vote in the City of Watertown and 823 registered in the Towns. Registration lists for October 1982 were tabulated and indicated the following:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	5361	6787	12148
Towns	<u>13106</u>	<u>14272</u>	<u>27378</u>
Total	18467	21059	39526
<u>Party</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Democratic	4059	7980	12039
Republican	5930	14486	20416
Conservative	71	251	322
Right to Life	29	34	63
Liberal	106	278	384
Neutral	1751	3524	5275
Unrecorded	<u>202</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>1027</u>
Total	12148	27378	39526

General Election was held on November 2, 1982, with the following offices voted on:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
 Attorney General & Comptroller
 United States Senator
 Justice of Supreme Court (4)
 Representative in Congress - 26th C.D.
 State Senator - 46th S.D.
 Member of Assembly - 114th A.D.
 County Clerk
 County Treasurer
 City Judge
 Town officers to fill vacancy

A total of 39,526 persons were registered to vote in the November 1982 elections. 28813 persons voted or 72.89% voter participation.

The following is a compilation of absentee ballots mailed from this office for the general election.

	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Spec.Federal</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	424	64	4	492
Towns	760	192	4	956
Total	1184	256	8	1448

General Election ballots and machine supplies were printed by United Printing Company at a cost of \$3649.80, of which \$1871.05 was a county charge.

The re-canvass of voting machines used in the general election was completed on November 5, 1982.

The instruction school for Election Inspectors in Jefferson County was held on August 5, 6, 10 and 11 at Jefferson Community College. 302 appointed inspectors and 33 substitute inspectors were trained. Examinations were given to 27 elections inspectors.

Training sessions for machine custodians were held in September and October, 1982.

The following are the total expenses incurred by the Board of Elections for year 1982:

A 1450.1	Personal Services	\$50,125.48
A 1450.2	Equipment	750.50
A 1450.4	Contractual Expense	<u>20,900.36</u>
	Total	\$71,776.34

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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