



# Your ONE VOTE Matters

Know that your vote matters! Here are some U.S. elections that came down to a single vote.

**1988**

## Massachusetts Governor's Council Democratic Primary

Herbert Connolly lost to Robert Kennedy by one vote -- his own. Connolly arrived to the polls after they closed and wasn't able to cast his ballot. <sup>1</sup>

**2002**

## Washington House of Representatives Republican Primary

After losing to Ed Mitchell by a single vote, Kevin Entze learned his friend forgot to mail his ballot -- a vote that could have changed the outcome of the election. <sup>3</sup>

**2016**

## Vermont Senate Democratic Primary

A disputed ballot from Worcester was eventually determined to be cast for Francis Brooks, not Ashley Hill -- resulting in a single vote victory for Brooks. <sup>5</sup>

**1991**

## Virginia House of Delegates

Following a recount, officials determined James Scott beat David Sanders by a single vote. Scott became known as "Landslide Jim." <sup>2</sup>

**2010**

## Vermont House of Representatives

After a recount and appeal, officials ruled that Sarah Buxton beat incumbent David Ainsworth by a single vote. Notably, a fourth matchup between the two in 2016 was again decided by a single vote, but with Ainsworth winning. <sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> "Candidate loses by one vote, his own". Tyrone Daily Herald. 5 October 1988.

<sup>2</sup> "James M. Scott, Fairfax County delegate in Virginia legislature, dies at 78". The Washington Post. 20 April 2017.

<sup>3</sup> "One vote decides it in 26th District". Seattle pi. 1 October 2002.

<sup>4</sup> "Lawmakers Uphold Buxton's One-Vote Victory". VPR.net. 8 January 2011.

<sup>5</sup> "Brooks beats out Hill in recount of Washington County Senate race". VT Digger. 27 August 2016.