

**Who's Vision for Our Democracy?:
Comparing the two candidates for Secretary of State**

Issue	What Jill Stein proposes to do	What William Galvin has done
<p>Clean Elections Law Passed 2-1 by the voters, repealed by the legislature. Would provide public financing to qualified candidates who agree to fundraising and spending limits.</p>	<p>Re-file the law and work with citizen groups to build pressure to get it passed by the legislature or enacted as a voter referendum.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remained essentially silent when the Law was repealed by the legislature on a voice vote as a budget amendment, 5/03. • Supported a proposal to increase campaign contribution limit from \$500 to \$1000.
<p>Campaign Contribution Disclosures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File legislation to require disclosure of donor employer and type of employment for all donations to candidates. This information is currently requested for donations greater than \$200, but there is no penalty for not providing it. California requires donations to be accompanied by this information, or returned by the candidate. 	<p>No proposal to solve this problem.</p>
<p>Lobbying</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide timely reporting on the flow of special interest money through lobbyists to elected officials. Alert voters when their legislators votes are being influenced behind closed doors. • Create a user-friendly website that allows citizens to see which lobbyists are behind what bills – and what corporations are hiring those lobbyists. See website of the Wisconsin Ethics Commission (WEC) for example of how this can be done. • Require complete lobbyist disclose of which bills they are lobbying on, and how much of their salaries are devoted to which bills. • Initiate more vigorous prosecution of the illegal practice of “bundling” of donor checks. • Work with concerned citizens who are being injured by lobbying to help them protect integrity of their elected officials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remained virtually silent as he presided over dramatic growth of lobbying industry in Massachusetts, to point that there are now seven lobbyists for every legislator on Beacon Hill. • Failed to alert public about lobbying offensive by health insurance industry that resulted in new universal health care law that creates an insurance company windfall, and forces people to buy stripped down, inadequate health care plans. (Acknowledged to a reporter that \$7.5 million had been spent by health insurance industry on lobbying - but only after the bill had passed.) • No response to the problem of bundling.

Influence Peddling Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will link lobbying, campaign contribution and corporate data bases. This will allow the interested public to connect the dots – with the click of a mouse – between bills, lobbyists, corporations, campaign contributions, and elected officials. This will allow constituents to have clear information on how their representation in the Legislature and executive office may be being compromised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has not addressed this issue.
Voting Machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will keep electronic voting machines out of Massachusetts (by not certifying them) until they are proven reliable, secure, voter verified, auditable, and cost-effective. • Will implement a schedule of regular, random audits to detect problems with optical scanners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made decision to bring the unreliable and insecure Diebold TSx voting machines into 12 Massachusetts cities and towns this November. • Has declined to pursue additional audits to verify voting equipment integrity.
Voting Rights	<p>Will vigorously support voting rights of language minorities through the authority of the office to: improve poll worker training, promote recruitment of bilingual poll workers, provide ballots and language minority supports, and investigate actions that discourage voting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has presided over widespread voting rights violations of linguistic minorities, with four separate investigations by the US Department of Justice taking place over the past two years. • Failed to meet HAVA requirements to provide accessible machines for the disabled by the primary this year – despite four years in which to meet this requirement. • Recently suggested that there were no voting rights violations in Massachusetts other than lack of foreign-language ballots.
Fair Districts	<p>Will support and/or propose new legislation to establish an independent redistricting commission to stop gerrymandering. Voters should chose their representatives, not the other way around.</p>	<p>Failed to advocate on behalf of the Fair Districts referendum – which narrowly failed to qualify for the ballot.</p>
Open Meeting Law	<p>Will propose legislation to end the legislature’s exemption to the open</p>	<p>No effort to address this issue.</p>

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