

# Unity Favored by Large Majority in Party Referendum.

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“Referendum A, 1916,” proposing that the Socialist Labor Party be invited to send representatives to a conference for the purpose of working out a basis for the amalgamation of the Socialist Party with the Socialist Labor Party, has passed by a large majority, the vote being 20,650 in favor and 4,495 against. The committee to represent the Socialist Party at this conference will consist of L.E. Katterfeld, George H. Goebel, S.E. Beardsley, Thomas W. Williams, and Walter Lanfersiek. The official report on this referendum is as follows:

### Report on Referendum “A,” 1916.

That the Socialist Labor Party of the United States be invited to elect a committee composed of 5 of their members to meet in joint conference with a committee of 5 members to be elected by the National Committee of the Socialist Party.

Said joint conference shall meet within 2 months from the time of their election and work out a basis and agreement that provides for the amalgamation of the Socialist Party and the Socialist Labor Party in one organization.

Such agreement to be submitted to the two national organizations not later than June 1, 1916, and then immediately by said national organizations be submitted to a referendum vote in the respective organizations for ratification or rejection.

	<b>YES</b>	<b>[%]</b>	<b>NO</b>
Alabama	108	88.5%	14
Alaska	—	—	—
Arizona	140	96.6%	5
Arkansas	—	—	—
California	529	83.7%	103
Colorado	288	92.6%	23
Connecticut	287	88.0%	39
Delaware	—	—	—
Dist. of Col.	93	95.9%	4
Florida	152	99.3%	1

	<b>YES</b>	<b>[%]</b>	<b>NO</b>
Georgia	4	100%	0
Idaho	215	93.1%	16
Illinois	1,690	84.7%	305
Indiana	547	89.7%	63
Iowa	343	88.4%	45
Kansas	477	90.5%	50
Kentucky	146	89.0%	18
Louisiana	173	94.0%	11
Maine	170	90.4%	18
Maryland	89	86.4%	14
Massachusetts	1,151	58.6%	812
Michigan	640	83.6%	126
Minnesota	1,146	86.4%	180
Mississippi	31	70.5%	13
Missouri	472	80.5%	114
Montana	273	77.6%	79
Nebraska	146	73.7%	52
Nevada	53	81.5%	12
New Hampshire	113	55.9%	89
New Jersey	513	80.5%	124
New Mexico	119	100%	0
New York	2,477	75.7%	793
North Carolina	24	100%	0
North Dakota	266	87.2%	39
Ohio	1,090	80.1%	270
Oklahoma	1,564	94.7%	88
Oregon	344	75.1%	114
Pennsylvania	1,564	84.8%	281
Rhode Island	93	78.2%	26
South Carolina	16	64.0%	9
South Dakota	113	56.5%	94
Tennessee	68	98.6%	1
Texas	369	92.0%	32
Utah	127	94.8%	7
Vermont	—	—	—
Virginia	99	93.4%	7
Washington	1,176	89.4%	140
West Virginia	204	95.3%	10
Wisconsin	776	78.1%	218
Wyoming	82	71.9%	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,650</b>	<b>82.1%</b>	<b>4,495</b>

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