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. ¹

**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.” ²

**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. ³

**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. ⁴

**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. ⁵

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¹ “Candidate loses by one vote, his own”. Tyrone Daily Herald. 5 October 1988.
³ “One vote decides it in 26th District”. Seattle pi. 1 October 2002.
⁴ “Lawmakers Uphold Buxton’s One-Vote Victory”. VPR.net. 8 January 2011.
⁵ “Brooks beats out Hill in recount of Washington County Senate race”. VT Digger. 27 August 2016.