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<i>C/O JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS</i>	<i>601 CONGRESS STREET</i>
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ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT
COMPANY

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT FILE NUMBER: 811-5079
NAME OF REGISTRANT: John Hancock Tax-Exempt Series
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 601 Congress Street
Boston, MA 02210
NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE: Gordon M. Shone
601 Congress Street
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REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER: 617-663-3000
DATE OF FISCAL YEAR END: 08/31
DATE OF REPORTING PERIOD: 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2008

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127217 John Hancock Funds Massachusetts Tax-Free Income Fund

The fund held no voting securities during the reporting period and did not vote any securities or have any securities that were subject to a vote during the reporting period.

127219 John Hancock Funds New York Tax-Free Income Fund

The fund held no voting securities during the reporting period and did not vote any securities or have any securities that were subject to a vote during the reporting period.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) John Hancock Tax-Exempt Series
By (Signature) /s/ Keith F. Hartstein
Name Keith F. Hartstein
Title President
Date 08/29/2008