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Illinois School Referenda Election Results - April 7, 2015

Results of the April 7, 2015, referenda related to public school districts in Illinois reveal that 20 of the 43 questions or 47%, were successful and 23 or 53% were defeated. In addition to questions to raise school district tax rates and to issue bonds, there were also questions on the ballot concerning Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL), District Reorganization, County Sales Tax and Board Member elections. The results of the tax referenda, based on unofficial tallies gathered by an IASA email survey and internet research, are reported in two sections: successful and unsuccessful. The school districts are listed by IASA Region and then by county within the Region; the county is determined by the location of the district's administrative office.

<u>Analysis of Results</u>					
	Fund	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total	
	Education	5	4	9	
	Operations	0	0	0	
	Total	5	4	9	
	Bond Issues	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total	
	Building	5	6	11	
	Working Cash	2	0	3	
	Other	0	1		
	Total	7	7	14	
	Other Questions	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total	
	PTELL	1	6	6	
	District Reorganization	0	1	1	
	County Sales Tax	3	3	6	
	Board Member Election	2	0	2	
	Advisory	2	2	4	
	Total	8	12	19	
		TOTAL PASSED 20	TOTAL DEFEATED 23	TOTAL 43	

<u>Successful Referenda</u>						
District/ County	County	Category	IASA Region	Amount or Question	Vote Yes	Vote No
Geneseo Comm Unit #228	Henry	Bond-Building	Blackhawk	\$16,500,000	1,524	1,166
Colona #190	Henry	Tax-Education Fund	Blackhawk	\$1.09	515	295
Delavan Comm Unit #703	Tazwell	Bond-Building	Central IL Valley	\$7,100,000	633	187
Crescent-Iroquois CU #249	Iroquois	Tax-Education Fund	Corn Belt	\$0.80	112	92

Lexington #7	McLean	Other-Board Member Election	Corn Belt	Shall members of the Board of Education of Lexington Community Unit School District No. 7, McLean County, Illinois, be elected in 2017 and thereafter, at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district instead of the current restriction that four (4) board members shall be selected from the congressional township in which at least 75% but not more than 90% of the population resides and three (3) board members shall be selected from the rest of the district?	140	121
Milford Public Schools Unit #124	Iroquois	Bond-Building	Corn Belt	\$17,500,000	161	59
Hinsdale Twp #86	DuPage	Miscellaneous/Advisory	DuPage	Shall the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District 86 petition the Illinois General Assembly for a change in State labor law to prohibit teachers and other professional employees of public school districts from striking or engaging in any form of work stoppage?	7,704	5,017
Hinsdale Twp #86	DuPage	Miscellaneous/Advisory	DuPage	Shall the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District 86 include as criteria in the performance evaluations of its teachers and other professional employees mandatory components for assessment of those employees by the affected students and parents as well as the classroom attendance of the employees?	8,561	3,965
County of Perry	Perry	Other-County Sales Tax	Egyptian	1% Sales Tax	1,924	1,804
Farrington #99	Jefferson	Bond-Working Cash	Egyptian	\$150,000	1	0
Paris Comm Unit #4	Edgar	Bond-Working Cash	Illini	\$1,600,000	340	325
Aurora West #129	Kane	Bond-Building	Kishwaukee	\$84,200,000	3,396	2,237
Woodland #50	Lake	Tax-PTELL	Lake	Shall the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Woodland Community Consolidated School District Number 50, Lake County, Illinois, be increased from the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index over the prior levy year to 5% for the 2015 levy year? For the 2015 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$57.16.	1,824	1,358
Harrisburg #3	Saline	Bond-Building	Shawnee	\$15,000,000	1,500	1,110
County of Jersey	Jersey	Other-County Sales Tax	Southwestern	1% Sales Tax	3,148	2,458
Triad Comm #2	Madison	Tax-Education Fund	Southwestern	\$0.50	2,319	2,162
Meredosia-Chambersburg #11	Morgan	Other-Board Member Election	Two Rivers	Shall members of the Board of Education of Meredosia-Chambersburg Community Unit School District No. 11, Brown, Cass, Morgan and Pike Counties, Illinois, be elected at large from within the school district and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?	327	167
County of Scott	Scott	Other-County Sales Tax	Two Rivers	1% Sales Tax	428	328
Hamilton #328	Hancock	Tax-Education Fund	Western	\$0.60	424	365
Warsaw Comm #316	Hancock	Tax-Education Fund	Western	\$1.00	660	300

Unsuccessful Referenda

District/ County	County	Category	IASA Region	Amount or Question	Vote Yes	Vote No
Maroa-Forsyth Unit #2	Macon	Tax-Education Fund	Abe Lincoln	\$0.40	709	1,020
County of Rock Island	Rock Island	Other-County Sales Tax	Blackhawk	1% Sales Tax	8,413	8,531
Glencoe #35	Cook	Miscellaneous/Advisory	Cook North	Shall Glencoe School District 35 implement a privately-funded School Resource Officer pilot program for the 2015-2016 school year which would place a Glencoe Public Safety Officer in Central School?"	280	1,211
Pennoyer #79	Cook	Tax-PTELL	Cook West	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Pennoyer School District No. 79, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .39% above the limiting rate for the purpose for which the School District is organized for levy year 2013 and be equal to 2.936% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2014?" (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$3,418,349, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$3,941,977. (2) For the 2014 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$103.82. (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2014 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).	195	407
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Comm Unit SD #201	DuPage	Bond-Building	DuPage	\$19,700,000	660	1,130
Jasper County Comm #1	Jasper	Bond-Outstanding Claims	Egyptian	\$2,200,000	684	1,318

McClellan #12	Jefferson	Tax-PTELL	Egyptian	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for McClellan Community Consolidated School District Number 12, Jefferson County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.99% above the limiting rate for any purpose of said School District for levy year 2013 and be equal to 3.19046% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2015? (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$177,343, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$257,128. (2) For the 2015 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$270.60. (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2015 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).	5	9
Champaign Comm #4	Champaign	Bond-Building	Illini	\$144,000,000	4,652	10,945
Thomasboro #130	Champaign	Tax-PTELL	Illini	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Thomasboro Community Consolidated School District Number 130, Champaign County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 1.5000% above the limiting rate for school purposes for the levy year 2013 and be equal to 4.1194% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2015? (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$634,382.35, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$997,661.54. (2) For the 2015 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$500.00. (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2015 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).	139	338
Breese #12	Clinton	Tax-Education Fund	Kaskaskia	\$0.30	740	1,022
North Boone #200	Boone	Miscellaneous/Advisory	Kishwaukee	Shall the North Boone School District use school facilities sales tax funds to construct a new athletic stadium and track?	380	620
Grass Lake #36	Lake	Bond-Building	Lake	\$5,600,000	94	531
Winthrop Harbor #1	Lake	Bond-Building	Lake	\$6,000,000	482	570
County of Carroll	Carroll	Other- County Sales Tax	Northwest	1% Sales Tax	1,134	1,427
County of Stephenson	Stephenson	Other-County Sales Tax	Northwest	1% Sales Tax	1,828	4,736

East Alton-Wood River #14, East Alton #13	Madison	Other-District Reorganization	Southwestern	Shall East Alton-Wood River High School District 14, East Alton School District 13, and Wood River-Hartford School District 15, Madison County, Illinois be dissolved and a new school district be established as follows: a new community unit school district formed from all the territory included within East Alton-Wood River High School District 14, East Alton School District 13, and Wood River-Hartford School District 15, Madison County, Illinois, with the authority to levy taxes for various purposes as follows: Education Fund Purposes \$2.41, Operation and Building Maintenance Fund Purposes \$0.64, Transportation Fund Purposes \$0.20, Health Life and Safety Fund Purposes \$0.10, Working Cash Fund Purposes \$0.05, and Lease Fund Purposes \$0.10, each upon all the taxable property of the school district at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, and a new community unit school district be formed from all the territory included within East Alton-Wood River High School District 14, East Alton School District 13, and Wood River-Hartford School District 15, Madison County, Illinois?	931	938
Granite City #9	Madison	Tax-Education Fund	Southwestern	\$0.80	2,620	3,042
County of Jersey	Jersey	Tax-PTELL	Southwestern	Shall the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-185 through 18-245), which limits annual property tax extension increases, apply to non-home rule taxing districts with all or a portion of their equalized assessed valuation located in Jersey County?	1,992	3,513
Midland #7	Marshall	Bond-Building	Starved Rock	\$12,850,000	608	891
Streator Elem. #44	LaSalle	Tax-Education Fund	Starved Rock	\$0.75	529	1,107
Waltham #185	LaSalle	Bond-Building	Starved Rock	\$6,900,000	215	516
Neoga Comm #3	Cumberland	Tax-PTELL	Wabash Valley	Shall the extension limitation under the property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Neoga Community Unit School District No. 3, Cumberland, Coles and Shelby Counties, Illinois, be increased from the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index over the prior levy year to 37.72% per year for 2014? A. For the 2014 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$381.05	338	772