

Illinois School Referenda Election Results - November 4, 2014

Results of the November 4, 2014, referenda related to public school districts in Illinois reveal that 23 of the 48 questions or 48%, were successful and 25 or 52% 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.

Analysis of Results

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Fund	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total	
Education	3	5	8	
Operations	0	0	0	
Total	3	5	8	
Bond Issues	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total	
Building	6	3	9	
Working Cash	1	1	2	
Total	7	4	11	
Other Questions	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total	
PTELL	1	4	5	
District Reorganization	3	2	5	
County Sales Tax	7	7	14	
Board Member Election	1	2	3	
Advisory	1	1	2	
Total	13	16	29	
	TOTAL PASSED 23	TOTAL DEFEATED 25	TOTAL 48	

Successful Referenda

District/ County	County	Category	IASA Region	Amount or Question		Vote No
County of Piatt	Piatt	Other-County Sales Tax	Abe Lincoln	1 % sales tax	3,769	3,255
Ford Heights 169	Cook	Bond-Working Cash	Cook South	\$7,900,000	431	98
New Trier Twp HS 203	Cook	Bond-Building	Cook North	\$89,000,000.00	16,421	8,851
Hoover-Schrum School District 157	Cook	Bond-Building	Cook South	\$22,900,000	1,465	538

Westchester 92-5	Cook	Other - PTELL	Cook West	"Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Westchester School District Number 92 1/2, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.55% above the limiting rate for school purposes for the levy year 2013 and be equal to 3.39% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2014?"	2,717	2,207
Dodds Community 7 and Ina Community Consolidated 8	Jefferson	Other - District Reorganization	Egyptian	"Shall a combined elementary school district be established in the territory comprising Dodds Community Consolidated School District No. 7, in the County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and Ina Community Consolidated School District No. 8, in the County of Jefferson?	Ina 203 Dodds 311	Ina 115 Dodds 132
Woodlawn Community 4 and Woodlawn Community 205	Jefferson	Other - District Reorganization	Egyptian	"Shall an optional elementary unit school district be established in the territory comprising Woodlawr Community Consolidated School District No. 4, in the County of Jefferson, State of Illinois and Woodlawr Community High School District No. 205, in the County of Jefferson, State of Illinois with the authority to levy taxes, subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in Accordance with Sections 11E-80 of the School Code?	Dist. 205 743 Dist. 4 708	Dist. 205 474 Dist. 4 416
County of White	White	Other-County Sales Tax	Egyptian	1 % sales tax	3,148	2,869
Catlin 5 and Jamaica 12	Vermilion	Other - District Reorganization	Illini	"Shall a new community unit school district be created in the territory comprising CATLIN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 AND JAMAICA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12, Vermilion County, State of Illinois, with the authority to levy taxes at the rate of 3.15% for educational purposes .75% for operations and maintenance purposes, .22% for transportation purposes, and .05% for health and life safety purposes, each upon the full, fair case value of all taxable property of the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?"	Catlin 784 Jamaica 550	Catlin 587 Jamaica 397
Kansas Community 3	Edgar	Tax-Education Fund	Illini	\$0.35	350	152
Durand 32	Winnebago	Other-Board Member Election	Kishwaukee	Shall the members of the Board of Education of Durand Community Unit School District Number 322 be elected at large and without restriction by area of residence within the District:	816	618
Rockford 205	Winnebago	Miscellaneous/Advisory	Kishwaukee	Shall the Board of Education of Rockford School District Number 205, Winnebago and Boone Counties build and equip one or more school buildings and use only funds existing in the District's Capital Project: Fund for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?	31,374	11,037
Round Lake Area 116	Lake	Bond-Building	Lake	\$29,000,000	2,398	1,579
Meridian 223	Ogle	Tax-Education Fund	Northwest	\$0.70	1,993	1,584
Lena Winslow 202	Stephenson	Bond-Building	Northwest	\$4,000,000	1,046	970
County of Whiteside	Whiteside	Other-County Sales Tax	Northwest	1 % sales tax	8,870	8,485
County of Jersey	Jersey	Other-County Sales Tax	Southwestern	1 % sales tax	1,323	1,120
County of Calhoun	Calhoun	Other-County Sales Tax	Two Rivers	1 % sales tax	2,461	1,602
County of Greene	Greene	Other-County Sales Tax	Two Rivers	1 % sales tax	2,281	1,973

County of Morgan	Morgan	Other-County Sales Tax	Two Rivers	1 % sales tax	6,615	4,434
Quincy School District 172	Adams	Bond-Building	Two Rivers	\$89,000,000.00	11,001	5,620
South Wilmington 74	Grundy	Tax-Education Fund	Three Rivers	\$0.95	286	130
Waverly 6	Morgan	Bond-Building	Two Rivers	\$3,500,000.00	520	203

Unsuccessful Referenda

District/ County	County	Category	IASA Region	Amount or Question	Vote Yes	Vote No
County of Moultrie	Moultrie	Other-County Sales Tax	Abe Lincoln	1 % sales tax	1,947	2,563
Monticello Unit 25	Piatt	Bond-Building	Abe Lincoln	\$40,000,000	2,000	2,403
Pennoyer School District 79	Cook	Other - PTELL	Cook West	0.39	571	720
Crescent-Iroquois CU 249	Iroquois	Tax-Education Fund	Corn Belt	\$0.80	223	250
Community Unit SD 201	DuPage	Bond-Building	DuPage	\$26,000,000	1,826	2,324
Hinsdale Twp 86	DuPage	Miscellaneous/Advisory	DuPage	"Shall the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District 86 continue to offer eligible teachers the opportunity to earn six percent (6%) salary increases in each of the four (4) school year prior to retirement?"		16,928
Bluford 114 and Farrington 99 and Webber Twp 204	Jefferson	Other - District Reorganization	Egyptian	"Shall an optional elementary unit school district be organized in the territory comprising Bluford Community Consolidated School District No. 114, in the County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, Farrington Community Consolidated School District No. 99, in the County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and Webbe Township High School District No. 204, in the County of Jefferson, State of Illinois with the authority to levy taxes, subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law in Accordance with Sections 11E-80 on the School Code. (This race is being contested.)	Bluford 687 Farrington 76	Bluford 205 Farrington 209 Webber 767
Grand Prairie 6	Jefferson	Other - PTELL	Egyptian	\$0.50	96	139
McClellan 12	Jefferson	Other - PTELL	Egyptian	\$0.99	172	213
County of Wayne	Wayne	Other-County Sales Tax	Egyptian	1 % sales tax	2,089	3,696
Champaign Community 4	Champaign	Bond-Building	Illini	\$149,000,000	11,781	12,950
Thomasboro 130	Champaign	Other - PTELL	Illini	\$2.00	139	338
Breese 12	Clinton	Tax-Education Fund	Kaskaskia	\$0.30	1,193	1,742

County of Macoupin	Macoupin	Other-County Sales Tax	Kaskaskia	1 % sales tax	7,689	7,790
North Mac 34	Macoupin	Other-Board Member Election	Kaskaskia	Shall members of the Board of Education of North Mac Community Unit School District #34, Macoupin Montgomery, & Sangamon Counties, Illinois, be elected at large instead of by district?	1,063	1,620
Belvidere 100	Boone	Other-Board Member Election	Kishwaukee	Shall the members of the Board of Education of Belvidere Community Unit School District 100 be elected at large and without restriction by area of residence within the District?	5,205	7,150
Batavia 101	Kane	Bond-Working Cash	Kishwaukee	\$15,000,000	2,814	8,017
County of Carroll	Carroll	Other-County Sales Tax	Northwest	1 % sales tax	2,617	2,951
County of Gallatin	Gallatin	Other-County Sales Tax	Shawnee	.50% sales tax	889	969
Brooklyn Unit 188	St. Clair	Other - District Reorganization	Southwestern	Shall the Board of Education of Brooklyn Unit School District No. 188, St. Clair County, Illinois, be authorized to deactivate the High School facility and to send pupils in High School to East St. Louis Schoo District No. 189?	55	130
County of Kankakee	Kankakee	Other-County Sales Tax	Three Rivers	1 % sales tax	13,223	19,926
Liberty 2	Adams	Tax-Education Fund	Two Rivers	\$391,622.00	506	815
Beardstown 15	Cass	Tax-Education Fund	Two Rivers	\$1.84	496	1,166
County of Edwards	Edwards	Other-County Sales Tax	Wabash Valley	1 % sales tax	1,057	1,211
Monmouth-Roseville CU 238	Warren	Tax-Education Fund	Western	\$0.75	1,318	1,741