



Illinois School Referenda Election Results - November 8, 2016

Results of the November 8, 2016, referenda related to public school districts in Illinois reveal that 36 of the 53 questions or 68%, were successful and 17 or 32% 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

	Fund	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total
	Education	0	5	5
	Operations	1	0	1
	Total	1	5	6
	Bond Issues	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total
	Building	9	6	15
	Working Cash	1	0	1
	Total	10	6	16
	Other Questions	Number Passed	Number Defeated	Total
	PTELL	2	3	5
	District Reorganization	1	2	3
	County Sales Tax	8	0	8
	Board Member Election	6	0	6
	Advisory	8	1	8
	Total	26	6	31
		TOTAL PASSED- 36	TOTAL DEFEATED- 17	TOTAL- 53

Successful Referenda

IASA Region	County	District/ County	Category	Amount or Question	Vote Yes	Vote No
Blackhawk	Rock Island	County of Rock Island	Tax	1% Sales Tax	33,685	29,294
Central Illinois Valley	Tazewell	Deer Creek-Mackinaw #701	Bond-Building	\$5,885,000.00	1,748	1,300
Central Illinois Valley	Tazewell	Rankin #98	Bond-Building	\$2,250,000.00	620	186
Central Illinois Valley	Peoria	County of Peoria	Tax	.5% Sales Tax	39,284	38,319
Cook North	Cook	East Prairie #73	Bond-Building	\$47,353,147.00	1,155	625
Cook North	Cook	Mount Prospect #57	Advisory	Shall the offices of township treasurer and trustee of schools of Township 41 North, Range 11 (Elk Grove Township) be abolished?	5,907	3,220

Cook North	Cook	Community Consolidated #59	Advisory	Shall the offices of township treasurer and trustee of schools of Township 41 North, Range 11 (Elk Grove Township) be abolished?	9,964	8,750
Cook South	Cook	Palos Comm Cons #118	Bond-Building	\$6,500,000.00	6,547	5,132
Cook West	Cook	City of Chicago	Advisory	Should the State of Illinois provide full and equitable funding for the Chicago Public Schools?	849,949	84,650
Cook West	Some Precincts in Ward 1, Ward25, Ward 26, and Ward 33	City of Chicago	Advisory	Shall the Chicago Public Schools, which face a budget deficit, approve the expansion of charter schools?	9,215	6,054
Cook West	Ward 46: Precincts 8, 12, 14, 20, 21, 22, 25 and 32	City of Chicago	Advisory	Shall there be a freeze on expanding charter schools in any manner in the City of Chicago?	2,019	1,603
Cook West	Ward 49	City of Chicago	Advisory	Should there be a freeze on expanding charter schools in the 49th Ward of the City of Chicago through new, larger or relocated schools?	10,670	6,416
Cook West	Cook	LaGrange #102	Tax-PTELL	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for LaGrange School District Number 102, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.42% above the limiting rate for levy year 2015 for any purpose of said School District and be equal to 4.10% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2016?	6,141	5,942
Corn Belt	Ford	Paxton-Buckley-Loda CU #10	Bond-Building	\$31,425,000.00	1,425	1,334
Corn Belt	McLean	Lexington #7	Other-Board Member Election	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?	1,120	392
DuPage	DuPage	Community Consolidated #181	Bond-Building	\$53,329,194.00	13,476	11,663
DuPage	DuPage	Salt Creek #48	Bond-Building	\$8,000,000.00	5,208	2,974
Illini	Champaign	Champaign Comm #4	Bond-Building	\$183,400,000.00	27,324	14,325
Illini	Coles	County of Coles	Tax	1% Sales Tax	11,564	9,816
Illini	Edgar	County of Edgar	Tax	1% Sales Tax	4,165	3,513
Kaskaskia	Montgomery	Nokomis Comm #22	Other-Board Member Election	Shall members of the Board of Education of Nokomis Community Unit School District No. 22, Montgomery, Christian and Fayette Counties, 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 not more than three (3) members on the board of education may be selected from one (1) congressional township in the school district ?	552	519
Kishwaukee	Kane	Central Comm #301	Bond-Building	\$22,000,000.00	5,490	3,969
Northwest	Lee	County of Lee	Tax	1% Sales Tax	2,592	2,436

Northwest	Ogle	Polo Comm #222	Other-Board Member Election	Shall the members of the Board of Education of Polo Community Unit School District Number 222, Ogle, Lee and Whiteside Counties, Illinois, be elected at large and without restriction by area of residence within said School District rather than in accordance with the provisions of Section 10-10.5(a) of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, which require mandatory board representation according to congressional townships?	1,031	618
Northwest	Lee	Paw Paw CU #271	Other-Board Member Election	Shall members of the Board of Education of Paw Paw Community Unit School District No. 271, Lee and DeKalb Counties, 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 not more than three (3) members on the board of education may be selected from one (1) congressional township in the school district?	7,269	3,231
Shawnee	Jackson	County of Jackson	Tax	1% Sales Tax	11,965	8,501
Southwestern	Madison	County of Madison	Advisory	Shall the State of Illinois meet its Constitutional responsibility to provide the primary funding for the public school system, combined with a permanent reduction in property taxes for Madison County taxpayers?	113,025	9,079
Starved Rock	LaSalle	Dimmick #175 and Cherry Grade School #92	Other-District Reorganization	Shall a combined elementary school district which includes all of the territory currently located in Dimmick Community Consolidated School District #175 LaSalle County, Illinois and Cherry Grade School District #92, Bureau County, Illinois, with the authority to levy taxes at the maximum rate of 0.92000% for educational purposes 0.25000% for operations and maintenance purposes; 0.12000% for pupil transportation purposes; and, the authority to levy taxes for other purposes, up to the statutory permissive rate for each such purpose, each upon all of the taxable property of the district at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, be established?	391	128
Starved Rock	LaSalle	LaSalle Peru Twp #120	Bond-Working Cash	\$38,000,000	6,620	6,426
Starved Rock	LaSalle	Waltham #185	Advisory	Should Waltham School District make every possible effort to use funding sources to build one new Waltham School Building without increasing property tax rates?	901	432
Three Rivers	Will	Laraway #70C	Tax-Operations Fund	Shall the Board of Education of Laraway Community Consolidated School District Number 70-C, Will County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$25,000,000 General Obligation Lease Obligations (Alternate Revenue Source) of said School District for the purpose of paying the cost of building and equipping a new school building and improving the site thereof, as provided for by the resolution adopted by said Board of Education on the 4th day of May, 2016, said lease obligations being payable from (i) amounts allocated and paid to said School District from the Personal Property Replacement Tax Fund of the State of Illinois pursuant to Section 12 of the State Revenue Sharing Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, or substitute taxes therefor as provided by the State of Illinois in the future, and (ii) taxes levied by said School District for operations and maintenance purposes, unless said revenue sources are insufficient to pay said lease obligations, in which case ad valorem property taxes levied upon all taxable property in said School District without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended for such purpose?	558	135

Three Rivers	Kendall	Newark Comm #66	Tax-PTELL	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Newark Community Consolidated School District Number 66, Kendall and LaSalle Counties, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .70% above the limiting rate for school purposes for levy year 2015 and be equal to 2.93% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2016?	699	487
Two Rivers	Cass	Virginia Unit #64	Other-Board Member Election	Shall members of the Board of Education of Virginia Community Unit School District #64, Cass and Morgan Counties, Illinois, be elected at large from within the school district and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?	721	314
Wabash Valley	Clay	Flora Comm #35	Other-Board Member Election	Shall members of the Board of Education of Flora Community Unit School District No. 35, Clay, Wayne, and Marion Counties, 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 not more than three (3) members on the board of education may be selected from one (1) congressional township in the school district?	1,831	331
Wabash Valley	Wabash	County of Wabash	Tax	1% Sales Tax	3,310	1,982
Western	McDonough	McDonough County	Tax	1% Sales Tax	7,862	4,944
Unsuccessful Referenda						
Abe Lincoln	Macon	Maroa-Forsyth Unit #2	Tax-Education Fund	\$0.50	1,065	2,158
Blackhawk	Henry	Kewanee Comm Unit #229 and Wethersfield CU #230	Other-District Reorganization	Shall a new community unit school district be created in the territory comprising Kewanee Community Unit School District #229 and Wethersfield Community Unit School District #230, Henry, Bureau, and Stark Counties, State of Illinois, with the authority to levy taxes at the rate of 2.35% for educational purposes, .50% for operations and maintenance purposes, .20% for transportation purposes, and .05% for health and life safety purposes, each upon full, fair cash value of all taxable property of the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?	2,481	3,302
Central Illinois Valley	Tazewell	Deer Creek-Mackinaw #701	Tax-Education Fund	\$0.30	1,478	1,557
Central Illinois Valley	Woodford	Metamora CC #1	Tax-Education Fund	\$0.31	1,780	2,200
Cook North	Cook	Palatine CC #15	Bond-Building	\$130,000,000.00	13,741	33,055
Cook North	Cook	River Trails #26	Bond-Building	\$29,000,000.00	2,134	4,213
Cook West	Cook	Oak Park River Forest #200	Bond-Building	\$25,000,000	17,266	17,384
Cook West	Cook	Norridge #80	Tax-PTELL	Shall the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Norridge School District Number 80, Cook County, Illinois, be increased from the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index over the prior levy year to 73.6% for the 2016 levy year?	1,076	3,657
Kaskaskia	Clinton	Aviston #21	Tax-Education Fund	\$0.45	679	685

Kaskaskia	Macoupin	Carlinville #1	Tax-PTCELL	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the Carlinville Community Unit School District Number 1, Macoupin County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .50% above the limiting rate for any purpose of said School District for levy year 2016 and be equal to 3.675040% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2016?	1,510	2,087
Kaskaskia	Marion	Central City #133	Tax-PTCELL	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Central City School District No. 133, Marion County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.50000% above the limiting rate for school purposes for levy year 2015 and be equal to 2.36556% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2016?	279	475
Kishwaukee	Winnebago	Hononegah Comm #201	Bond-Building	\$44,000,000	6,339	10,311
Northwest	Lee	Dixon #170	Bond-Building	\$80,600,000.00	1,716	2,707
Northwest	Winnebago	Winnebago #323	Bond-Building	\$25,600,000.00	1,653	2,626
Southwestern	Madison	Edwardsville #7	Tax-Education Fund	\$0.55	13,388	14,468
Southwestern	Madison	East Alton-Wood River #14	Other-District Reorganization	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?	2,654	2,663
Starved Rock	LaSalle	Waltham #185	Advisory	Should Waltham School District build one new Waltham School Building to replace the current Waltham North and South school building?	556	785