

ILLINOIS SCHOOL REFERENDA RESULTS—2009 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

There were 21 referenda introduced by 20 Illinois school districts in the April 7, 2009, consolidated election. These school referenda are sorted into three types: tax, bond, and miscellaneous, and each type is further sorted into one of the following categories: school/education, build/construct, miscellaneous, boundary changes, and form of government.

Among the 21 referenda, seven are tax referenda in the school/education category. Eight of the nine bond referenda are in the build/construct category and one is in the miscellaneous category. The five miscellaneous referenda fall into three categories: boundary changes, build/construct, and form of government. A summary of results obtained on April 8, 2009, from participating school districts and county election boards is listed in the following table.

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Referendum Type	Category	Failed		Passed		Total
		#	%	#	%	
Tax	School/Education	3	43	4	57	7
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>7</i>
Bond	Build/Construct	7	88	1	12	8
	Miscellaneous	0		1	100	1
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>9</i>
Miscellaneous	Boundary Changes	0		1	100	1
	Build/Construct	0		1	100	1
	Form of Government	0		3	100	3
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>0</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>5</i>
Grand Total		10	48	11	52	21

Overall, 11 of the 21 referenda passed and 10 did not. Voters did not approve four of the seven tax referenda in this election. The five miscellaneous referenda all passed, but seven of the nine bond referenda failed. Detailed descriptions of all of the school referenda, participating school districts, and the voting results follow.

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District Name	Jurisdiction	Referenda Type	Category	Result	Description
AlWood Community Unit School District 225	HENRY, KNOX, MERCER	Tax	School/ Education	Pass	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of AlWood Community Unit School District 225, Henry, Knox, and Mercer counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 3.45 percent upon all the taxable property of said school district at the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.65 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?
Arbor Park School District 145	COOK	Tax	School/ Education	Fail	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Arbor Park School District 145, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .60 percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2007 and be equal to 3.293 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy years 2008 and 2009? (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$6,258,592, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$7,653,005. (2) For the 2008 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 \$96.00. (3) Based upon an average annual percentage increase in the market value of such property of 6.55 percent, the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against such property for the 2009 levy year is estimated to be \$-0-. (4) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2008 and 2009 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).
Avoca School District 37	COOK	Tax	School/ Education	Pass	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Avoca School District 37, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .167 percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2007 and be equal to 1.639 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2008? (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$9,227,584, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$10,274,463. (2) For the 2008 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 \$26.72. (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2008 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).
Ball-Chatham CUSD 5	SANGAMON	Miscellaneous	Build/ Construct	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 5 (Ball-Chatham School District), Sangamon County, Illinois, build and equip a new 500-student K-4 elementary school and pay for such school from district funds currently reserved and available for such purposes?

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Belle Valley School District 119	ST. CLAIR	Bond	Build/Construct	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Belle Valley School District 119, St. Clair County, Illinois, build and equip a school building, improve the site thereof, refinance debt incurred to acquire said site, demolish one or more school building(s), and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$39,450,000 for the purpose of paying costs thereof?
Bunker Hill Community Unit School District 8	MACOUPIN, MADISON	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Bunker Hill Community Unit School District 8; Macoupin and Madison counties; Illinois; build and equip an addition to, alter, repair, equip, and improve the site of the Wolf Ridge Educational Center Building; alter and repair the Bunker Hill High School Building; and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$4,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Cary Community Consolidated School District 26	LAKE, McHENRY	Bond	Miscellaneous	Pass	Shall the Board of Education of Cary Community Consolidated School District 26, McHenry and Lake counties, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$17,000,000 bonds for a working cash fund as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
Community Consolidated School District 180	COOK, DuPAGE	Tax	School/Education	Pass	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Community Consolidated School District 180, counties of DuPage and Cook, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .2900 percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2007 and be equal to 1.8709 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2009?
Girard Community Unit School District 3/ Virden Community Unit School District 4	MACOUPIN, MONTGOMERY, SANGAMON	Miscellaneous	Boundary Changes	Pass	Shall a new combined unit school district be created in the territory comprising the entire territories of Girard CUSD 3, counties of Macoupin and Montgomery, and Virden CUSD 4, counties of Macoupin, Montgomery, and Sangamon, in the state of Illinois, the Board of Education of such new school district to be elected from seven school board districts with the authority to levy taxes at the rate of 2.8900 percent for educational purposes, 0.5900 percent for operations and maintenance purposes, and 0.2400 percent for transportation purposes, each upon the full, fair cash value of all taxable property of the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?
Hiawatha Community Unit School District 426	BOONE, DeKALB, OGLE, WINNEBAGO	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Hiawatha Community Unit School District 426, DeKalb, Boone, Ogle, and Winnebago counties, Illinois, alter, repair, equip, and demolish a portion of the existing Hiawatha School facility in order to construct and equip a gymnasium and related facilities, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$2,400,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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New Holland-Middletown Elementary School District 88	LOGAN, MASON, MENARD	Tax	School/Education	Pass	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of New Holland-Middletown Elementary School District 88, counties of Logan, Mason, and Menard, state of Illinois, be increased and established at 2.750 percent on the full, fair cash value of taxable property as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue instead of 2.000 percent, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?
Ridgeland School District 122	COOK	Tax	School/Education	Fail	Shall the debt service extension base under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Ridgeland School District 122, Cook County, Illinois, for payment of principal and interest on limited bonds, be increased from \$2,260,643 to \$5,260,643 for the 2009 levy year and all subsequent levy years?
School District 86	COOK	Miscellaneous	Form of Government	Pass	Shall the offices of township treasurer and trustee of schools of Township 40N, Range 13E, be abolished?
St Elmo CUSD 202	EFFINGHAM, FAYETTE	Miscellaneous	Form of Government	Pass	Shall a new community unit school district be created in the territory comprising the entire territories of Brownstown CUSD 201, County of Fayette, and St Elmo CUSD 202, counties of Fayette and Effingham in the state of Illinois, the Board of Education of which district shall be elected by an at-large vote and with the authority to levy taxes at the rate of 1.8400 percent for educational purposes, 0.5000 percent for operations and maintenance purposes, and 0.2000 percent for transportation purposes, each upon the full, fair cash value of all taxable property of the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?
St. Charles Community Unit School District 303	DuPAGE, KANE	Bond	Build/Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of St. Charles Community Unit School District 303; Kane and DuPage counties; Illinois; build and equip school buildings; build and equip additions to and alter, repair, and equip school buildings; alter, repair, and equip athletic facilities; improve school sites; demolish certain school buildings; and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$114,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Sunnybrook School District 171	COOK	Tax	School/ Education	Fail	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Sunnybrook School District 171, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.30 percent above the limiting rate for levy year 2007 and be equal to 2.847 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2008? (1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$4,367,936, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$4,883,498. (2) For the 2008 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 \$48. (3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2008 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).
Virginia Community Unit School District 64	CASS, MORGAN	Miscellaneous	Form of Government	Pass	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?
Washington Community High School District 308	TAZEWELL	Bond	Build/ Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Washington Community High School District 308; Tazewell County; Illinois; build and equip an addition to; demolish a portion of; and alter, repair, and improve the site of Washington High School Building and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$18,400,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
West Chicago Elementary School District 33	DuPAGE	Bond	Build/ Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of West Chicago Elementary School District 33; DuPage County; Illinois; build and equip an addition to, improve the site of, reconstruct a portion of, alter, renovate, repair, and equip the West Chicago Middle School Building; improve the sites of, alter, renovate, repair, and equip other school buildings of said School District; and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$49,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Whiteside School District 115	ST. CLAIR	Bond	Build/ Construct	Fail	Shall the Board of Education of Whiteside School District 115, St. Clair County, Illinois, build and equip a school building, improve the site thereof, and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$9,750,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?