

## SCHOOL REFERENDA RESULTS—2012 ILLINOIS GENERAL ELECTION

There were 16 referenda introduced by 17 Illinois school districts during the November 6, 2012, general election. These school referenda are sorted into three types: tax, bond, and miscellaneous. Each type is further sorted into one of the following categories: tax rate, build/construct, working cash, or school board.

Among the 16 referenda, 4 are tax referenda, all dealing with increasing the local tax for education, with 2 of the 4 tax referenda also including school consolidation. Six of the nine bond referenda are in the build/construct category and three are bond issuance for working cash. There are three miscellaneous referenda, both addressing the school board member election at-large without restriction within the districts. The following table provides a summary of results obtained on November 7, 2012, from participating school districts.

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Referendum Type	Category	Failed		Passed		Total
		#	%	#	%	
Tax	Tax Rate	3	75	1	25	4
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>4</i>
Bond	Build/Construct	2	33	4	67	6
	Working Cash	0	0	3	100	3
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>9</i>
Miscellaneous	School Board	2	67	1	33	3
	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>16</b>

Overall, 9 of the 16 referenda passed and 7 did not. Voters approved one of the four tax referenda and seven of the nine bond referenda in this election. Of the two tax referenda include school consolidation as part of the referendum, one passed and one failed. One school district introduced two referenda: one bond referendum to build, which passed, and one to increase the tax rate, which failed. Voters approved one of the three school board member election miscellaneous referenda. Detailed descriptions of these school referenda, participating school districts, and voting results follow.

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GOVERNMENT UNIT NAME	JURISDICTION	REFERENDA TYPE	CATEGORY	RESULT	DESCRIPTION
Avon Community Unit School District 176	Fulton, Knox, Warren	Tax	Tax Rate and Consolidation	Passed	SHALL A NEW COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BE CREATED IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING THE ENTIRE TERRITORIES OF ABINGDON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 217, COUNTIES OF KNOX AND WARREN, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND AVON COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT 176, COUNTIES OF FULTON, KNOX AND WARREN, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SAID DISTRICTS SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE, AND WITH THE AUTHORITY TO LEVY TAXES AT THE RATE OF 3.25% FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, 0.50% FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES, 0.45% FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES, AND 0.05% FOR WORKING CASH PURPOSES, EACH UPON THE FULL FAIR CASH VALUE OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT AS EQUALIZED OR ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE?
Ball Chatham Community Unit School District 5	Sangamon	Bond	Build	Passed	SHALL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (BALL CHATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT), SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BUILD AND EQUIP ADDITIONS TO ACCOMODATE ENROLLMENT GROWTH AT GLENWOOD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, BALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GLENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GLENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, AND CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS IN AND ABOUT ALL DISTRICT FACILITIES AND ISSUES BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSES?
Christopher Community Unit School District 99; Zeigler-Royalton Community Unit School District 188	Franklin, Williamson	Tax	Tax Rate and Consolidation	Failed	SHALL A NEW COMBINED UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BE CREATED IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING THE ENTIRE TERRITORIES OF CHRISTOPHER CUSD 99, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN AND ZEIGLER-ROYALTON CUSD 188, COUNTIES OF FRANKLIN AND WILLIAMSON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, WITH 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 1.6602% FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, 0.3011% FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES, 0.5511% FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES, 0.0433% FOR WORKING CASH PURPOSES, 0.0545% FOR ILLINOIS MUNICIPALE RETIREMENT PURPOSES, 0.0500% FOR HEALTH/LIFE/SAFETY PURPOSES, 0.0486% FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PURPOSES, 0.3788% FOR TORT IMMUNITY PURPOSES, AND 0.3788% FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES EACH UPON ALL OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT AT THE VALUE THEREOF, AS EQUALIZED OR ASSESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WITH A NEW COBINED UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGGREGATE EXTENSION BASE OF \$1,716,391.63 AND A DEBT SERVICE EXTENSION BASE OF \$500,000?

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Farrington Community Consolidated School District 99	Jefferson, Marion	Bond	Working Cash	Passed	SHALL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FARRINGTON COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 99, JEFFERSON AND MARION COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE \$150,000 BONDS FOR A WORKING CASH FUND AS PROVIDED FOR BY ARTICLE 20 OF THE SCHOOL CODE?
Galena Unit School District 120	Jo Daviess	Bond	Build	Failed	SHALL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GALENA UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 120, JODAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BUILD AND EQUIP A PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING AND A HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AS ADDITIONS TO THE GALENA MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING AND TO REPLACE THE EXISTING GALENA PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS, BUILD AND EQUIP OTHER ADDITIONS TO AND ALTER, REPAIR AND EQUIP THE GALENA MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING, CONSTRUCT SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ISSUE BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS THEREOF?
Highland Community Unit School District 5	Bond, Madison, Montgomery	Bond	Working Cash	Passed	SHALL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 5, MADISON, BOND AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE \$5,000,000 BONDS FOR A WORKING CASH FUND AS PROVIDED FOR ARTICLE 20 OF THE SCHOOL CODE?
Illini West High School District 307	Hancock, Henderson, McDonough	Bond	Build	Failed	SHALL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ILLINI WEST HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 307, HANCOCK, HENDERSON AND MCDONOUGH COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, ACQUIRE AND IMPROVE A SITE AND BUILD AND EQUIP A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING THEREON AND ISSUE BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS THEREOF?
Mendota Community Consolidated School District 289	Bureau, LaSalle, Lee	Miscellaneous	School Board	Failed	SHALL THE ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS BE AT LARGE AND WITHOUT RESTRICTION BY AREA OF RESIDENCE WITHIN THE DISTRICT?
Rockford School District 205	Boone, City of Rockford, Winnebago	Bond	Build	Passed	SHALL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT 205, WINNEBAGO AND BOONE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, BUILD AND EQUIP ADDITIONS TO AND ALTER, REPAIR AND EQUIP SCHOOL BUILDINGS, ACQUIRE ONE OR MORE SITES, IMPROVE SITES AND ISSUE BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE AMOUNT OF \$139,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS THEREOF?
Brookwood School District 167	Cook	Bond	Build	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Brookwood School District 167, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip an elementary school building, demolish an existing school building and construct site improvements, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$15,800,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Ford Heights School District 169	Cook	Bond	Working Cash	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Ford Heights School District 169, Cook County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$11,000,000 bonds for the purpose of paying claims against said school district as provided for by Article 19 (Sections 19-8 to 19-14, inclusive) of the School Code?
Golf School District 67	Cook	Bond	Build	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Golf School District 67, Cook County, Illinois, improve the sites of and alter, repair, and equip the Hynes Elementary and Golf Middle School buildings; build and equip a gymnasium/multipurpose room addition to the Hynes Elementary School building; and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$7,987,090 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Golf School District 67	Cook	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	Shall the extension limitation under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Golf School District 67, Cook County, Illinois, be increased from the lesser of 5 percent or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index over the prior levy year to 16.3 percent for the 2012 levy year? For the 2012 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against the 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 \$90.40.
Somonauk Community Unit School District 432	DeKalb, LaSalle	Tax	Tax Rate	Failed	Shall the maximum annual tax rate for Educational purposes of Somonauk Community Unit School District 432, counties of LaSalle and DeKalb, State of Illinois, be increased and established at 3.95 percent upon all taxable property of said school district at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 3.05 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the net taxes to be extended for said purposes?
Sullivan Community Unit School District 300	Coles, Moultrie, Shelby	Miscellaneous	School Board	Failed	Shall members of the Board of Education of Sullivan Community Unit School District 300; Moultrie, Shelby, and Coles counties; Illinois; be elected in 2013 and thereafter at large without restriction by area of residence within the district instead of the current restriction that not more than three members of the Board of Education be selected from one congressional township in the school district?
Waverly Community Unit School District 6	Macoupin, Morgan, Sangamon	Miscellaneous	School Board	Passed	Shall members of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Unit School District 6; Macoupin, Morgan, and Sangamon counties; Illinois; be elected at large from within the school district and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?