

SCHOOL REFERENDA RESULTS—2012 ILLINOIS GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

There were 23 referenda introduced by 26 Illinois school districts during the March 20, 2012, general primary 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 consolidation.

Among the 23 referenda, 6 are tax referenda, all dealing with increasing the local tax for education. Eleven of the fifteen bond referenda are in the build/construct category and four are bond issuance for working cash. There are two miscellaneous referenda, both of which address the school consolidation issue, involving a total of seven districts. The following table provides a summary of results obtained on March 21, 2012, from participating school districts.

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Referendum Type	Category	Failed		Passed		Total
		#	%	#	%	
Tax	Tax Rate	2	33	4	67	6
	<i>Subtotal</i>	2	33	4	67	6
Bond	Build/Construct	4	36	7	64	11
	Working Cash	1	25	3	75	4
	<i>Subtotal</i>	5	33	10	67	15
Miscellaneous	Consolidation	2	100	0	0	2
	<i>Subtotal</i>	2	100	0	0	2
Grand Total		9	39	14	61	23

Overall, 14 of the 23 referenda passed and 9 did not. Voters approved 4 of the 6 tax referenda and 10 of the 15 bond referenda in this election. Of the two school consolidation referenda involving seven districts, voters in six districts disapproved the consolidation and both consolidation referenda failed. Detailed descriptions of these school referenda, participating school districts, and voting results follow.

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DISTRICT NAME	REFERENDA TYPE	CATEGORY	RESULT	DESCRIPTION
Abingdon CUSD 217, Avon CUSD 176, Bushnell-Prairie City CUSD 170	Miscellaneous	School/Education	Failed	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; Avon Community Unit School District 176, counties of Fulton, Knox, and Warren, state of Illinois; and Bushnell-Prairie City Community Unit School District 170, counties of McDonough, Warren, and Fulton, state of Illinois; the board of education of said district shall be elected from equal population districts, and with the authority to levy taxes at the rate of 2.97 percent for educational purposes, 0.71 percent for operations and maintenance purposes, 0.50 percent for transportation purposes, and 0.05 percent 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?
Anna CCSD 37, Anna-Jonesboro District 81, Jonesboro CCSD 43, Lick Creek CCSD 16	Miscellaneous	School/Education	Failed	The proposition to establish an optional elementary unit district shall pass if a majority of those voting in the high school district vote in favor of the proposition and a majority of those voting in at least one of the elementary districts vote in favor of the proposition. In that case, all of the territory in the high school district shall be included in the optional elementary unit district for high school purposes. However, only the territory of the elementary districts in which a majority of those voting vote in favor shall be included in the optional elementary unit district for elementary purposes. Shall an optional elementary unit district, with the authority to levy taxes at the maximum rate of: 3.50 percent for K-8 grades and 9-12 grades and 4.00 percent for K-12 grades for educational purposes; 0.55 percent for K-8 grades and 9-12 grades and 0.75 percent for K-12 grades for operational and maintenance purposes; 0.12 percent for K-8 grades and 9-12 grades and 0.20 percent for K-12 grades for transportation purposes; 0.40 percent for K-9 grades and 9-12 grades and 0.80 percent for K-12 grades for special education purposes; 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?
Auburn CUSD 10	Tax	Tax	Failed	Shall the debt service extension base under the property tax extension law for Auburn Community Unit School District 10, Sangamon and Montgomery counties, Illinois, for payment of principal and interest on limited bonds be increased from \$136,190.75 to \$1,00,000 for the 2012 levy year and all subsequent levy years, such debt service extension base to be increased each year by the lesser of 5 percent or the percentage increase in the consumer price index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year?
Blue Ridge CUSD 18	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the board of education of the Blue Ridge Community Unit School District 18; DeWitt, Piatt, and McLean counties; Illinois; build and equip an addition to improve the site of, alter, repair, and equip the Blue Ridge Junior High School building and demolish the Blue Ridge Mansfield Elementary School building and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$6,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Cahokia CUSD 187	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Cahokia Community Unit School District 187, St. Clair County, Illinois, build and equip a new high school building at the current location on land now owned by the district and to demolish as required existing Cahokia Senior High School buildings, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$32,000,000 for said purpose?
Clinton CUSD 15	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Clinton Community Unit School District 15; DeWitt, Macon, and Logan counties; Illinois; build and equip a new school building and improve the site thereof; alter, repair, and equip the Clinton High School building; and demolish the Webster and Washington elementary school buildings; and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$16,700,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Earlville CUSD 9	Tax	Tax	Passed	Shall the maximum rate for the education fund of Earlville Community Unit School District 9; LaSalle, DeKalb, and Lee counties; Illinois; be increased to 4.0 percent of the full, fair cash value of all taxable property of said district as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue for such purposes instead of 2.6 percent, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended?
Evanston/Skokie CCSD 65	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Evanston/Skokie Community Consolidated School District 65, Cook County, Illinois, build and equip a school building, build and equip additions to existing school buildings, and improve the sites of and alter, repair, and equip existing school buildings and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$48,200,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Fox Lake Grade School District 114	Bond	Bonds	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Fox Lake Grade School District 114, Lake County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$3,750,000 bonds for a working cash fund as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
Golf School District 67	Tax	Tax	Failed	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Golf School District 67, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.342 percent above the limiting rate for the purpose for which the school district is organized for levy year 2010 and be equal to 2.401 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2011? 1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$6,856,940, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$7,995,878. 2) For the 2011 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 \$34.20. 3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2011 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).

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Golf School District 67	Bond	School/Education	Failed	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 \$9,720,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Gower School District 62	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Gower School District 62, DuPage County, Illinois, build and equip an addition to the Gower Middle School building and improve the sites of, alter, repair, and equip the Gower Middle School and the Gower West Elementary School buildings and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$9,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Lincolnwood School District 74	Bond	Build/Construct	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Lincolnwood School District 74, Cook County, Illinois, improve the site of and build and equip a school building to replace the Lincoln Hall Middle School building and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Opdyke-Belle-Rive CCSD 5	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Opdyke-Belle-Rive Community Consolidated School District 5, Jefferson County, Illinois, improve the site of and build and equip a pre-K through eighth grade school building and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$400,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Quincy School District 172	Bond	Bonds	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Quincy School District 172, Adams County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$6,200,000 bonds for a working cash fund as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
Sandoval CUSD 501	Bond	Build/Construct	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Sandoval Community Unit School District 501, Marion and Clinton counties, Illinois, improve the site of and build and equip a school building and issue bonds of said school district up to the amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?
Sandridge School District 172	Bond	Bonds	Failed	Shall the Board of Education of Sandridge School District 172, Cook County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$300,000 bonds for a working cash fund as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
St. Libory Consolidated School District 30	Tax	Tax	Passed	Shall the annual tax rate for education purposes of St. Libory School District 30, St. Clair and Washington counties, Illinois, (commonly known as St. Libory School District), be increased for a period of five years through the 2015 levy year at the rate of 2.4508 percent upon the value of the taxable property in the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue?
Taft School District 90	Bond	Bonds	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Taft School District 90, Will County, Illinois, improve the site of and alter, repair, and equip the Taft Grade School building and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$3,200,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

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Valmeyer CUSD 3	Bond	Bonds	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Valmeyer Community Unit School District 3, Monroe County, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$1,500,000 bonds for a working cash fund as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?
Valmeyer CUSD 3	Tax	Tax	Passed	Shall the debt service extension base under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Valmeyer Community Unit School District 3, Monroe County, Illinois, for payment of principal and interest on limited bonds, be increased from \$83,694.91 to \$350,000 for the 2012 levy year and all subsequent levy years, such debt service extension base to be increased each year by the lesser of 5 percent or the percentage increase in the consumer price index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year?
West Northfield School District 31	Tax	Tax	Passed	Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for West Northfield School District 31, Cook County, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.27 percent above the limiting rate for any purpose of said school district for levy year 2010 and be equal to 1.888 percent of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2011? 1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is \$10,994,072, and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is \$12,828,683. 2) For the 2011 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 \$27. 3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2011 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).
Woodlawn Community High School District 205	Bond	Bonds	Passed	Shall the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community High School District 205, Jefferson County, Illinois, improve the site of and alter, repair, and equip the Woodlawn High School building, pay claims against said school district consisting of outstanding obligations of said school district issued to fund a portion of said works, and issue bonds of said school district to the amount of \$575,000 to pay the costs thereof?