

Referenda

General

1988

Champaign County

A Proposition To Establish A 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System

Shall the County of Champaign and the cities of Champaign and Urbana and the Village of Rantoul jointly impose a surcharge of up to 75 cents per month per network connection on telecommunication carriers, which surcharge expense will be added to the monthly bill you receive for telephone or telecommunications charges, for the purpose of installing (or improving) a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System to be administered by a joint emergency telephone system board?

YES

NO

ABL - District 6 (no longer exists)

A Proposition To Establish A Community Unit School District

A proposition to establish a community unit school district comprised of all the territory of Homer Community Consolidated Unit School District No. 208, Champaign and Vermilion Counties, Illinois, and ABL Community Unit School District No. 6, Champaign, Douglas, Edgar and Vermilion Counties, Illinois, with maximum tax rate of 2.40 percent for educational purposes, .50 percent for operations, building, and maintenance purposes and the purchase of school grounds, and .20 percent for pupil transportation purposes, and .05 percent for fire prevention and safety purposes, each upon all the taxable property of the district at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, to be voted upon as a public referendum on November 8, 1988.

YES

NO

Shall a community unit school district comprised of all the territory of Homer Community Consolidated Unit School District No. 208 and ABL Community Unit School District No. 6 with the authority to levy taxes at the rate of 2.40 percent for educational purposes, .50 percent for operations, building, and maintenance purposes and the purchase of school grounds, and .20 percent for pupil transportation purposes, and .05 percent for fire prevention and safety purposes, each upon all the taxable property of the district at the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, be established?

State of Illinois

Proposed Call For A Constitutional Convention

Explanation Of Proposed Call:

YES

This proposal deals with a call for a state constitutional convention. The last such convention was held in 1969-70, and a new constitution was adopted in 1970. That document requires that the question of calling a convention be placed before the voters every 20 years. This is your opportunity to vote on that question. If you believe the 1970 Illinois Constitution needs to be revised through the calling of a convention, you should vote YES. If you believe that a call for a constitutional convention is unnecessary, or that changes can be accomplished through other means, you should vote NO.

NO

FOR the calling of a State Constitutional Convention

Proposed Amendment To Section 1 Of Article III

Explanation Of Proposed Amendment:

YES

The proposed amendment to Article III, Section 1, would make two changes in the Section setting forth voting qualifications for Illinois residents, both of which conform the Illinois Constitution to the requirements of federal law. First, the amendment would extend the right to vote to citizens between the ages of 18 and 21. The United States Constitution mandates the 18-year-old vote, and Illinois law has so provided since 1975. Second, the amendment would reduce the residency requirement for voting from 6 months to 30 days, which would bring Illinois law into line with federal constitutional requirements.

NO

FOR the proposed amendment to Section 1 of Article III of the Constitution to conform Illinois law on voting qualifications to federal constitutional requirements.

State of Illinois

Proposed Amendment To Section 8 Of Article IX

Explanation Of Proposed Amendment:

YES

The proposed Amendment deals with the problem of tax delinquency on commercial, industrial, vacant non-farm, and large multi-unit residential properties. It has no effect on single-family homes, farms, or apartment buildings containing 6 or fewer units. Present Illinois law attempts to place tax delinquent properties back on the tax rolls. In addition to an Annual Sale which must be held each year, recent changes in the law permit counties to conduct a "Scavenger Sale" for properties which are at least two years tax delinquent. The highest bidder at the Scavenger Sale receives a tax sale certificate. After the Scavenger Sale, the property owner is given a period of time to redeem the outstanding taxes. The certificate holder can take title to the property after this redemption period has expired.

NO

The Constitution now guarantees the delinquent owner two years to pay back or redeem the delinquent taxes after the Scavenger Sale, with some exceptions: if a commercial, industrial, vacant non-farm or large multifamily (7 or more units) property is five or more years delinquent, the redemption period is currently six months.

The proposed Amendment has two components: First, it would allow the General Assembly to apply a six month redemption period to vacant non-farm, commercial, industrial and large multifamily properties which are two or more years delinquent. Second, the proposed Amendment would allow the General Assembly to apply a one year redemption period to the same properties if they are less than two years delinquent. Note that the Constitution simply establishes guidelines for the General Assembly, which is required to set specific redemption periods through the regular legislative process.

The net effect of this Amendment will be that all vacant, commercial, industrial and large multifamily properties (7 or more units) which are two or more years delinquent will have a redemption period of at least six months; and that vacant, commercial, industrial and large multifamily properties (7 or more units) which are less than two years delinquent will have a redemption period of at least one year.

It should be noted that the proposed Amendment more than adequately protects all property owners. It has no effect on single-family residences, farms, or small apartment buildings; it applies only to commercial, industrial, and vacant non-farm properties and buildings of 7 units or more. Even tax delinquent property owners will by law receive multiple notices of their delinquency before the property is put up for sale.

State of Illinois

FOR the proposed amendment to Section 8 of Article IX of the Constitution to authorize the General Assembly to reduce the redemption period following certain tax sales which occur after property taxes have not been paid on multifamily, vacant non-farm, commercial and industrial property only.

Homer School District 208 (no longer exists)

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