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SPRINGFIELD, IL, February 8, 2002 - The State Board of Elections announced that 296 local questions will be voted on at the March 19, 2002 General Primary Election and that a completed listing of those issues is now available on the board's website.

Today the board unveiled a new "Referenda" program, which not only lists all referenda to be voted upon at this primary election, but also all issues voted on since 1995.

The new program is searchable by several different categories: elections; election jurisdictions; units of government; types of questions and results – whether it passed or failed.

Board Director Ron Michaelson praised the latest addition to the board's award winning website.

"Over the past several years our website has been recognized as one of the best in the country," Michaelson said. "The Referenda Search Program is the latest update and one that we think will be of great use to voters across the state as they begin to focus on the March 19th primary election."

"The program allows voters to identify questions on their local ballots before they go to the polls and it also serves as a great tool for researchers examining prior referenda results," Michaelson said.

Michaelson urged voters to take advantage of this new program and the information it provides.

"Many ballot questions represent the final opportunity for concerned citizens to express their views on important local issues," he said.

"Please take a few moments between now and Election Day to examine the questions on your regional ballot and vote on March 19," Michaelson said.

A summary of referenda is attached and a complete listing is available upon request.

Additional information about local election ballots can be obtained from local county clerks.

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Referenda on the March 19, 2002
General Primary Election Ballot**

Total Questions Submitted	296
Tax	(149)
Bonds	(91)
Miscellaneous	(45)
Advisory	(11)

Summary of the questions most frequently presented:

School Issue	120
Tax	(55)
Bonds	(62)
Miscellaneous	(2)
Advisory	(1)

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