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SPRINGFIELD, IL, March 14, 2001 - State Board of Elections' officials today announced that nearly three hundred public policy questions will be voted on at April 3rd local elections.

Board director Ron Michaelson said that in addition to election of municipal, township, school, and special purpose district officials, voters will decide 298 local referenda.

"Most voters have probably seen or heard news reports regarding local candidates and questions on the April 3rd ballot," Michaelson said.

"However, some issues that might significantly impact small communities are not always the attention grabbers that newscasters or papers report on," he added, "and in our busy everyday schedules we might miss an important issue up for debate."

"That is why every election we ask voters to take a minute to find out what questions will be on their local ballot," Michaelson said.

"Two-thirds of the questions (197) address some form of tax or bonding issue that will have significant impact on a community's future," he said.

"Please take a few moments between now and election day to examine the questions on your regional ballot. Explore the consequences of your options and don't let this opportunity pass you by - vote on April 3rd," Michaelson said.

A complete listing of the referenda is available on the board's web site at <http://www.elections.state.il.us>.

Additional information about local election ballots can be obtained from local county clerks and boards of election commissioners.

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