



2026

Midterm Election

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BALLOT MEASURE

Advisory Referendum to the Voters of McHenry County Regarding Becoming a Home Rule County and Adopting the County Executive Form of Government

Would you support McHenry becoming a Home Rule County and establishing the county executive form of government?

A **“yes”** vote changes the status of the local government to Home Rule, giving local officials expanded power to tax, borrow, and regulate.

A **“no”** vote keeps the current system in place, meaning the county must continue to follow strict state-mandated limits on taxes and regulations.

BALLOT MEASURE

Advisory Referendum Regarding the Restoration of Local Zoning Authority Over Commercial Energy Projects and Residential Development

Should the Illinois General Assembly repeal the state laws that prevent McHenry County and other local governments from exercising full zoning authority over the siting of commercial solar, wind, and battery energy storage facilities and residential development, and restore that authority to county and municipal governments?

A **“yes”** vote means you want McHenry County and its local municipalities to have the final say over where large solar farms, wind turbines, and big housing developments can be built.

A **“no”** vote means you are comfortable with the state of Illinois maintaining uniform, statewide standards for where commercial green energy projects and large residential developments can go.