

Bartlett, Barrington Hills alone in opposing electricity referendum

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Bartlett and Barrington Hills were the only holdouts in Cook County's Northwest suburbs on a referendum allowing municipal leaders to negotiate with companies other than ComEd for their electricity supply.

Bartlett voters were decisively against the proposal, with 61 percent voting down the measure. The question was closer in Barrington Hills, where 468 voters opposed the proposal and 443 backed it.

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Voters approved the referendum in Arlington Heights, Barrington, Buffalo Grove, Deer Park, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Park Ridge, Rolling Meadows, South Barrington and Wheeling.

While not every Northwest suburb chose to put the electricity aggregation referendum on Tuesday's primary ballots, those that did not — including Schaumburg and Lake Barrington [Inverness] — were very much in the minority.

Municipal leaders in communities that backed the referendum can now negotiate with power companies other than ComEd to obtain lower rates for residents and small business. ComEd will continue to provide infrastructure and deal with outages.

Village Electrical Aggregation Referendum results

The following vote counts reflect non-certified results with all county precincts reporting in from referendum ballot question asking

SHALL THE VILLAGE OF BARRINGTON HILLS HAVE AUTHORITY TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR ITS RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE NOT OPTED OUT OF SUCH PROGRAM?

Cook County – 225 Yes, 232 No

Kane County – 7 Yes, 11 No

Lake County – 64 Yes, 88 No

McHenry County – 147 Yes, 137 No