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CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION DATES

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1. Do you support or oppose the concept of consolidation of elections in Illinois?

Support.

Give reasons for your answer. Expenses would be cut. Duplication of effort ended. Registration periods would no longer overlap and confuse voters as to their eligibility to register for a particular election. Judges would be trained by one election authority for all elections and be more efficient.

If you support, which elections would you consolidate?

(See 2 c))

2. If you favor consolidation, would you prefer:

a) Two elections held annually in spring and November?

X b) All candidates to be elected in the spring and November with optional local elections to be held for referenda only? Yes..

c) Other? (describe) Our two units were agreed on 2 (b). One unit felt it did not matter if partisan and non-partisan elections were consolidated. The other had the following suggestions: one date each year for primaries, with the partisan primaries in even years and non-partisan in odd years. Elections of non-partisan and partisan candidates also kept separate. <sup>to equal out odd years</sup> ~~the~~ ~~county~~ ~~board~~ ~~members~~ ~~elected~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~time~~ ~~as~~ ~~County~~ ~~officials~~. School elections to be held every other year, with primaries preceding such elections by six weeks if more than two candidates run for the same position. The two units were equal as to number participating. The specific suggestions from Unit 2 did not come up for discussion in Unit 1.

# Consolidation of Elections

## I. Support

### A. Reasons Why

1. to cut expense of having several elections when one will suffice.
  - a. duplication of effort and expenditure would be abolished.
2. registration periods would no longer overlap and confuse voters as to their eligibility to register for a particular election.
3. Judges would be more efficient by being trained by one election authority for all elections

## II

- C. ~~One~~ One date each year for primaries with the partisan primaries in even years and non-partisan in odd. Referenda dates would be left open.

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II c.

All County Board members to be elected at same time as County officials.

School elections to be held every other year with primaries preceding such elections by six weeks if more than two candidates running for the same position.

A Fall election date every year with partisan elections in the even years and non-partisan elections in the odd.