



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD AGENDA

County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois
Monday, August 17, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

**Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Bennett Administrative Center
102 East Main Street, Urbana, Illinois**

Agenda Item

- I. Call to Order**
- II. *Roll Call**
- III. Read Notice of Meeting**
- IV. Approval of Agenda/Addenda**
- V. Public Input**
- VI. Communications**
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-174 Placing a Binding Question Regarding Becoming a Home Rule County with the County Executive Form of Government on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot Page 1
 - B. Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-175 Placing an Advisory Question Regarding the Ban of Data Centers in Champaign County on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot Page 2
- VIII. Other Business**
- IX. Adjourn**

*Roll call

**Roll call and 15 votes

***Roll call and 17 votes

****Roll call and 12 votes

Except as otherwise stated, approval requires the vote of a majority of those County Board members present.

*All meetings are at Bennett Administrative Center – 102 E. Main Street in Urbana – unless otherwise noted.
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RESOLUTION 2026-174

RESOLUTION PLACING A BINDING QUESTION REGARDING BECOMING A HOME
RULE COUNTY WITH THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT ON
THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution provides that a County which has a chief executive officer elected by the electors of the county may become a home rule unit of government by referendum; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/28-7, any such public question may be initiated by the Champaign County Board by resolution requesting the submission of the proposal for such action to the voters of the governmental unit at a regular election; and

WHEREAS, Champaign County voters elected to change the structure of County government to an Executive form of government in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 5 ILCS 5/2-5005 the County Board, by resolution, may call for a referendum to propose the adoption of home rule for the county; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled election in Champaign County is the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Champaign County that the following question shall be submitted to the voters and placed on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot:

<i>Shall the County of Champaign become a Home Rule County with the county executive form of government?</i>	YES
	NO

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED this 17th day of August, A.D. 2026.

Jennifer Locke, Chair
Champaign County Board

Recorded
& Attest: _____
Aaron Ammons, County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
County Board

Approved: _____
Steve Summers, County Executive
Date: _____

RESOLUTION 2026-175

RESOLUTION PLACING AN ADVISORY QUESTION REGARDING THE BAN OF DATA
CENTERS IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL
ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/28-7, any such public question may be initiated by the Champaign County Board by resolution requesting the submission of the proposal for such action to the voters of the governmental unit at a regular election; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board wishes to gauge public opinion on the banning of data centers in Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled election in Champaign County is the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Champaign County that the following question shall be submitted to the voters and placed on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot:

<i>If Champaign County becomes a Home Rule county, should the County Board use Home Rule authority to ban or prohibit the development or construction of new Big Data centers with at least 10,000 square feet of processing area or a total power rating of {24/36} megawatts or greater on any property subject to the Zoning Ordinance of the County of Champaign, Illinois?</i>	YES
	NO

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