

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
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# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

4 **By: Representatives Bobby Wood, Northcutt, Hogue and McGinnis**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS RICE RESEARCH AND  
9 PROMOTION BOARD TO SUBMIT THE ISSUE OF WHETHER TO CONTINUE  
10 REFUNDING ASSESSMENTS TO RICE PRODUCERS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. No later than September 1, 1991, the Arkansas Rice Research  
16 and Promotion Board shall conduct a producer referendum on the issue of  
17 whether to continue refunding assessments under Arkansas Code 2-20-509. The  
18 referendum shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures prescribed in  
19 Arkansas Codes 2-20-506 and 2-20-507. If a majority of the producers voting  
20 at the election vote against continuing to refund rice assessments, refunds  
21 shall cease as of the date the director of the Department of Finance and  
22 Administration is notified by the Board as to the results of the referendum.  
23 If a majority of the rice producers voting at the election vote in favor of  
24 continuing to refund assessments under Arkansas Code 2-20-509, refunds shall  
25 continue to be made as prescribed by that law.

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27 SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature  
28 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
29 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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31 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to  
32 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
33 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without  
34 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
35 Act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that Arkansas rice producers should be given the opportunity to decide by referendum whether to continue refunding the assessment levied by the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Act of 1985; this Act so provides; and that this Act should go into effect immediately to facilitate the referendum as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.