

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2256

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE  
10 ARKANSAS BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH PROGRAM IF  
11 THE FEDERAL PROGRAM IS DISCONTINUED; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 ARKANSAS BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH  
16 PROGRAM IF THE FEDERAL PROGRAM IS  
17 DISCONTINUED.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-35-304(c)(1) is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 (c)(1) When petitions containing the signatures of twenty percent  
26 (20%) of the cattle owners and producers in the state, as determined by the  
27 latest available agricultural census, are filed with the council requesting  
28 that the question of continuing the ~~twenty five cent (25¢)~~ per head  
29 assessment be submitted to a vote of the cattle owners and producers, the  
30 council shall cause an election to be held within ninety (90) days after the  
31 filing of the petitions.  
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 2-35-304 is amended by adding additional  
34 subsections to read as follows:

35 (d) If the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 and the  
36 administrative orders and rules adopted under it are discontinued for any



1 reason, the assessment of twenty-five cents (25¢) per head of cattle sold in  
2 this state shall be reactivated the same as if the national program had never  
3 existed and in addition there is levied, without any election, an additional  
4 seventy-five cents (75¢) per head of cattle sold in this state to be  
5 collected as provided in § 2-35-305 and disposed of as provided in § 2-35-  
6 308.

7 (e)(1) Within ninety (90) days after beginning the collection of the  
8 seventy-five cent (75¢) assessment, the Arkansas Beef Council shall cause an  
9 election to be held on the question of the levy of an assessment of seventy-  
10 five cents (75¢) per head on all cattle sold in the state.

11 (2) The election shall be held in the manner prescribed in  
12 subsections (a) through (c) of this section.

13 (f)(1) If a majority of the cattle owners and producers in the state  
14 voting at the election vote for the levy of the additional seventy-five cents  
15 (75¢) per head on cattle sold in the state, the assessment shall continue  
16 until either terminated by the council or until another election is held at  
17 which a majority of the cattle owners and producers in the state vote against  
18 such levy.

19 (2) If a majority of the cattle owners and producers in the  
20 state voting at the election vote against the levy of the additional seventy-  
21 five cents (75¢) per head on cattle sold in the state, the assessment shall  
22 be discontinued and shall not be levied again unless and until the levy is  
23 thereafter approved at an election called by the council.

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