

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

Act 1331 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 2256

5 By: Representatives Norton, Sullivan, Cowling, Thomason
6 *By: Senators Laverty, Hill, Whitaker, Malone*
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

16 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE
17 ARKANSAS BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH
18 PROGRAM IF THE FEDERAL PROGRAM IS
19 DISCONTINUED.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-35-304(c)(1) is amended to read as
25 follows:

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

36 (d) If the Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985 and the



1 administrative orders and rules adopted under it are discontinued for any
2 reason, the assessment of twenty-five cents (25¢) per head of cattle sold in
3 this state shall be reactivated the same as if the national program had never
4 existed and in addition there is levied, without any election, an additional
5 seventy-five cents (75¢) per head of cattle sold in this state to be
6 collected as provided in § 2-35-305 and disposed of as provided in § 2-35-
7 308.

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

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

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

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

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27 /s/ Norton

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30 **APPROVED: 4/14/2003**