94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB2737

Introduced 2/22/2005, by Rep. Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 67/10

Amends the Illinois Equine Research and Promotion Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning determination of assent by referendum.

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AN ACT concerning animals.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Equine Research and Promotion Act
 is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:
- 6 (510 ILCS 67/10)

Sec. 10. Referendum. Within 90 days after the the effective 7 date of this Act, the University of Illinois Extension shall 8 determine by referendum whether the affected equine owners in 9 Illinois assent to the levy, collection, and use of an equine 10 feed assessment in accordance with this Act. The University of 11 Illinois Extension shall be compensated for 12 all costs associated with conducting the referendum. The results shall be 13 14 certified by an independent auditing firm located in Illinois 15 and submitted to the Director within 30 days after certification. All qualified Illinois equine owners shall be 16 17 entitled to one vote.

Voting shall be at locations throughout the State on a day 18 19 and during a time period as specified by the University of 20 Illinois Extension. Provisions shall be made for absentee voting. Publicity and notification of the referendum date, 21 22 absentee voting procedures, and voting locations shall be provided in the appropriate trade publications and in the 23 public press at least 3 weeks prior to the date of the 24 25 referendum.

26 Upon approval by the majority of qualified Illinois equine 27 owners and certification by an independent auditing firm 28 located in Illinois, the Board shall be established and 29 authorized to levy an assessment on horse feed in accordance 30 with this Act.

31 (Source: P.A. 93-135, eff. 7-10-03.)