

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 HB2713

Introduced 2/24/2009, 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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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Illinois Equine Research and Promotion Act
- 5 is amended by changing Section 10 as follows:
- 6 (510 ILCS 67/10)
- 7 Sec. 10. Referendum. Within 90 days after the the effective
- 8 date of this Act, the University of Illinois Extension shall
- 9 determine by referendum whether the affected equine owners in
- 10 Illinois assent to the levy, collection, and use of an equine
- 11 feed assessment in accordance with this Act. The University of
- 12 Illinois Extension shall be compensated for all costs
- associated with conducting the referendum. The results shall be
- 14 certified by an independent auditing firm located in Illinois
- 15 and submitted to the Director within 30 days after
- 16 certification. All qualified Illinois equine owners shall be
- 17 entitled to one vote.
- Voting shall be at locations throughout the State on a day
- 19 and during a time period as specified by the University of
- 20 Illinois Extension. Provisions shall be made for absentee
- 21 voting. Publicity and notification of the referendum date,
- 22 absentee voting procedures, and voting locations shall be
- 23 provided in the appropriate trade publications and in the

- 1 public press at least 3 weeks prior to the date of the
- 2 referendum.
- 3 Upon approval by the majority of qualified Illinois equine
- 4 owners and certification by an independent auditing firm
- 5 located in Illinois, the Board shall be established and
- 6 authorized to levy an assessment on horse feed in accordance
- 7 with this Act.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 93-135, eff. 7-10-03.)