

(A) CERTIFIED AGENCY TO ARRANGE AND MANAGE REFERENDUM.

THE CERTIFIED AGENCY SHALL ARRANGE AND MANAGE ANY REFERENDUM CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL BEAR ALL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REFERENDUM.

(B) INFORMATION TO BE DETERMINED AND ANNOUNCED BEFORE REFERENDUM.

BEFORE CALLING AND ANNOUNCING A REFERENDUM, THE CERTIFIED AGENCY SHALL DETERMINE AND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THROUGH THE PUBLIC PRESS AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE DETERMINED FOR THE REFERENDUM:

(1) THE DATE, HOURS, POLLING PLACES, AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR VOTING;

(2) THE AMOUNT AND BASIS OF THE ASSESSMENT PROPOSED TO BE COLLECTED;

(3) THE METHOD BY WHICH THE AUTHORIZED ASSESSMENT SHALL BE COLLECTED; AND

(4) HOW THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AND THE GENERAL PURPOSES TO WHICH THEY SHALL BE APPLIED.

(C) WRITTEN NOTICE TO FARM ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNTY AGENTS.

THE AGENCY ALSO SHALL GIVE DIRECT WRITTEN NOTICE TO EVERY FARM ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE AND TO THE COUNTY AGENT IN EACH COUNTY IN WHICH THE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY IS GROWN.

(D) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT MAY NOT EXCEED CERTAIN LIMIT.

NO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT LEVIED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE MAY EXCEED ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE YEAR'S PRODUCTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY GROWN BY ANY PERSON QUALIFYING AS A VOTER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) presently appears as Art. 66C, §83-I of the Code and is set forth here for organizational purposes. Subsection (c) is new language, derived from Art. 66C, §83M, added for organizational purposes.