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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, commissions consisting of associations of producers of a specific agriculture commodity may be certified by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries to conduct a referendum on levying an assessment to promote the respective commodity that members of the association produce.

This bill would increase the levy that may be assessed on the sale of a cotton bale.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to agriculture; to amend Section 2-8-199, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the levy that may be assessed on the sale of cotton bales; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 2-8-199, Code of Alabama 1975, is



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29 amended to read as follows:

30 "§2-8-199

31 (a) If in the referendum a majority ~~or more~~ of the
32 cotton producers ~~who are eligible to participate and~~ who
33 ~~actually~~ vote therein, ~~shall~~ vote ~~in the affirmative and~~ in
34 favor of ~~the~~ levying and ~~collection of~~ collecting the
35 assessment proposed in the referendum, ~~then~~ the assessment
36 shall be levied on a per bale basis and collected in the
37 manner hereinafter provided.

38 (b) All cotton producers who produced cotton in the
39 crop year immediately preceding the referendum ~~shall be~~
40 ~~eligible to~~ may participate in the referendum. Following the
41 referendum and within 30 days thereafter, the certified
42 commission shall canvass, tabulate, and publicly ~~declare and~~
43 announce the results thereof.

44 (c) The assessment levied upon the sale of cotton ~~shall~~
45 may not exceed one dollar and thirty cents ~~(\$1)~~ (\$1.30) per
46 bale. The commission shall determine the assessment amount on
47 an annual basis."

48 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
49 1, 2025.