

Ohio Revised Code Horse Racing Law

Chapter 3769.27 to 3769.99

3769.27 Local option election

(A) If a petition is presented, not later than four p.m. of the seventy-fifth day before the day of a general or primary election, to the board of elections of any county, signed by qualified electors of the county equal in number to at least ten per cent of the total number of votes cast in the county for the office of governor at the preceding general election for that office, but signed by at least five hundred electors, requesting that there be submitted the question "shall satellite facilities that receive simulcasts of live horse races and that conduct wagering on those simulcasts be prohibited throughout this county for a period of (not to exceed five) years?", the board of elections shall submit this question to the electors of the county on the day of the next general or primary election, whichever occurs first, in the manner provided by law for the submission of questions and issues. The board of elections shall notify the state racing commission of the results of the election on the question.

(B) If a majority of the electors voting on the question set forth in division (A) of this section vote "yes," the state racing commission shall have no jurisdiction thereafter to approve satellite facilities in that county for the number of years, not exceeding five, specified in the petition. If a majority of the electors voting on the question set forth in division (A) of this section vote "no," this question shall not again be submitted to a vote in the county until the expiration of the time set forth in the petition. When the board of elections of any county has received a petition and accepted it as valid, it shall so notify the commission and the commission shall not approve a satellite facility in that county between this notification and the day of the general or primary election.

(C) Once a proposed satellite facility receives the approval of the appropriate local legislative authority, a petition seeking an election under this section in the county where the proposed satellite facility will be located is invalid unless the date of signing of each signature on the petition that is counted by the board of elections to meet the number of signatures required by division (A) of this section is a date within ninety days after the date of the approval of the appropriate local legislative authority for the proposed satellite facility. *(1994 H 361, eff. 9-27-94)*

3769.28 Collecting additional tax for benefit of local subdivisions

Within ten days after the close of a horse-racing meeting, each permit holder who conducts a pari-mutuel system of wagering where the wagering is less than five million dollars shall remit, in the manner prescribed under section 3769.103 of the Revised Code, a sum of money equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the total amount wagered and where the wagering is five million dollars or more a sum of money equal to fifteen hundredths of one per cent of the total amount wagered during any horse-racing meeting for the purpose of providing operating revenue for the political subdivisions wherein such meetings are held. Within ten days after the close of a meeting, the permit holder shall also prepare and transmit, in the manner prescribed under section 3769.103 of the Revised Code, to the tax commissioner a final report showing the total amount wagered during the horse-racing meeting and any other information required by the commissioner relative to the tax levied by this section.

This section shall not apply to any agricultural society which holds a horse-racing permit.

The amount collected under this section from any one permit holder shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars from any one horse-racing meeting in any calendar year. *(2013 H59, effective 6-30-13; 1995 S 2; 1982 H 269; 1982 S 199; 1953 H 1)*

3769.99 Repealed

(1995 S 2, eff. 7-1-96)