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Abstract: Provides for the removal of referendum criteria from the Dairy Industry Promotion Board and any references to the referendum criteria.

<u>Present law</u> requires the board establish and impose assessments on the sale of milk solids, milk fats, and fluid milk components, subject to limitations contained in a referendum.

Proposed law repeals present law.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits the board from authorizing the levy or collection of assessment until approved by a majority of dairy producers voting in a referendum before any assessment can be levied or collected.

Proposed law repeals present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides a penalty for each dairy cooperative association, processor, or distributor who fails to file any report required by the board or to pay the assessment authorized in a referendum by the board.

Proposed law repeals present law.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the board, in cooperation with the commissioner, to conduct referenda among dairy producers.

Proposed law repeals present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides for referendum processes, including the time of assessment collection, establishment of the initial assessment, notice, voting, ballots, effectiveness, and refunds.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 3:4156(2), 4159(A), and 4160(A); Repeals R.S. 3:4156(3) and 4158)