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Purpose of such referendum shall be to determine if blueberry growers wish to continue assessing themselves for a six (6)-year-period at the rate of three and six tenths (3.6) cents per 9 lbs of fresh blueberries and one and eight tenths (1.8) cents per 9 pounds on process sales (but not to exceed one-half percent on the sales value) as a means to promote research, education, and general welfare of blueberries. Collections of such assessments shall be made by first market handlers primarily, but directly from producers who act also as handlers or sell directly to consumers. Such collected assessments beginning with the 2008 harvest season, shall be remitted to the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture for payment to the North Carolina Blueberry Council, Inc.

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