



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3769.27 Local option election.

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(A) If a petition is presented, not later than four p.m. of the ninetieth 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.