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H.J.R. No. 144

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of money
2 in the state highway fund for roadways for seaports, airports,
3 spaceports, land ports of entry, and international bridges.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas Constitution,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 7-a. Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation
8 and direction, all net revenues remaining after payment of all
9 refunds allowed by law and expenses of collection derived from
10 motor vehicle registration fees, ~~and~~ all taxes, except gross
11 production and ad valorem taxes, on motor fuels and lubricants used
12 to propel motor vehicles over public roadways, and all other
13 revenue dedicated by the Legislature specifically for a purpose
14 described by this section that is not otherwise dedicated by this
15 constitution shall be used for the sole purpose of acquiring
16 rights-of-way, constructing, maintaining, and policing such public
17 roadways, and for the administration of such laws as may be
18 prescribed by the Legislature pertaining to the supervision of
19 traffic and safety on such roads; and for the purpose of
20 constructing and maintaining roadways for seaports, airports,
21 spaceports, land ports of entry, and international bridges ~~[payment~~
22 ~~of the principal and interest on county and road district bonds or~~
23 ~~warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared~~
24 ~~eligible prior to January 2, 1945, for payment out of the County and~~

1 ~~Road District Highway Fund under existing law~~]; provided, however,
2 that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax
3 shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; and, provided,
4 however, that the net revenue derived by counties from motor
5 vehicle registration fees shall never be less than the maximum
6 amounts allowed to be retained by each County and the percentage
7 allowed to be retained by each County under the laws in effect on
8 January 1, 1945. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as
9 authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

10 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
11 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2023.
12 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
13 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the use of
14 money in the state highway fund for roadways for seaports,
15 airports, spaceports, land ports of entry, and international
16 bridges."