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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the use of motor
2 vehicle registration fees to support trauma centers.

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

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

6 Sec. 7-a. Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation
7 and direction, and except as provided in this section, all net
8 revenues remaining after payment of all refunds allowed by law and
9 expenses of collection derived from motor vehicle registration
10 fees, and all taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes,
11 on motor fuels and lubricants used to propel motor vehicles over
12 public roadways, shall be used for the sole purpose of acquiring
13 rights-of-way, constructing, maintaining, and policing such public
14 roadways, and for the administration of such laws as may be
15 prescribed by the Legislature pertaining to the supervision of
16 traffic and safety on such roads; ~~and~~ for the payment of the
17 principal and interest on county and road district bonds or
18 warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared
19 eligible prior to January 2, 1945, for payment out of the County and
20 Road District Highway Fund under existing law; provided, however,
21 that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax
22 shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; and, provided,
23 however, that the net revenue derived by counties from motor
24 vehicle registration fees shall never be less than the maximum

1 amounts allowed to be retained by each County and the percentage
2 allowed to be retained by each County under the laws in effect on
3 January 1, 1945. In addition to other uses authorized by this
4 section, net revenues remaining after payment of all refunds
5 allowed by law and expenses of collection derived from motor
6 vehicle registration fees may be used for the purpose of supporting
7 trauma centers. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as
8 authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any purpose.

9 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
10 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2003.
11 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
12 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the use of
13 motor vehicle registration fees to support trauma centers."