

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1888
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1-4 Security; April 23, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1888 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to an optional fee on registration of a vehicle in certain
1-11 counties to fund transportation projects.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
1-14 is amended by adding Section 502.1725 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 502.1725. OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR TRANSPORTATION
1-16 PROJECTS. (a) This section applies only to a county:

1-17 (1) that borders the United Mexican States;

1-18 (2) that has a population of more than 300,000; and

1-19 (3) in which the largest municipality has a population
1-20 of less than 300,000.

1-21 (b) The commissioners court of a county by order may impose
1-22 an additional fee, not to exceed \$10, for registering a vehicle in
1-23 the county.

1-24 (c) A vehicle that may be registered under this chapter
1-25 without payment of a registration fee may be registered in a county
1-26 imposing a fee under this section without payment of the additional
1-27 fee.

1-28 (d) A fee imposed under this section may take effect only on
1-29 January 1 of a year. The county must adopt the order and notify the
1-30 department not later than September 1 of the year preceding the year
1-31 in which the fee takes effect.

1-32 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be removed. The
1-33 removal may take effect only on January 1 of a year. A county may
1-34 remove the fee only by:

1-35 (1) rescinding the order imposing the fee; and

1-36 (2) notifying the department not later than September
1-37 1 of the year preceding the year in which the removal takes effect.

1-38 (f) The county assessor-collector of a county imposing a fee
1-39 under this section shall collect the additional fee for a vehicle
1-40 when other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. The
1-41 county shall send the fee revenue to the regional mobility
1-42 authority of the county to fund long-term transportation projects
1-43 in the county, including metropolitan planning organization
1-44 priority-listed projects.

1-45 (g) The department shall collect the additional fee on a
1-46 vehicle that is owned by a resident of a county imposing a fee under
1-47 this section and that, under this chapter, must be registered
1-48 directly with the department. The department shall send all fees
1-49 collected for a county under this subsection to the regional
1-50 mobility authority of the county to fund long-term transportation
1-51 projects in the county, including metropolitan planning
1-52 organization priority-listed projects.

1-53 (h) The department shall adopt rules and develop forms
1-54 necessary to administer registration by mail for a vehicle being
1-55 registered in a county imposing a fee under this section.

1-56 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-57 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-58 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-59 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-60 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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