By: Parker H.B. No. 4340

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the use of certain money in the state highway fund

3 received from a project or system and held in a subaccount for the

benefit of the region in which the project or system is located.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 228.012(b), Transportation Code, is

7 amended to read as follows:

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8 (b) The department shall hold money in a subaccount in trust

9 for the benefit of the region in which a project or system is

10 located and may, after any necessary consultation with the

11 metropolitan planning organization, council of governments or a

12 <u>similar planning agency for the region, enter into an agreement or</u>

13 agreements with the municipalities, counties or local governmental

entities in the region for the distribution of money to such

15 entities in such region that are authorized to construct, maintain,

16 or operate projects that are eligible for funding with that money.

17 assign the responsibility for allocating money in a subaccount to a

18 metropolitan planning organization in which the region is located.

19 Except as provided by Subsection (c), money shall be allocated to

20 projects authorized by Section 228.0055 or Section 228.006, as

21 applicable.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.