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S.J.R. No. 10

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment prescribing the purposes for
2 which revenues from motor vehicle registration fees, certain motor
3 vehicle-related taxes, and certain revenues received from the
4 federal government may be used.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 7-a and 7-b, Article VIII, Texas
7 Constitution, are amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 7-a. Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation
9 and direction, all net revenues remaining after payment of all
10 refunds allowed by law and expenses of collection derived from
11 motor vehicle registration fees, and all taxes, except gross
12 production and ad valorem taxes, on motor fuels and lubricants used
13 to propel motor vehicles over public roadways, shall be used for the
14 sole purpose of acquiring rights-of-way for and~~[]~~ constructing
15 and~~[]~~ maintaining~~[, and policing such]~~ public roadways~~[, and for~~
16 ~~the administration of such laws as may be prescribed by the~~
17 ~~Legislature pertaining to the supervision of traffic and safety on~~
18 ~~such roads]; [and for the payment of the principal and interest on~~
19 ~~county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to~~
20 ~~January 2, 1939, and declared eligible prior to January 2, 1945, for~~
21 ~~payment out of the County and Road District Highway Fund under~~
22 ~~existing law,]~~ provided, however, that one-fourth (1/4) of such net
23 revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available
24 School Fund; and, provided, however, that the net revenue derived

1 by counties from motor vehicle registration fees shall never be
2 less than the maximum amounts allowed to be retained by each County
3 and the percentage allowed to be retained by each County under the
4 laws in effect on January 1, 1945. Nothing contained herein shall
5 be construed as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for
6 any purpose.

7 Sec. 7-b. All revenues received from the federal government
8 as reimbursement for state expenditures of funds that are
9 themselves dedicated for acquiring rights-of-way for and
10 constructing and~~[,]~~ maintaining~~[, and policing]~~ public roadways
11 are also constitutionally dedicated and shall be used only for
12 those purposes.

13 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
14 the Texas Constitution:

15 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
16 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 83rd Legislature,
17 2nd Called Session, 2013, prescribing the purposes for which
18 revenues from motor vehicle registration fees, certain motor
19 vehicle-related taxes, and certain revenues received from the
20 federal government may be used.

21 (b) The changes to Sections 7-a and 7-b, Article VIII, of
22 this constitution made by the amendment apply only in connection
23 with a state fiscal biennium that begins on or after September 1,
24 2015.

25 (c) This temporary provision expires September 2, 2015.

26 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
27 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013.

1 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
2 proposition: "The constitutional amendment prescribing the
3 purposes for which revenues from motor vehicle registration fees,
4 certain motor vehicle-related taxes, and certain revenues received
5 from the federal government may be used."