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H.B. No. 1198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing an optional county fee for vehicle registration in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.4011 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.4011. OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county that:

(1) is located on an international border; and

(2) has a population of more than 60,000 and less than 300,000.

(b) The commissioners court of a county by order may impose an additional fee, not to exceed \$10, for registering a vehicle in the county. A fee may not be imposed or increased under this section unless approved by a majority of the voters of the county voting at an election called by the county judge for that purpose.

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

(d) A fee imposed under this section may take effect and be removed in accordance with the requirements of Section 502.401, except that the fee may not be imposed or increased unless approved

1 at an election held as provided by Subsection (b).

2 (e) The additional fee shall be collected for a vehicle when
3 other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. The fee
4 revenue collected shall be sent to the county treasurer to be
5 credited to the county road and bridge fund.

6 (f) A fee imposed under this section may be collected in
7 addition to a fee collected under Section 502.401.

8 (g) The department shall adopt rules necessary to
9 administer registration for a vehicle being registered in a county
10 imposing a fee under this section.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.