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H.J.R. No. 107

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature
2 to impose by general law an additional motor vehicle registration
3 fee to be deposited into the Texas Mobility Fund.

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

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

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

1 than the maximum amounts allowed to be retained by each County and
2 the percentage allowed to be retained by each County under the laws
3 in effect on January 1, 1945. Nothing contained herein shall be
4 construed as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any
5 purpose.

6 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the
7 legislature by general law may impose an additional motor vehicle
8 registration fee, the revenue from which shall be deposited to the
9 credit of the Texas Mobility Fund and used for any purpose for which
10 money in that fund may be used.

11 SECTION 2. Section 49-k(e), Article III, Texas
12 Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

13 (e) The legislature by law may dedicate to the fund one or
14 more specific sources or portions, or a specific amount, of the
15 revenue, including taxes, and other money of the state that are not
16 otherwise dedicated by this constitution. Except as provided by
17 Section 7-a(b), Article VIII, of this constitution, the [The]
18 legislature may not dedicate money from the collection of motor
19 vehicle registration fees and taxes on motor fuels and lubricants
20 dedicated by Section 7-a, Article VIII, of this constitution, but
21 it may dedicate money received from other sources that are
22 allocated to the same costs as those dedicated taxes and fees.

23 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
24 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 5, 2013.
25 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
26 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the
27 legislature to impose by general law an additional motor vehicle

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