1-1 By: Uresti, Kolkhorst

1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2015; March 9, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 27, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0; April 27, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nelson	Χ	-		
1-9	Hinojosa	Χ			
1-10	Bettencourt	Χ			
1-11	Eltife	Χ			
1-12	Hancock			X	
1-13	Huffman	Χ			
1-14	Kolkhorst	X			
1-15	Nichols	Χ			
1-16	Schwertner	X			
1-17	Seliger			X	
1-18	Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-19	Uresti	X			
1-20	Watson	X			
1-21	West	Χ			
1-22	Whitmire	Χ			

1-23 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 951

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1-24 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the allocation and use of payments received under oil and gas leases of land owned by the state for a county road.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 32.201, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32.201. PREFERENTIAL RIGHT TO LEASE CERTAIN LAND BY ADJOINING MINERAL OWNER; ALLOCATION AND USE OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM LEASING OF LAND OWNED FOR COUNTY ROAD.

SECTION 2. Section 32.201, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

- (i) Subject to Subsection (j), any payment received from the leasing of oil and gas under lands owned by the state that were or may be acquired by a county to construct a county road shall be deposited to the credit of the county road oil and gas fund as provided by Section 32.2015.
- (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a lease of oil and gas under land described by Subsection (i) that is entered into on or after September 1, 2015, must require any payment under the lease to be made directly to the county treasurer, or officer performing the function of that office, in the county in which the land is located for deposit to the credit of the county road and bridge fund of the county to be used for the purposes described by Section 32.2015(d).

SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 32, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.2015 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.2015. FUND. (a) The county road oil and gas fund is a trust fund outside the state treasury to be held and administered by the comptroller as trustee for the payment, without appropriation, to counties of money received from the leasing of oil and gas under lands owned by the state that were or may be acquired by a county to construct a county road.

acquired by a county to construct a county road.

(b) The land office shall deposit to the credit of the fund money received under Section 32.201(i) from the leasing of oil and gas under lands owned by the state that were or may be acquired by a county to construct a county road.

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(c) Interest or other income from investment of the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(d) Money in the fund received from the leasing of oil and gas under lands described by Subsection (b) located in a county, together with the interest or other income from investment of that money deposited to the credit of the fund, shall be disbursed at least twice each fiscal year, without appropriation, to the county treasurer or officer performing the function of that office. The county treasurer or officer shall deposit amounts received under this subsection to the credit of the county road and bridge fund of the county. Money deposited to the credit of that fund under this subsection may be used by the county only for road maintenance purposes.

SECTION 4. Section 52.025, Natural Resources Code, is repealed.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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