By:  Ortega H.B. No. 2769

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 502.402(b-1) and (e), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b-1)  The commissioners court of a county described by Subsection (a)(1) [~~(a)~~] with a population of less than 700,000 or more than 800,000 may increase the additional fee to an amount that does not exceed $20 if approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the county voting on the issue at a referendum election, which the commissioners court may order and hold for that purpose.

(e)  The additional fee shall be collected for a vehicle when other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. The fee revenue collected shall be sent to a regional mobility authority located in the county or, if the county has a population of more than 800,000, to the metropolitan planning organization that serves the county. The fee revenue may be used only to fund long-term transportation projects in the county that are consistent with the purposes specified by Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 2.  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, 2019.