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H.B. No. 333

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an optional county fee on vehicle registration to be used by a regional mobility authority.

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

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

(a) This section applies only to:

(1) a county that:

(A) borders the United Mexican States; and

(B) has a population of more than 250,000; ~~and~~

(2) a county that has a population of more than 1.5 million that is coterminous with a regional mobility authority;

(3) a county that:

(A) is part of a regional mobility authority that includes at least one other county; and

(B) borders the United Mexican States; and

(4) a county:

(A) that has a population of more than 320,000;

(B) that does not border the United Mexican States; and

(C) in which a port authority is authorized to issue permits for oversize or overweight vehicles under Chapter 623.

(b-1) The commissioners court of a county described by

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

6 (e) The additional fee shall be collected for a vehicle when
7 other fees imposed under this chapter are collected. The fee
8 revenue collected shall be:

9 (1) sent to a regional mobility authority located in
10 the county to fund long-term transportation projects in the county
11 that are consistent with the purposes specified by Section 7-a,
12 Article VIII, Texas Constitution; or

13 (2) if there is no regional mobility authority located
14 in the county, used by the county only to fund long-term
15 transportation projects in the county that are consistent with the
16 purposes specified by Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas
17 Constitution.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.