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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 502.402(a) and (b-1), 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; and

(3)  a county that is part of a regional mobility authority created under Chapter 370 with at least two counties.

(b-1)  The commissioners court of a county described by Subsection (a)(1) or (2) [~~(a)~~] with a population of less than 700,000 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.

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, 2021.