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H.B. No. 1698

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle
3 registration in certain counties to be used for transportation
4 projects.

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

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

8 (a) This section applies only to:

9 (1) a county that:

10 (A) borders the United Mexican States; and

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

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

14 (3) a county that has a population of more than 190,000
15 and not more than 1.5 million that is coterminous with a regional
16 mobility authority.

17 (b) The commissioners court of a county by order may impose
18 an additional fee for a vehicle registered in the county. Except as
19 provided by Subsection (b-1), the fee may not exceed \$10. In a
20 county described by Subsection (a)(3), the fee must be approved by a
21 majority of the qualified voters of the county voting on the issue
22 at a referendum election, which the commissioners court may order
23 and hold for that purpose.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.