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S.B. No. 1837

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
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-1), 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 is part of a regional mobility  
15 authority created under Chapter 370 with at least two counties.

16 (b-1) The commissioners court of a county described by  
17 Subsection (a)(1) or (2) ~~[(a)]~~ with a population of less than  
18 700,000 may increase the additional fee to an amount that does not  
19 exceed \$20 if approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the  
20 county voting on the issue at a referendum election, which the  
21 commissioners court may order and hold for that purpose.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.