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H.J.R. No. 58

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of money
2 in the state highway fund for transit-oriented projects.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas Constitution,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 7-a. Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation
7 and direction, all net revenues remaining after payment of all
8 refunds allowed by law and expenses of collection derived from
9 motor vehicle registration fees, and all taxes, except gross
10 production and ad valorem taxes, on motor fuels and lubricants used
11 to propel motor vehicles over public roadways, shall be used for the
12 sole purpose of acquiring rights-of-way, constructing,
13 maintaining, and policing such public roadways, and for the
14 administration of such laws as may be prescribed by the Legislature
15 pertaining to the supervision of traffic and safety on such roads;
16 and for constructing and maintaining transit-oriented projects
17 ~~[the payment of the principal and interest on county and road~~
18 ~~district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939,~~
19 ~~and declared eligible prior to January 2, 1945, for payment out of~~
20 ~~the County and Road District Highway Fund under existing law];~~
21 provided, however, that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from
22 the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund;
23 and, provided, however, that the net revenue derived by counties
24 from motor vehicle registration fees shall never be less than the

1 maximum amounts allowed to be retained by each County and the
2 percentage allowed to be retained by each County under the laws in
3 effect on January 1, 1945. Nothing contained herein shall be
4 construed as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any
5 purpose.

6 SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
7 the Texas Constitution:

8 TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
9 to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 89th Legislature,
10 Regular Session, 2025, authorizing the use of money in the state
11 highway fund for transit-oriented projects.

12 (b) The amendments to Section 7-a, Article VIII, of this
13 constitution apply only in connection with a state fiscal biennium
14 that begins on or after September 1, 2027.

15 (c) This temporary provision expires September 2, 2027.

16 SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
17 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 4, 2025.
18 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
19 proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the use of
20 money in the state highway fund for transit-oriented projects."