

Regular Session, 2003

SENATE BILL NO. 223

BY SENATOR BARHAM

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Constitutional amendment to provide for certain TIMED project descriptions. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 27(B) of the Constitution of

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Louisiana; to provide for certain TIMED project descriptions; and to

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specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and

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provide a ballot proposition.

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Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of

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the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to

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the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided

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by law, a proposal to Amend Article VII, Section 27(B) of the Constitution of

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Louisiana, to read as follows:

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PART IV. TRANSPORTATION

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§27. Transportation Trust Fund

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(B) The monies in the trust fund shall be appropriated or

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dedicated solely and exclusively for the costs for and associated with

1 construction and maintenance of the roads and bridges of the state and
2 federal highway systems, the Statewide Flood-Control Program or its
3 successor, ports, airports, transit, state police for traffic control
4 purposes, and the Parish Transportation Fund or its successor and for
5 the payment of all principal, interest, premium, if any, and other
6 obligations incident to the issuance, security, and payment in respect of
7 bonds or other obligations payable from the trust fund as authorized in
8 Paragraph (D) hereof. Unless pledged to the repayment of bonds
9 authorized in Paragraphs (C) or (D) of this Section, the monies in the
10 trust fund allocated to ports, airports, flood control, parish
11 transportation, and state highway construction shall be appropriated
12 annually by the legislature only pursuant to programs established by
13 law which establish a system of priorities for the expenditure of such
14 monies, except that the Transportation Infrastructure Model for
15 Economic Development, which shall include only those projects
16 enumerated in House Bill 17 of the 1989 First Extraordinary Session of
17 the Legislature **and US Highway 61 from Thompson Creek to the**
18 **Mississippi Line, in lieu of "US 61-Bains to Mississippi Line", and**
19 **US Highway 165 from I-10 to Alexandria to Monroe to Bastrop**
20 **and thence on US Highway 425 from Bastrop to the Arkansas Line,**
21 **in lieu of "US 165-I-10 Alexandria-Monroe-Bastrop-Arkansas**
22 **Line" and LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi to Chase in lieu of "LA 15-**
23 **Natchez, Mississippi to Monroe"** , shall be funded as provided by
24 law. The state generated tax monies appropriated for ports, Parish
25 Transportation Fund, or its successor, and the Statewide Flood-Control
26 Program, or its successor, and state police for traffic control purposes
27 shall not exceed twenty percent annually of the state generated tax

1 revenues in the trust fund; provided, however, that no less than the
2 avails of one cent of the tax on gasoline and special fuels shall be
3 appropriated each year to the Parish Transportation Fund, or its
4 successor. The annual appropriation for airports shall be a sum equal
5 to, but not greater than, the annual estimated revenue to be derived
6 from the state taxes to be collected and received on aviation fuel.
7 Unencumbered and unexpended balances at the end of each fiscal year
8 shall remain in the trust fund. The earnings realized in each fiscal year
9 on the investment of monies in the trust fund shall be deposited in and
10 credited to the trust fund.

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12 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
13 submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the gubernatorial primary
14 election to be held in 2003.

15 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at
16 said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of
17 the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the
18 Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

19 To change certain TIMED project descriptions as follows: (1) US
20 Highway 61 from Thompson Creek to the Mississippi Line, in lieu of
21 "US Highway 61-Bains to Mississippi Line" and (2) US Highway 165
22 from I-10 to Alexandria to Monroe to Bastrop and thence on US
23 Highway 425 from Bastrop to the Arkansas Line, in lieu of "US 165-I-
24 10-Alexandria-Monroe-Bastrop-Arkansas Line" and (3) and LA 15-
25 Natchez, Mississippi to Chase in lieu of "LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi
26 to Monroe". (Amends Article VII, Section 27(B)).

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Present law provides that only projects listed in House Bill 17 of the 1989 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature shall be funded and completed under the state's TIMED Program.

Proposed law provides certain TIMED project descriptions to be funded and completed under the state's TIMED Program, as follows:

- (1) "US Highway 61 from Thompson Creek to Mississippi Line" in lieu of "US 61-Bains to Mississippi Line"; and
- (2) "US Highway 165-I-10-Alexandria-Monroe-Bastrop and thence on US Highway 425 Bastrop-Arkansas Line" in lieu of "US 165-I-10-Alexandria-Monroe-Bastrop-Arkansas Line"; and
- (3) "LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi to Chase" in lieu of "LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi to Monroe".

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 27(B))