Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 27(B)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Transportation Trust Fund; to remove authority to appropriate or dedicate monies in the trust fund to state police for traffic control purposes; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 27(B)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§27. Transportation Trust Fund

Section 27. * * *

(B)(1) Except as provided for in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, the monies in the trust fund shall be appropriated or dedicated solely and exclusively for the costs for and associated with construction and maintenance of the roads and bridges of the state and federal highway systems, the Statewide Flood-Control Program or its successor, ports, airports, transit, state police for traffic control purposes; and the Parish Transportation Fund or its successor and for the payment of all principal, interest, premium, if any, and other obligations incident to the issuance, security, and payment in respect of bonds or other obligations payable from the trust fund as authorized in Paragraph (D) hereof of this Section. Unless pledged to the repayment of bonds authorized in Paragraphs (C) or (D) of this Section, the monies in the trust fund allocated to ports, airports, flood control, parish transportation, and state highway construction shall be appropriated annually by the
legislature only pursuant to programs established by law which establish a system
of priorities for the expenditure of such monies, except that the Transportation
Infrastructure Model for Economic Development, which shall include only those
projects enumerated in House Bill 17 of the 1989 First Extraordinary Session of the
Legislature and US Highway 61 from Thompson Creek to the Mississippi Line, in
lieu of "US 61-Bains to Mississippi Line", and US Highway 165 from I-10 to
Alexandria to Monroe to Bastrop and thence on US Highway 425 from Bastrop to
the Arkansas Line, in lieu of "US 165-I-10 Alexandria-Monroe-Bastrop-Arkansas
Line" and LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi to Chase in lieu of "LA 15-Natchez,
Mississippi to Monroe", shall be funded as provided by law. The state-generated
tax monies appropriated for ports, Parish Transportation Fund, or
its successor, and the Statewide Flood-Control Program, or its successor, and state
police for traffic control purposes shall not exceed twenty percent annually of the
state-generated tax revenues in the trust fund; provided, however, that no less than the avails of one cent of the tax on gasoline and special fuels shall
be appropriated each year to the Parish Transportation Fund, or its successor. The
annual appropriation for airports shall be a sum equal to, but not greater than, the
annual estimated revenue to be derived from the state taxes to be collected and
received on aviation fuel. Unencumbered and unexpended balances at the end of
each fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund. The earnings realized in each fiscal
year on the investment of monies in the trust fund shall be deposited in and credited
to the trust fund.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
2018.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
follows:
1 Do you support an amendment to remove authority to appropriate or dedicate
2 monies in the Transportation Trust Fund to state police for traffic control
3 purposes?
4 (Amends Article VII, Section 27(B)(1))

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES