
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the proceeds of any additional taxes levied on gasoline and other motor fuels on or after July 1, 2017, to be deposited into the 21st Century Transportation and Infrastructure Fund to be used solely for state and local transportation and other capital infrastructure projects.

Present constitution establishes the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) as a special treasury fund and requires that all state taxes levied on gasoline and motor fuels be deposited annually into the fund. The current state excise taxes on gasoline and motor fuels total 20¢ per gallon. Monies in the fund are used to provide for construction and maintenance of roads and bridges of the state and federal highway systems, the Statewide Flood-Control Program, ports, airports, transit, state police for traffic control purposes, and the Parish Transportation Fund. Further, present constitution prohibits the levy of any state or local sales tax on gasoline and motor fuels.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes present constitution to require that the revenues of any additional taxes enacted on gasoline, motor fuels, and special fuels, on or after July 1, 2017, be deposited into the 21st Century Transportation and Infrastructure Fund to be used to support state and local transportation and capital infrastructure projects.

Proposed constitutional amendment further requires the legislature to establish a list of funding priorities and a formula and method of distribution of certain monies in the fund for support of state and local government projects once enacted. Any change in the funding priorities or the formula and distribution of the monies shall require the enactment of a law by 3/4 vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 14, 2017.

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