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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits certain avails of the taxes deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) from being used by the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for administrative costs to operate the department and state police for traffic control.

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 with respect to the use of the monies in (TTF) by prohibiting monies in the fund from being used by state police for traffic control purposes.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that any monies in the trust fund attributable to the avails of any new taxes enacted and levied on gasoline, motor fuels, or special fuels on or after July 1, 2017, shall not be utilized by the department as funding for any costs of operation of the department including, but not limited to the payment of employee wages, retirement, or any other employee related benefits.

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

(Amends Const. Art. 7, §27(B))