

SENATE BILL NO. 59

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

1 legislature only pursuant to programs established by law which establish a system
 2 of priorities for the expenditure of such monies, except that the Transportation
 3 Infrastructure Model for Economic Development, which shall include only those
 4 projects enumerated in House Bill 17 of the 1989 First Extraordinary Session of the
 5 Legislature and US Highway 61 from Thompson Creek to the Mississippi Line, in
 6 lieu of "US 61-Bains to Mississippi Line", and US Highway 165 from I-10 to
 7 Alexandria to Monroe to Bastrop and thence on US Highway 425 from Bastrop to
 8 the Arkansas Line, in lieu of "US 165-I-10 Alexandria-Monroe-Bastrop-Arkansas
 9 Line" and LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi to Chase in lieu of "LA 15-Natchez,
 10 Mississippi to Monroe", shall be funded as provided by law. The ~~state-generated~~
 11 **state-generated** tax monies appropriated for ports, Parish Transportation Fund, or
 12 its successor, and the Statewide Flood-Control Program, or its successor, ~~and state~~
 13 ~~police for traffic control purposes~~ shall not exceed twenty percent annually of the
 14 ~~state-generated~~ **state-generated** tax revenues in the trust fund; provided, however,
 15 that no less than the avails of one cent of the tax on gasoline and special fuels shall
 16 be appropriated each year to the Parish Transportation Fund, or its successor. The
 17 annual appropriation for airports shall be a sum equal to, but not greater than, the
 18 annual estimated revenue to be derived from the state taxes to be collected and
 19 received on aviation fuel. Unencumbered and unexpended balances at the end of
 20 each fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund. The earnings realized in each fiscal
 21 year on the investment of monies in the trust fund shall be deposited in and credited
 22 to the trust fund.

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24 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 25 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
 26 2018.

27 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
 28 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 29 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 30 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