A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment prescribing the purposes for which revenue from motor vehicle registration fees, certain motor vehicle-related taxes, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 7-a and 7-b, Article VIII, Texas Constitution, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-a. Subject to legislative appropriation, allocation and direction, all net revenues remaining after payment of all refunds allowed by law and expenses of collection derived from motor vehicle registration fees, and all taxes, except gross production and ad valorem taxes, on motor fuels and lubricants used to propel motor vehicles over public roadways, shall be used for the sole purpose of acquiring rights-of-way [and, and, and policing] such public roadways [and, and, and, and for the administration of such laws as may be prescribed by the Legislature pertaining to the supervision of traffic and safety on such roads; and for the payment of the principal and interest on county and road district bonds or warrants voted or issued prior to January 2, 1939, and declared eligible prior to January 2, 1945, for payment out of the County and Road District Highway Fund under existing law]; provided, however, that one-fourth (1/4) of such net revenue from the motor fuel tax shall be allocated to the Available School Fund; and, provided, however, that the net revenue derived by counties
from motor vehicle registration fees shall never be less than the
maximum amounts allowed to be retained by each County and the
percentage allowed to be retained by each County under the laws in
effect on January 1, 1945. Nothing contained herein shall be
construed as authorizing the pledging of the State's credit for any
purpose.

Sec. 7-b. All revenues received from the federal government
as reimbursement for state expenditures of funds that are
themselves dedicated for acquiring rights-of-way and constructing
and maintaining public roadways are also
classified as constitutionally dedicated and shall be used only for those
purposes.

SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to
the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) This temporary provision applies
to the constitutional amendment proposed by the 84th Legislature,
Regular Session, 2015, prescribing the purposes for which revenue
from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and
lubricants, and certain revenues received from the federal
government may be used.

(b) The amendments to Sections 7-a and 7-b, Article VIII, of
this constitution apply only in connection with a state fiscal
biennium that begins on or after September 1, 2017.

(c) This temporary provision expires September 2, 2017.

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 3, 2015.
The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
The constitutional amendment prescribing the purposes for which revenue from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used.