

1 payment of all principal, interest, premium, if any, and other obligations incident to
2 the issuance, security, and payment in respect of bonds or other obligations payable
3 from the trust fund as authorized in Paragraph (D) hereof. Unless pledged to the
4 repayment of bonds authorized in Paragraphs (C) or (D) of this Section, the monies
5 in the trust fund allocated to ports, airports, flood control, parish transportation, and
6 state highway construction shall be appropriated annually by the legislature only
7 pursuant to programs established by law which establish a system of priorities for the
8 expenditure of such monies, except that the Transportation Infrastructure Model for
9 Economic Development, which shall include only those projects enumerated in
10 House Bill 17 of the 1989 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature* and US
11 Highway 61 from Thompson Creek to the Mississippi Line, in lieu of "US 61-Bains
12 to Mississippi Line", and US Highway 165 from I-10 to Alexandria to Monroe to
13 Bastrop and thence on US Highway 425 from Bastrop to the Arkansas Line, in lieu
14 of "US 165-I-10 Alexandria-Monroe-Bastrop-Arkansas Line" and LA 15-Natchez,
15 Mississippi to Chase in lieu of "LA 15-Natchez, Mississippi to Monroe", shall be
16 funded as provided by law. The state generated tax monies appropriated for ports,
17 Parish Transportation Fund, or its successor, and the Statewide Flood-Control
18 Program, or its successor, ~~and state police for traffic control purposes~~ shall not
19 exceed twenty percent annually of the state generated tax revenues in the trust fund.
20 The annual appropriation for airports shall be a sum equal to, but not greater than,
21 the annual estimated revenue to be derived from the state taxes to be collected and
22 received on aviation fuel. The annual appropriation for the Parish Transportation
23 Fund, the Statewide Flood-Control Program, ports, and transit shall be no more than
24 the annual estimated revenue derived from the state taxes collected and received
25 from fuel sales directly attributable to each of those programs. Unencumbered and
26 unexpended balances at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund.
27 The earnings realized in each fiscal year on the investment of monies in the trust
28 fund shall be deposited in and credited to the trust fund.

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CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 14,
3 2017.

4 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
5 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
6 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
7 follows:

8 Do you support an amendment to prohibit a portion of the avails of the tax
9 levied on gasoline and motor fuels from being used by state police for traffic
10 control purposes and to limit annual appropriations from the fund to other
11 transportation programs to no more than the amount of taxes collected from
12 fuel sales directly attributable to such programs? (Amends Article VII,
13 Section 27(B))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits Transportation Trust Fund monies from being used by state police for traffic control purposes and limits the annual appropriations to the Parish Transportation Fund, the Statewide Flood-Control Program, ports, and transit to no more than the estimated revenue derived from the state taxes collected from fuel sales directly attributable to each of those programs.

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 limits the annual appropriation of monies from TTF to the Parish Transportation Fund, the Statewide Flood-Control Program, ports, and transit to no more than the annual estimated revenue derived from state taxes collected and received from fuel sales directly attributable to each of those programs.

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

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §27(B))