
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the "Construction Subfund" of the Transportation Trust Fund and dedicates the proceeds thereof.

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.

Proposed constitution prohibits the use of any of the monies in the Transportation Trust Fund from being used by state police for traffic control.

Proposed constitution establishes the "Construction Subfund" as a special subfund within the Transportation Trust Fund and requires the avails of any new tax levied on gasoline, diesel, and special motor fuels enacted on or after July 1, 2017 to be deposited in the subfund for use on direct costs associated with the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges of the state.

Proposed constitution prohibits any monies in the subfund from being used by the Dept. of Transportation and Development for administrative costs to operate the department.

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

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §27(B))